

Burke Sunday Oct. 20

Dear children

I have been expecting to see  
or to hear from you for a  
long time but have thus far  
looked in vain but I hope I  
shall not look in vain  
much longer it has rained  
the last 2 days without ceasing  
last night it commenced  
to snow to day the ground  
is white last week we bought  
some stones for Mother's grave  
around the top is an Oak  
leaf with inscribed under  
neath, at rest, I miss her  
very much I do not go to  
the old house very often  
I suppose you have your house  
cleared and things ready  
for winter if so you are