

Transcript of Letter from J.S. Lemont to Frank L. Lemont, January 28, 1863

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My Dear Son

I received your kind and verry feeling letter last night I wish to be thankful for your continued good health and for those steady fixed principles you express in your letters of shaping your course in the path of duty what should I do if you were a reckless unthinking care for nothing Son wouldnt it cause a Mothers heart to bleed Oh! I think it would you know my feelings verry well in regard to all these things I feel condemned for not writing to you before but it is not because you are out of my mind no not for hardly a moment always in my thoughts I will try and be more prompt in answering your letters how much good your letters due me

I have seen Capt Daggett and talked with him he brings a good report of you dont harbor the thought one moment that you have not done right right I think you done perfectly right in going back what way could you have administered to our wants so well we shall be able to keep all the Real Estate and have nearly a thousand dollars in notes running to us

My Dear Son I have some questions to ask you in regard to what is best for us to do this spring if we can rent the house dont you think it will be better for us to go back on to the farm we must take care of it while we keep it and there is no other way that we can do it so well as to be there you know how it is situated it wont be much profit unless we are there to take an interest if we can rent the house it will be something coming in every month to help us I think if we live on it if we want to sell it would sel I better than if no one was there , and we can keep one or two cows, I have thought of it a great while and I cant think of any other way while we keep it, now what shall we do about help to do the work on it I have sometimes thought I would get a boy but it would be boys help and sometimes I thought I would hire a man I dont know what is best but I am satisfied it is best to be there and take care of it while we have it, it will sell better, dont let this worry you in the least I only want to know what you think is best I want to consult together I want to act in that way that will be for our interest I want to get along in that way not to place ourselves in straightened circumstances if possible to do so and I thought the farm would yield no more and we should get the rent clear

I am all alone this evening and lonely it is. that Dear Father how I miss him it seems at times that I cannot have it so, but I hope our loss is his gain I ought to be! patient, if it were not for my children I should have no inducement to stay longer on earth I have felt of late sometimes as if death would be a welcome messenger

we have not had a letter from you for two weeks what is the matter do write often

I saw Mrs Dr Pratt to day she wished me to send her love to you I think
you could not have gained more honor than you did by going back

You dont know how much your money relieved me I desire to be grateful
for it

Lindley F. Lemont do you want any P. Stamps
from your Mother