

at home 2 months of the time he intends as soon as he is of age to save all he can earn and go to school, he is one of the best boys in the world and does not mix readily with the rough people one meets, I have great hopes that if he lives he will be a good man he has been, I think, a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church since he was 13, his health is never very good but he is as tall as my Father

Gloss Elder Mitchell Co Kansas

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Dear Aunt, your kind and very welcome letter of the 16th of Jan- came to hand the 18th of this month, I am living here in the country, I hoped when we left Malcom, to have the rest, of living in Town awhile but the fates (and St. harness) were against me and I am here dodging away as I have been ever since I left the shelter of your roof to money for a home, which I have never found and which I shall scarcely find this side the grave, Oh I have caused you pain by not writing? it has been to spare you pain, for you know it is almost impossible to write, and entirely hide ones feelings and I am very unhelpful