

FIDLAR LETTER - UNDATED

It appears Janet Fidler? is writing from Marmora to a sister or sister-in-law in Stirling

Nov. 16th.

Dear Sister,

I received your letter and was very glad to hear that you were all well and getting along so well also for the bill which it contained. We are all well except baby. She has a cold. I was at a debate last friday evening the question discussed was whether have parents or teachers the most influence in forming the character of the young.

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Then there was quite a snow storm yesterday but it ceased about four o'clock . There lots of people out during the evening and a good many in the morning but I am not among the number. I think you get along better without me but I do not see how it is. I didn't think I was such a hinderence but now am convinced that it is even so for you have accomplished more in six weeks than we did in twelve when I was at home and you in Stirling. You have had so many visitors and done so much visiting you must be getting like other folks. Mother always said could not she see how it wa that everybody else had so much time but I think she need not complain anymore on tha score.

Mrs. Ford told me to tell you that she does not believe you ever intended to visit her. She says going to is an old story. She says she is glad I can stay until sleighing and hopes it will not come very soon. She gave me a gray cloth cape. I turned it and it looks very well. It is nice and warm.

Tell Loz she may wear my black one. She can wear a jacket under it to keep her warm. I wish I had my woolen _____. Could you send it in a paper? I hope you are all well.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford were at Stirling two weeks ago. They came back the same day they went away. They were home before nine o'clock in the evening. Auntie was well bent but she was very busy.

Dr. said he was coming out here soon and would take me to Stirling if I wanted to . Mrs. Ford told him she would be glad to see (him) whenever he could comeout. he need be in no hurry coming for me so I will have a chance of going to Stirling or if they are too busy they might not come here

for me. Send word.

Tell Mother if she can spare any lard to send a little here. I am sorry I have so many of your things here because you may be in want of them.

I saw some new hats. The brim is broader behind than before . That is the only difference between them and the style worn last winter. Plaids are a good deal worn and bright plush ribbons.

Mr. Grant has moved to Ottawa. I saw Mrs. Haliday on Saturday. She asked about you and Liz Friday morning. We spent last evening at Mrs. Powers. I suppose Uncle is home by this time and has told you about the flitting?? at Stirling.

Eliza Frandel was married last night. She had three bridesmaids. A lot of fellows gathered around the manse about the time the ceremony was being performed. Some one fired a gun and the rabble ran away as fast as they could.

The snow is nearly all gone. Remember me to all inquiring friends.

There will be a missionary meeting in Mr. Duncan's church on the ninth. of next month. I suppose you are not sorry _____??? has left Marmora.

Write soon and tell me all the news. Excuse mistakes. Give my love to all the family and except a large share yourself from your affectionate

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1865

Marmora April 7th. 1865

It appears Lizzie wrote her sister Sarah Fidler in Marmora and then another letter was written on the back also to Sarah (can't read the signature at the end).

Dear Sister,

I write these few lines to let you know we are all well hoping to find you the same. I am going to school now and I have lots of fun. They are going to have an examination in June in the works. Dr. Irwin wants me to go down and try to take a prize. I think I shall go if I can go to school 'till then.

Sarah Hamilton and Jim were sick. Sarah is getting better now. We are having a great time with the protracted? meeting. Fowler has not got any converted yet, he thinks they are a wicked set in our section. He gave a temperance lecture on Monday but __very day no fun at all. He got three to sign the pledge. Mr. Braddome? is to give us one in four weeks time.

I saw W. Pinner? the night of the lecture. They have moved up and Mother is going to visit them as soon as the roads get dry. Mr. and Mrs. Baddome? were down last Friday.

We are going to have a Sunday School. Mr. McDowler wants to have his way but he is not going to have it Quite the way he likes. W. Loucks has gone to the Staes and Mary Ames? is very lonely now. W. Irwin, the old man, was here all today. Dan was sick two or three days this week. He looks pretty now.

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Take my hat and get it sewen over as soon as you can as I have not anything else to wear. Mother is going to give me her summer dress to make over. I am going to make it low neck and short sleeves and get some white muslin or something to make a spencer to wear with it. This is going to be taken out of my money. Do you think well of it and if you do not send your planning? with Magnus. Have you got any flower seeds for us, if you have send them up if you have not try and get some.

No more at present,
Lizzie

1865

Second letter written on the back of first letter

Evidently a second sister (Irma or Jenn?) wrote a letter on the back to sarah (assume Sarah Fidler in Sirling)

Dear Sarah,

I am sorry I have not time to write much just now. I am busy baking bread this morning. I thought Magnus was not going until tomorrow. Ask Auntie? for a slip of a rose bush if it is time to move it, also a root of rhubarb if she can spare it.

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Liz sends her hat to be made over and the money enclosed is to pay for it. Send Mother's bonnet up with Magnus and if the hat can be done before he leaves send it ahead.

Magnus will tell you all the news.

With love to all I am your loving sister -- Jemima?

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