

Kewanee Bureau Co Ills

January 19<sup>th</sup> 1860

Dear Uncle, Aunt, & Cousins,  
I suppose that you are looking  
for a line from us about  
this time, well we are well  
and have been ever since  
we left home, with the exception  
of sore eyes which we have  
all had about the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> worst  
kind but we can see to  
read now which we could not  
for a long time, this is  
the finest Country that I  
know of, and very much  
healthier than Vermont.

We have had the best of  
sheling for four weeks but  
in all we have not had over  
4 inches of snow have had so  
little rain which froze and  
there is a great deal of ice