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Respected parent,

I received a few lines from you a few days since and was glad to hear that you enjoyed yourself so well. I can truly say that when any of my friends are enjoying the comforts of life and I hope that I may at all times feel willing to be as charitable to my friends as they can be to me. The cause why I am separated so far from my relatives is well known to you and to all my relatives who are and have been known to my circumstances for seven years. However fluctuating my mind was in the greater part of my life or might have been. I can say for seven of the last years of my life I have been one mind as to those things which pertain to the future happiness of mankind. I looked at myself and at mankind I thought they were fluctuating in all their movements. It looks to me as though they had no surety whereby they might rest their salvation. It is true whenever we talk about the future state of man and say that a man can know what will be his situation there. The greater part of the people startle at the idea and are ready to say that no such thing is possible but as far as myself is concerned I am satisfied with those things and I suppose you are satisfied as to your self but we have all that part to look at and if we judge from what we read that mankind were not always

destitute of that knowledge (That is of their
future state) I can truly say that it is a
satisfaction to me when I contemplate those
things and see what a joy it is and must be
to a man to know that the course that he is
taking is approved by those powers which are
superior and which we have no reason to
doubt we shall have to be subject to

Perhaps I have written enough on that subject
and hope the time may come when I can see
you and talk freely about all matters.

The winter season here has been very mild we have
not had any sleighing and the weather most of the time has
been mild and all things seem to move in good order
and your feelings I think we have no reason to
complain but on the other hand to rejoice and praise
that God who has ever been willing to hear the prayers
of the righteous notwithstanding we have been persecuted
it is nothing more than we might expect when we take
into consideration the traditions of the human family
in this age of the world. You seemed to censure me
or rather that Daniel had reason to complain because I
had not written. I can say that I have been punctual
in answering all letters I have received from any
of my relatives and in as much as they have
favoured me with a few lines they shall be answer-
ed. I have not written to Lee but I suppose he
knows where I live and I know no excuse why he
should not have written to me but still I find no

you can and of your forefathers and the
names of all relatives that are dead and
living, by so doing you will confer a great
favor on me. and may be of great use to my
children as much as you can give me the
genealogy as full as you can. I have a
great many things on my mind but not
time to write. Martha and all the children
send their love to you. Radolphus E grows
finely. The children all love him and sometimes
cry to hold him. I wish you could see him
you would say that he was a fine boy.

Respect Knight

V. Knight

I have not heard from Radolphus
in some time.

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