

Lucas B. Miller - Birmingham - 1863

Dear Brother and Sister: I got down to write a few lines to send to you, as I have been wanting to thank you, though it would be a bad broken time to you & I say dear Sister & Brother. I am looking for a letter from you next time you was here, as you promised me you would. Try not to say but when you heard that you had met with so bad a accident, I thought you would not be able to write for some time, but I hope you will excuse this poor writing as my pen is so poor & I am almost against saying I will not send it to you, for all as well as can be expected under the present circumstances. I feel has been at stake in Belfast since our poor mother, she is doing very well at this time this winter, for I suppose I feel glad about your ill state and in pity for Miss Smith was so poor during the summer that he was not able to do much hard work, but this winter Miss Smith has been quite good for some time & I think she is very good being as well many & I really know what to write that will be interesting to you about Miss Smith. I say that I should be very glad to see you all the night and I have the opportunity. I feel, but I cannot pass this winter. I feel that us far from each other, but I hope it will all be over that in some future time you will all be able to come and see us. Whether and whether we as well as usual, my health is not so good this winter as it has been, I have had to visit very hard for the last year, in fact, I have had to visit many diseases, which I feel I shall never get rid of, as I find it is not nothing which I ~~can~~ do myself which does please me satisfaction to my mind at last, I think

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if I do not get something to relieve this horse with
from my lungs, soon I need ear, find help.

Dear Brother I am sorry that you have met with such
a sad accident, for I think it must be very hard, for
you to be deprived of the use of your limbs so long, but I
hope you will be preserved in all your future under
takings, and will soon be able to attend to your daily duties,
again, as you have been here to see,

I hope Sister Frances, you will try and write to me as often
as possible, I want to hear from you very much
and I will try and answer all the letters you will send
if I am able to write, I must close soon for it is getting
late, and as I have been writing, to Sister Lealdak I
shall send this in her hand, she will hand it to
you, she may read her letter to you and also

to others and the school, you
you must write back, all mistakes for I have
written in great haste and with a poor pen
and my head and eyes are so bad that I
have done unable to see, the line on which
I write for a great part of the time since I
began to write this letter, so I hope you will
not be surprised, unless you see what a bad
piece of paper I have made of it,

I send my love to all the children send
this also, no more at this time, write soon
from your kind and affectionate sister

Phoebe Richards

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