

Hotel Chester Nov 21st 1855

Brother Isaac

I arrived here last evening on the train about 8 o'clock and stopped at the Hotel, one of them old fashioned low sealed Houses like old Doc Houghs, my first inquiry was if they knew any of the name of Little in them parts they replied a man by that name does business four miles from there at Littleville and that two of his Brothers were in Town this evening and were over to the Hall to a Concert, I went over to the so sealed haul stepped in and took a seat and soon saw Bill making signs as much as to say Come over here, but did not want to show my wester bad breeding so left my seat and the performance was soon over Bill came and says Come over I want to introduce you to the hole Little Family, there is Ike you know him, and here is Pet, looks a little sickly but guess she wont die right a way, think you will Pet," and so Bill took me through the hole, they were loded down and I did not go home with them but promised to go out this morning, but it is raining hard and I think I will take the time to right and take my chance for a ride out

in the (Course of the day) and now for the balance
of my trip so far, when I arrived at Dunbalk
it was very stormy I went over to Dublin
and saw the girls all well, and started
east in a bad rain storm and did
not stop at Galena, tried to get the
returns could get nothing sure both sides
claiming it, arrived at Chicago still
storming found Bogy well and glad
to see me, we both went the first
evening to hear a lecturer at Metropolitan hall
by Mr Wilbur the Chaplain of the U S
Senate who is famed as an orator
and is blind his subject was the
Pioneers of our Country and their Implements
was quite interesting, the next evening
we went to hear Lucy Stone at the
same place lecturer on Slavery. her main
endeavor was to try^{to} arouse the north
against the South and the means was,
the usual one of a person that wishes
to get a strong and brave person to do a
mean act that they ~~do not want~~ do not want to
do for them, to tell them they would
do it but they are cowards, Nov 11th
started on the Michigan and Paul road
for the West and intended to stop over
at the Falls, but owing to a break
up on the road the night before we
were staid at Detroit Mich

quite a still day, started to take a walk
after dinner, went to the depot and the
ferry that goes to Canada. Saw four very
fine Stall Horses on the ferry for 1
Illinois commenced talking with a gentleman
about your age who appeared to notice
them a good deal, I enquired where
would be a good place to buy 3 or 4
good Horses, he said St Lawrence Co
New York, ^{would be a good place} I enquired if he was well
acquainted there he said he was I then
enquired if he knew any by the name of
Ives he said he knew a family of Ives
that were a connection of Bishop Ives
I replied that was the family that I had
reference to and that I was a little connec-
ed to them but had never seen them
he asked me if I was from Meriden
I replied that formerly I was but did not
reside there now that my name was
Toots Cousin he says how do you
do my name is Hooker, which of the
Hookers say I Henry, we then went
into a general footing up of the
families he was on his way to Illinois
to attend to some business as Administrator
of an estate and should be gone 2 or 3 weeks
and I must come back by his place and he
would help me buy Horses.

he told me that George Dues was at Rome
right on my track and that I must stop and
see him that I should find him at Rome
in the Stage and Mail business I came
on to Rome and stoped at the Hotel and
they pointed out his House to me and
I called and the girl told me Mr
Dues had gone West that his son was
in the House to walk in I took a
seat and he soon came in Cousn Geo
has two Children a stand off for John
and Susan quite entelegent looking his
son is in the Bank at Rome he told
me his Father had sold out and intended
to go west and that I had mised
on the Road and that his Father
would give any thing to see me I
told him to tell his Father to make no
perchase until he saw me or heard from me
to right me at meriden I then left
and took the Car for Chester and here I am
in a snow storm looking for a Conveyance
to Little Hill I forget tell you the
reput by Telegraph came to Rome that the
hole of the Democratic Ticket is electio in Wis.
I met on the Road at the Mashup of
the Cars your Man Jewett of Vermont he
said you did not wish to go, he has located
at Racine ^{in our state} for the present to educate his Children
your Brother Paul Dues