

Transcript of Letter from J.S. Lemont to Frank L. Lemont, January 3, 1863

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My Dear Son

I hardly know what to say to you first I have so many things asking into my mind all at once but I will ask the most important questions first are you well are you suffering for anything that I can do to make you comfortable write me if you are or if I can do anything for your comfort, it is needless for me to ask if you suffer for I know you must, how long will this awful state of things be permitted to continue it seems almost as though our heavenly Father was slow to hear or we are not seeking for wisdom aright do you expect you shall move again soon I wish you might not have to fight any more how sad about Charley Haskins was he married I heard he was, how many homes have been made desolate already by this terrible war

we have sickness and death among us, old Mr Litchfield died yesterday morning, I dont know as it matters much when we are called if we are ready, I dont feel to hold life so dear as once I have a great desire to live for the sake of my dear children if there is anything that I can do for their happiness it is all I take any enjoyment in

you asked if we could find a place for you at home I guess we should try if you could be contented here, I should love to have my four loved ones together when you feel your duty is done in the service of your country we will gladly welcome you home, do you feel as if you could bear your Mother on that strong and noble arm down to the tomb without a murmur I have strong faith that you will be willing to do it, that is saying a good deal but I hope it is true I wish I was capable of giving you good counsel I have the same to say to you that I always said, shun every appearance of evil, seek every opportunity to do good

my health is not very good but nothing new, dont give yourself any uneasiness if there is anything worse I will tell you

William has come from the shop and given me a letter how glad to get it and find you alive well, I have read it you have asked me a few questions I will try and answer I guess you would not think we were not weary of your letters if you see how earnest we are to get them, Oh, Lindley I dont know what I should do if it were not for you I want always to be found doing my duty toward you as well as you toward me, we are having the most beautiful weather I ever saw it is just like spring clear and warm we had a cold turn and froze in the cellar a little the girls are well, Maggie gets along well in the grammar school

(no signature)
(handwriting of Jane Lemont)