

close again, as I suspect
you are a hard reader of
reading the like of this,
Much love to mother,
& a share to all
dawning friends.
Expect a letter
from me this
week. Good-morning.
Yours, Gally.

Wife & E. Giff.

Princeton May 12.

Dear Ann,

It is now about
25 min. past 9 O'clock A.M. I suppose
it is not exactly that time there
for 1000 miles farther west must
make some difference in the time.
I have read & heard that there is
about 2 hours difference in the time
on the Atlantic & Pacific coasts ^(N. & S.)
in the same latitude & if such is
the fact there must be nearly an
hour's difference between N. I. & Iowa,
must there not? It is cooler this
morning than it has been before in
several days. It is cloudy with rain
& then a fog shower. I have got break-
fast, washed dishes &c. got on dinner to

boil, made a pudding, of wheat
"middlings" (as it is called) & put ^{it} in to
bake, have been out in the garden
& planted some tomatoes, Evening beauties,
ladies slippers, & some other seeds & now
am writing, "wink" I smelt for an old
lady? We are having spring here now
in good earnest. The trees have nearly
all leaved out, & some trees are in
bloom & smell sweet enough. There
are quite a variety of wild flowers in
bloom, & if you were here you might
gather a bouquet different from any
you ever gathered in N. S. Perhaps
not any prettier, but still some of the
prairie flowers are very beautiful, I think.
There is a kind of "blue bell" in bloom
now, that I think is very pretty. Perhaps
I will send you a sprig of them in this.
Have you got that package of seeds that I
sent, & were they in good order?

I will say to Mac before I forget it,
that I am very much obliged to her for

that I sawy seed. Horace said (when I told
him I had got some) he must run
right out & plant some, for he wanted
a soup with some in it as soon as it
would grow. Says he thinks it makes half
difference to the taste of a soup. We
have tried ever since we have been here
to get some seed but could not.

Mac I presume you remember of send-
ing me some "white petunia" seed last
fall. Well I planted some of it in a box
last winter & it is in bloom now.
It has grown very fast, & all that have
seen it call it very pretty. I wish I had
some red to plant with it, & if you see any,
anywhere, steal or beg a "nice" bit of
seed for me. Now to Ann again.

Are you going to board "round" this summer?
Since my love to old acquaintances &
scholars, around the "Innway".

Seems to me you are getting rich at
the J. Jeffs, new carpets, paper—
table spreads &c. &c. I don't think there

is any need for any of you to go to "Pike
Lake"? Such gentle have loved me
certainly when you get "diced up" with
all your new things. — "Have weddings
in Thompson?" I have heard of the like
before! Who will you meet any to marry
after a short time? — "What a hell
are much better. I've never seen done
to her father, last Sat. P.M. & state until
yesterday P.M. — All these must be
highing bits of glass, but just come out
& keep the cognate of the witnesses.
the very bits of glass — if you will allow
it. I have that C. Jones "has got the
million", which was the trouble, do you
know? I'm afraid Ch. will never
get married. How many "youngsters" has
J. Adams all late? Does the population
increase there so fast as weddings?
I think that Oliver Briggs has married
his baby a very pretty name. Does that
make three or four, as is the way?
To thank Briggs married yet? I write