

Isaac Goodnow correspondence

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This series of the Isaac Tichenor Goodnow collection includes sent and received correspondence of Isaac T. Goodnow (1814-1894) and also the correspondence of his brother, William E. Goodnow (1807-1876). This correspondence includes early courtship letters between Isaac and his future wife, Ellen Denison, as well as letters between William and his future wife, Harriet Paddleford. There are also several letters written by their brother, Jotham Goodnow. The correspondence is arranged in chronological order. Box 6 includes undated letters arranged by the first letter of the correspondent's last name. Isaac Goodnow moved to Kansas in 1855 and established the town of Manhattan and Bluemont Central College. He died on March 20, 1894.

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(you are an excellent man) for your personal cabinet
I am your faithful friend
Any antiquities which you may consider desirable
and can spare me, I shall be very glad to
add to the paper of my book. It will contain a
little of every body's business. George is
at home and much improved, in health, Samiel
and Stella, too, are here (Came last night and
will return to morning). I think I shall go
to Fayette next Saturday eve. - so you may
address your next to Samiel's care. I know
that I have not "help" answered your letter:
but this is a longer epistle than I often write,
I assure you. I have a letter from the architect
and an architect. Nothing would induce
me to consent to it. With much love
I am
As ever yours
Isaac

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Wilson, H. A.
 Bank of Commerce in N. Y.
 No 2303 #24.27
 Prov. R. I. Aug. 30th 1860
 Rev. C. E. Blood
 Dear Sir,
 Your favor of 14th inst. was recd.
 a day or two since & as I did not fully
 understand it, I waited until Mr. Goodnow
 came. He says all is right about the taxes
 & assessment & so I proceed.
 You say my city taxes are \$5.92 as
 assessed on 25 1/2 shares, the number which
 I have, is \$13.25 & if you of due & ack-
 nowledgment, recording &c. \$2.50 & postage
 \$0.10 in all \$16.77 for which amount I
 enclose a draft on New York, in con-
 nection with Mr. Goodnow. Please
 pay my taxes & assessment & get the
 requisite receipts. Also please get my
 deed & have it recorded & hold the
 receipts & deed, subject to my order.
 I say this because I am to leave Prov.
 in a few days, & when I know where
 I shall be I will write you when to
 send them or you hold them till I come.



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I am able you to get my Dues correctly
 I give you the numbers of the certifi-
 cates which I have here, & which I have
 put into Mr. E. J. Goodnow's hands
 who will give them up when he returns
 to Manhattan - The numbers of
 my certificates, on your books &
 not on those which I give, will be
 the numbers of those in the hands
 of Mr. Sadt of Lawson. They are
 (10) ten certificates for which I send
 you an order on him, considering
 this safer than to send his receipt.
 If there are more than 26 1/2 certificates
 or shares standing in my name on
 your books, one which I sold has
 not been transferred - If so, it must
 be thrown & sold to a Mr. Smith I think
 who was with Mr. Phillips or Redpath
 the Reporter of the New York Tribune, or
 the one sold to Mr. E. Goodnow, for
 I have sold only those two, & I had 29
 shares at first - I suppose I have paid
 all the assessments up to this one, on

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this share, which it seems has not
 been transferred on your books. If it
 is Goodnow's share, he should pay his
 part of these assessments to you, also
 the other man if it is his. Otherwise
 I ought to have the share for the assess-
 ments. The numbers of the certifi-
 cates which I have here from him
 to Mr. G. to return are as follows, viz.
 Nos. 510-509-508-507-527-525-505-524-523-272-
 506-462-526-384-515-511-513-Summan in all
 & Mr. Ladd has ten making 27. Lot No. 22 on
 Pointe Avenue, which I sold to Dr. Robinson,
 was drawn on certificate No. 513. The lots
 drawn on all the 27 shares except this
 now belong to me & should be embraced
 in the Deed. Except I have just disposed
 of the other lot drawn on share No. 513 so that
 my Deed should embrace only the lots
 drawn on the other 26 shares. Said lot share
 given to the College. It is 429 Ward 2.
 The draft enclosed is for \$ Please at-
 tend to these matters as if they were your own
 & if there is any further expense I will pay it



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I pray you for your trouble, next Spring
when I come to Manhattan, or soon
if I know what it is. Soon as I am set-
tled in a place long enough to get a letter
from you I will write you. Regards to all
friends. Yours &c. H. A. Wiley

P.S. Mr. Goodnow sends no funds as he expects.
All is mine. Please apply it as above. He will
write soon. - - - H. A. Wiley

Providence R.I. Aug. 31st 1860.

Dear Mr. Blood, I can take the opportunity to write
a line. I have sold 2 lots of the U.S. Association for \$175.
but have not yet rec^d. the pay but hope to soon & will then
forward half of it. I am progressing slow & sure. I'll
you see how very kindly given me a lot worth \$75.

John Curtis Brown has subscribed 50 shares of stock
New Eng. Engr. Co. - per value \$1000. It will
help, by & by towards an endowment. I think at
least it will be worth \$500. If I can find a gentle-
man to day I shall send you the 200 shares - \$500.

I have Kivalali has decided to stay good - we
must encourage him all we can. The name I
sent for a deed is Henry S. Ward; your wife
is right. I hope ere this the arrangement is made
to give deeds to the purchasers of valley lots &c. as we
talked of. I wrote to Marshall about it.

P.S. I have rec^d 40 lots before sending I hope to add a word.
yet from Park, one from
Dr. Davis! what does this mean.
Yours very truly,
Isaac V. Goodnow.

Please have my deed made to Horace A. Wiley

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Swansey Mass. Aug 31/60
 Bro. Goodnow,

I wrote to you a letter directed to
 Manhattan, Kansas — and inclosed
 in it money wishing you to pay
 the tax on my two lots. A few days
 after writing I learned that you were
 not in Kansas, I then wrote to Messrs
 Griffin & Adams at Manhattan requesting
 them to pay the tax on the lots, if it
 was not already paid. But I have heard
 nothing from either letter. I should
 like to learn, whether or not the tax
 is paid, whether or not the lots are
 sold. To whom shall I write? How
 shall I learn with regard to the matter?

Very respectfully yours
 Job Gardner

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After a full conversation with Prof. Goodnow and an examination of the documents he presents, I am happy to say that the Institution he represents seems to be worthy of the assistance now asked from the East. It is in a central position in the State, near Mauboula, the well-known settlement of the Connecticut colony; it is under the special control of the Methodist denomination, with a large representation from other sects; and promises to grow into an Institution of great importance. While saying this however, I wish not to be understood as expressing any opinion as to the superiority or equality of the claims of this, as compared with those of other Institutions which

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have been or soon will be
presented for the consideration of
this community.

Dr. P. Sullivan

After a careful examination
of the testimonials & documents
exhibited by the bearer, Prof.
Goodnow, I cheerfully concur
in the foregoing statements, re-
specting the institution, for
which aid is solicited. Its
importance will, I think,
commend itself to the enter-
prise to the Christian and
philanthropist, as worthy of
patronage.

Alfred Bond

Norwich, Sept. 2/60

Williamson - Oct. 6/60

I have examined with some care the
testimonials and plans of Prof. Goodnow
and am disposed fully to concur with Dr. Bond
and Rev. Mr. Sullivan in their estimate of the
importance and value of the institution
for which he solicits aid. Alfred G. Bond

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Goodnow, I. T.

Webster, Mass. Sept. 10th 1860,

Rev. C. E. Blood,
My Dear Sir,

I wrote you a few days since & now wish to add a little. The deed for George Emerson please forward to me. & also one for John P. Sullivan, Norwich, Ct. for the following lots: 58, 308, Ward 2, 479, 552, 553, Ward 3. 159, W. 7. No matter who these lots stand to, I have authority to sell them & will a deed now, as I receive the money as soon as the deed comes. Direct to the care of J. Pelagie 5, Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

Two of these lots you will see are owned by the Association, & one by yourself, one by Wm. E. G. & the other two came from Kimball, & Lincoln. I have the certificates.

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I think I will be able to help
you & the town ^{association} by selling those
lost lots. I have not time now
but will soon give you a list of your
lots & the lots of the Association, about I
have sold.

Yours in great haste

I. V. Goodnow

Eliza Harris, Dead cars & wagon.

Rowland S. Hazard also.

150
50
2.00

Sept 10 60

I. V. Goodnow

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St Louis, Sept 10, 1860.
Isaac T. Goodnow Esq -
Yours of Sept 6th including
draft for seventy five dollars
on Merchants Bank, N.Y.
duplicate to your order is
inc - for which I thank
you - I hope you will
not feel to call upon
me when you return
this way.
Very truly
yours
Bl. H. Bacon

Uts 23 Pine St -

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Wesley Sept 11th 1860.

My dear Brother Isaac,

Your of the 30th was
loyally received; and read with a deep interest.
The perusal of it, sent my mind away back
to the days of my youth, and yours also, and
with the reflection, many a dear and loved one
among my kindred, and early associations—
passed before my imagination, and for a time,
I forgot the present in the past, but, when I came
back into the present again, and realized how
many of those loved ones have passed from
this into the Eternal World, I felt to exclaim—
What is hope, or earthly expectation! and
that I can say God has led me in a way I know
not, and I am more and more convinced, that in
order to be happy we must depend for our hap-
piness on Him alone who is able to bestow it, we
must not lean on human proxies of any kind,
though when granted us, we may thankfully
accept and make use of them, but what a call

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for caution not to lay too much weight upon them! I think I can speak from experience for I feel that has been one of my most heart-
 thing sins; consequently, my idols have had to be slain. Well, if all this severe discipline is essential to my salvation, now is the time
 for me to lay up the weight of glory promised to the faithful, and I think I can rejoice in the hope of the glory of God; for if I keep my eye on the stars of Bethlehem it will lead me to heaven and immortal glory, and sometimes I do feel as though I could triumph in the hope, and expectations, that I shall finally, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, possess Valhalla in the face of God. It is what I am striving for; and I believe it is attainable for all believers, and above all things desirable, but, there are painful hours in the Christian life! for it is truly a warfare and we must fight if we would reign. I often think of the words of the Psalms, whose says, "If this is the way that I go, and there are foes on my steps surround, Break the thorns down, Change

through the foe, the hardest fight, the highest reward." And my dearest Brother, permit me to ask you, how are your progressing spiritually? Are you moving forward like an Obol of light in the Vanguard of the Lord? With your soul so sublime in thought and so expansive in desire - you seem amply qualified to fill a conspicuous station in the literary, and religious world. Yours, thus far, has been a high, and responsible position in society, and I cannot but believe, the great secret of Christian usefulness consists in being awake to opportunities for doing good, and intent on doing what we can, and that eternity alone can reveal the good that may be accomplished by Christ's little ones (even if only faithful to small opportunities for doing good. I could I but feel that when my time shall come to die; that there would be but one individual, who would have pressed out to thank God, that I had died. I should feel that I had not died in vain! Do almost daily, Goodnight.

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New Britain,
(Friday 12th) I now take my pen to finish this
sheet, and I hope you will receive it;
and now a word in reference to Wm., since
receiving your letter I have received one from him.
He appears anxious to come home this fall, and
how I do wish he could, never to return to Kansas.
He tells me little about his business matters,
but I should rather infer, he is somewhat
disappointed, and perhaps, at any rate, it is
hard times there, and all things considered, how
can it be otherwise? But, it is years that the
temporal trying condition of the people, in
the providence of God, is turned to good account,
causing men to stop and think, when they are
and how they stand, for he writes they are
having one of the most interesting revivals of
religion there, that he ever witnessed, a new
era in the history of Kansas. Well, bless the
Lord for that. But, I began to talk about
his condition, I feel sorry for his indebtedness,
as you can but poorly imagine the trial it
is to my independent mind, and way of doing
business, but it is all beyond my control, and
I do not to be reconciled to it, I am hoping
the time will come, when he will have more leisure
for my views of doing business, but perhaps I
ought to speak to you upon the subject, but I think
you have a soul to understand, and a heart to sympathize,
and then, I know too, that it is the sense,
and of that, I should like to see Sister Eliza, I wish
she would write me, and much love to her when you
write her again. I have received your last letter, I was
my daily expectation of seeing you, the time if you can
I have written in my diary, and have been constantly
interested, have you ever read it, there is more I
must soon write some more and so.

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Goodnow, I.T.
Webster, Mass, Sept 11 1865

Dear C. E. Blood
My Dear Sir,
I wish you to
make out 2 Deeds; one for
Lot 53, Ward 2, to ~~Edson~~
~~White~~ Edson White Jr; and
the other to Lucretia P. White
for Lot 326, Ward 4, & forward
immediately. The money will be
paid when the Deeds come.

The following is a list of
the lots sold belonging to the Association;

454, W 4. = \$75. paid	} sent C. E. B. 100.
387 W. 2 = 100. paid	
53 W 2 = 100. Unpaid	
326 W. 4 = 50	20.
474 W 3. = 50	20.
58 W 2 = 100	20
556 W 3 = 30	20
224 W 6 = 35	20



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Lots sold for C. E. Blood.
Spring & Summer of 1860.
List 296 W. 2 = 100. Paid.
" 137 W. 2 = 100 Do
" 179 W. 4 = 50 Do
" 264 W. 6 = 100 Do
" 285 W. 2 = 100 Do = 300.
" 159 W. 7 = 50 Unpaid

Sent to C. E. Blood \$100.
" " W. Coffey - 150.

The Deed for George Emerson Place
sent directly to him at Uxbridge, Mass.
requesting him to forward you the balance
due on the Deed. I will be responsible for
it. I wrote you a day or two since I
think to send a Deed for lots 58, 303, W. 2
& 479, 552, 553, W. 3, & 159, W. 7, to John
P. Gulliver, of Norwich Ct. Send the
Deeds to me at Boston, Mass.

Ascertain whether you positively own
119 Ward 1, & 118 W. 2. And if so,
tell me how I shall sell them &
I will do the best I can.

I go to Hartford soon & have the
prospect of selling the balance of
the Lots of the Association, - or rather
the best of them, & perhaps some of
yours. Be! Blood! Don't think of
leaving Manhattan! Certainly not at
present. I should be very loath to
cut my brother Blood.

Your brother Lorenso has been very sick - indeed
is getting better now. His daughter
graduated at E. Greenwich with
honors June 29th.

Prof. Marlatt said he would see if
he could get somebody to acknowl-
edge College & Church Deeds for nothing.

Manhattan ought to help Wood-
die, so as to keep the paper there,
irrespective of Junction. No borrowing
to Junction - "Gibson"! Understood.

With regards to you and I our
95
20
125
ours ever Very Truly & Affectionately
Isaac V. Goodnow.

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Sept 11 60
N. B. As fast as I collect I will trans-
mit to the Association. If W. E. Goodnow
comes east, give him full power to see the
Lusitania Co. or to expose them in
the paper as a set of Thurbugs &
rosesals.
I. Goodnow

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Boynton, G. B.

East W. Mass to G. B. Boynton, 1860

Dear Bro-Goodnow,

I received your communication in due time & have signed the note & directed as you requested.

I am sorry to regret the paper I had taken in embarking upon an enterprise which I fear will never remunerate me.

I have this apprehension from the fact that the lot is in the suburbs of the contemplated city. A few years may pass before there will be a demand for the lot & I suppose that taxes will be required. If so I had rather back down & pay you for all your trouble in making out the paper.

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If I had been able to have
purchased a lot on a more
suitable site, I have there will
have early demand for build-
ing, but I should be better
satisfied.
I cannot tell what my cir-
cumstances may be now for
year should I live.
Considering the small means
I have for support, I should
regret having invested a
small sum, unless I could
get full interest.
I should be pleased to hear
from you often.

Respectfully Yours

G. D. Sinton

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[Goodnow, I.]

Heartford, Ct. Sept. 15th 1860

Rev. C. E. Blood,

I have sold Lot 201
Ward 2 for \$150. There with you
have \$75. on American Ex-Bank N. Y.

I forgot to mention I directed
you to send the Manhattan
Express to Esbon White Jr. of
Webster, Mass. or not. If
any route, if the paper is on
its legs for another year, please
pay over to Mr. Vivaldi \$2.
I have the paper forwarded
as above.

Please make out a Deed for
Lot 285 Ward 2, & 208 Ward 4. to
Daniel Atkins, & forward to him
at North Brookfield, Mass. I will settle
with you. One lot is from you & the other
is from me. It will be all right.

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Please also send to Elias B.
Perruoy, if you have not sent him
a Deed, a title to Lot 181 Wood
4. & Lot 614 W. 7. The balance of
his lots are taken back - all right.
Direct it to me at Boston.

Send Deed to George Emerson, Melissa, Mass
if you have not already done so. He is
worrying! All these deeds & keep
account of & I will settle for them
when I come home.

What does Berold's do?

Any building going on in Me?
What are its prospects?

Then about the Smoky Hill
court? Give us all the news.

Regards to your wife

Yours as ever,
Isaac J. Goodnow

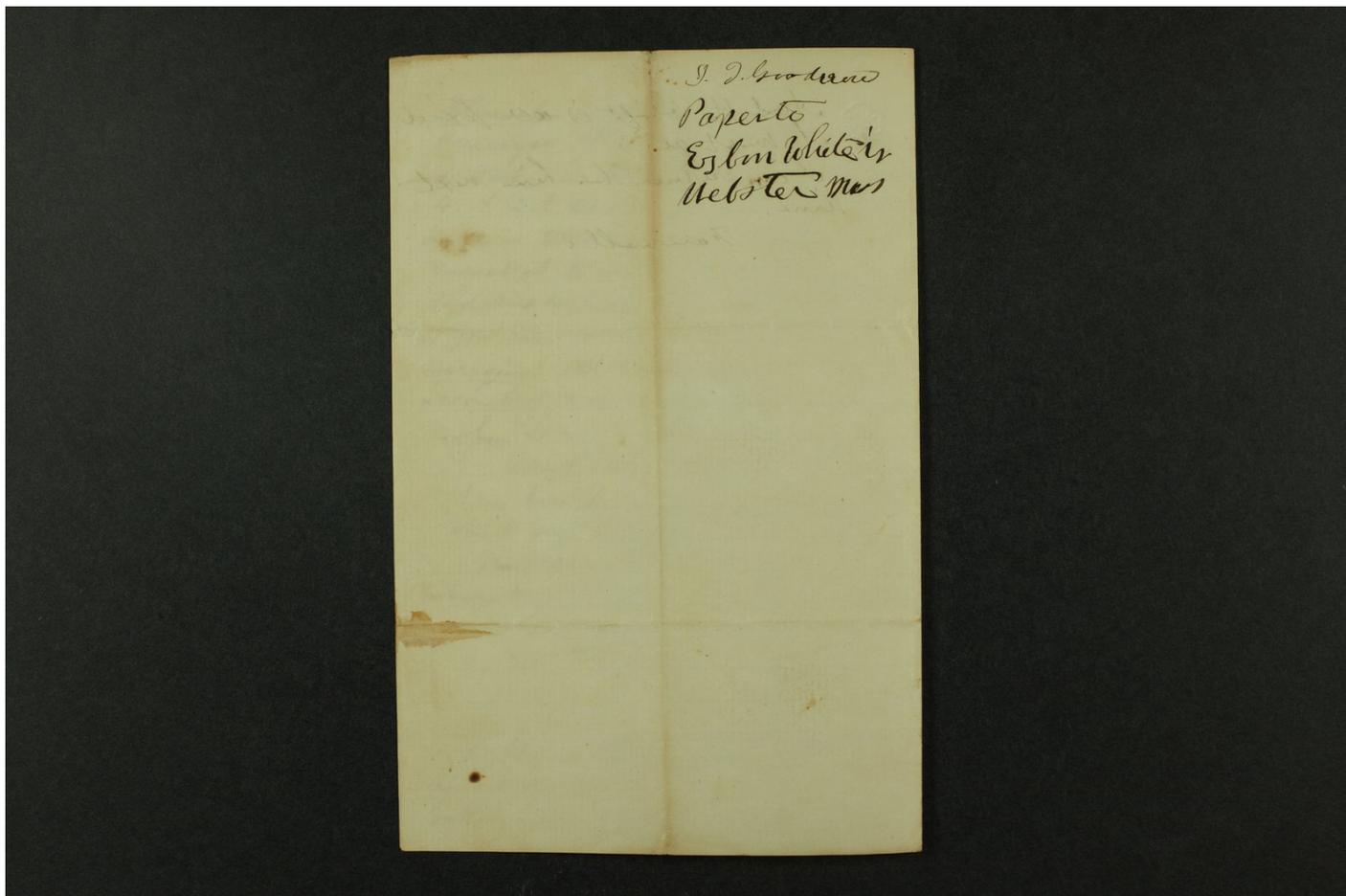
P.S. It now occurs to me that you
wished me to send \$40 to Mr Coffin.
but I have not time now to look up
the letter.

And the draft is all fixed
so it must go.

I can remember him next
time.

Fairwell

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Munday
4 o'clock. Norway Sept 17. 1860.

My dear Husband.

I have just received
yours of the 9. My last letter to you was
dated August 23rd which it appears you
have received. According to your previous
statements I had based sending you, either
letters, or papers; but, with this I will
send you the last Benbowat.

I am sorry to hear your health
is so poor; but, it is no more than I
have much feared.

As for myself, & for the week
past, have been having a bilious turn,
but hope to keep up, and soon get better.

I have recently received a letter
from Isaac, which I have answered.
He wrote that he had just received a letter
from you with four lines:

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Ellen, was still in Ohio; he had just sent her money to come East, if she pleased to do so; but, did not know what she would conclude to do about it.

Your health is excellent:

He same thinks of coming to Kansas before leaving the States. I think he would prefer stopping in N. E.

we as yet have no settled green chest, and know not whom we shall have. Old Father Tappan preached to us yesterday; says if he can help us to a man, that we can be united in his will; but, that, I think will be a difficult matter, not that the Church, make so much trouble, it is the outsiders

O how much we need a revival of pure Religion in our midst! I don't see what else, can save our Church from going down. For where is the tie, that binds our hearts in Christian love, and union? It is to me a dark, and trying time!

But my hope is in the living God; and I know he is able to bring light out of darkness, and order out of confusion.

Pattee's gun high! how mat all E. more glorious? shall you be at home in time to get it?

You must look the Democrats in the face round here, to fully understand their disappointment, and indignation.

But I will say no more about that.

Old Mrs Ordway still lives, and seems a little more comfortable; and it is as far as I know very healthy in this place. We have had some frosts here; but, not to great injury, we are having cool, and comfortable weather.

Our great apple trees, and gran granite in the garden, has being full of good fruit. I know I have wanted you to enjoy them! I have tried to save some of the apples for you; but they are early fruit, and will not keep long.

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Las moras 14.
 Isaac Kenison has sold out
 to Silas Weatherly, and young Sylvanus
 Cobb (this goods & means) and let his
 store for 2 years. Kenison objects I suppose
 to collect in his accounts.
 Love Dow's family will soon move
 to postroad, and Samuel Cobb and son
 will move into Love Dow's house,
 so you see there are some changes
 going on here.
 Richard Evers is owing me about
 \$500. which I have called upon him
 a number of times for, but, can get
 nothing. He says, you owe him a note
 of about 40, \$, and when you pay
 him, he can pay me. When I let
 him have the money, I did not know
 you owed him any thing, so you see
 how I am deceived, and grossed!
 what shall I do with him?
 You do not give me your opinion
 in regard to this is a fence.
 So day is pleasant, and sunny, and
 I feel about as well as usual. I hope
 this letter will find you in health,
 and in prosperity.
 please say to Mrs Lee, I have recently
 heard from her father's family, they are well
 I will now stop writing, and send this to
 the postoffice. yours as ever W. H. G.

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Washburn, E.A. 1860, Sep 19.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to find that
so admirable an enterprise
has been already begun in
Kansas; and heartily
wish it success.

Yours truly
E.A. Washburn.
Hartford. Sept 19/60.

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Manhattan Kansas Sept 8/60
Dear Mr Goodnow
Since I wrote
you last I have attended
three Camp Meetings at
which more than fifty
have joined our Church.
The first one at Mill Creek
near E. P. Webb was the
best one. Thirty six there
joined and the work has
really begun in Manhattan.
Five or six joined there
last night. Amanda &
Anna Kaustoy - Jer
Witcham & wife &c
Meetings now every night.
We also had a little
daughter born last week.
She appears quite bright
and healthy and her mother
is very comfortable.

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These months to feed and
 no corn or potatoes to feed them
 My Crops will be about
 nothing though I think had
 they been well planted &
 tended you might have had
 15 or 20 bush. corn to the
 acre. The dry weather con-
 tinues & the crops in all
 this region will be very
 poor though not near as
 bad as in Shance & Douglas
 counties. I wish you had
 means to sell for me all
 the Lots I sent you else
 they may be blocked before
 winter. All the corn my
 horses & stock eat I must
 sell & hereafter buy its present
 cash price is 65 cts. so of
 provisions for my family
 for the fall & winter. Do
 you inquire why I have not
 forestalled this state of things
 first. I did till quite lately
 expect more crop & second
 May time & strength & mind
 heart have been so a distance
 in District & College matters
 that I could not do it.
 A good revival is extending
 over the Districts I trust
 God will bring great
 good to Kansas out of the
 loss of the Crops. Mr Wm
 Kenipe, a good preacher of
 the Western Circuit has just
 bought 13 acres of Thomas C.
 Wells including his half
 block on the College part
 will build & move here with
 6 smart children in the Spring
 Providence permitting.
 Mr Strangy Kreak will come if
 we can manage to let him have
 a block. - I think we can when

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you return. Your draft of
\$50 or \$125 for Klap came & one
last night a \$50 more. I think
Klap is doing his work well.
He told me had full con-
fidence that the Kae would
not leak & thus far it has not
though we have had but one
really powerful storm.
I had to pay Klap a little
more than \$200, to save him
a homestead & this has crippled
both me & the College funds
badly for three weeks past.
We must have more money
soon. You inquire why we
let Spinning work. I did
it because the Cupola is
hung off so long as to endan-
ger Klap's work & we thought
we might as well pay Spinning
& get the work done in time
as to pay all to Frank & let
the other out that the Kae which
cannot do much.

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Goodnow, Wm B.
Manhattan, Sept. 21,
1860 -
Messrs. Watson, Bruce & Co.,
I have just received word
from my brother at Boston
that he has funds of \$100 to
my order there, & to save trans-
mission two ways, I have au-
thorized him to pay the same
to your order in Boston or
New York, presuming it will
be satisfactory - Please direct
the order to W. B. Goodnow, Bos-
ton, Mass. Care of P. O. No. 100,
5 Cornhill & he will forward
receipt to you at Leavenworth.
I expect to be down & see you soon.
I have been laid up with chills
& fever, but am now quite well.
Very respectfully,
Wm B. Goodnow.