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Dear Brother

You heard from us, doubtless, thro
my dear daughter-in-law Eliza. I wrote to her
and my sweet Grand Daughters when Mr Chaff
Henry and myself were at Chicago. Since that time
my journeyings have been so long and tedious; &
we have had so much trouble and sickness that
I thought my letters, if I should write any, would
afford you but little pleasure; and, if I told
you all, create in your sympathetic bosom
many painful sensations. Thanks to a kind &
gracious Providence I am at length enabled to
give you good tidings. Sickness is now nearly
removed from our family and the prospects for
the future seem more cheering. All our family
hitherto much scattered are now, except Henry
who has gone back to Chicago for our goods, ga-
thered together in one place which for the winter
at least we call our Home. It consists, as the name
indicates, of mud and sticks but is rendered by
much care and pains quite comfortable. Being
52 feet long and 18 feet wide you may suppose
we have room at least to turn round in and
come to share for a friend. We hope yet to have
time before the winter sets in to make some addi-
tions for a study and a bedroom or two for the ac-
commodation of our dear Relatives. Samuel and

Sarah who we hope will spend the winter with and teach
our dear Children Henry, Mary, & Milander.
If you ask why we have passed thro' our Cities and
Villages and chosen to sit ourselves down here in the
wilderness even on the frontier of the settlements
I can give you two substantial reasons. In the first
place: a house even to put our heads in could not be
had for love or money much less any such place
as the number and behests of my large establish-
ment require. Besides what ^{have} I to do with Towns
when none of them desired me but for the money
I should spend in them?
My 2^d. reason is that I wish to be on the spot which
would probably be the site of my Episcopal and Dio-
cesan School. With this view I have chosen my pre-
sent residence. It is on the beautiful waters of the
Kicapoo River nearly at their fountain head; &
a more charming fertile country I never saw.
The whole Township 10. North & Range 6 East ^{on the}
south east quarter of which I am now placed consists
of part patented soldier lands and part Congress
lands not now in market. Of the latter it is the
opinion and wish of all that shall get the pro-
prietorship right granted me the next session of
our National Legislature. and perhaps the Donation
of a part of the patented land we must obtain
such parts as may fall providentially within
our reach. On the whole I think my prospects
are pretty good. All the Inhabitants of the

County are anxious that I shall succeed and will join in a petition to that effect. I have mentioned as the integral part of the prayer of the Petition that the squatters on the lands of which character there is a respectable number shall be remunerated for their labour and expense at the discretion of Commissioners to be named in the act of donation. These Commissioners will probably be the Judges of the County for the time being. When it is considered that the Congress lands which the Petition will embrace amount to above 20,000 acres and that this land will rise from the Congress prices by reason of the location of the Seminary to ten or 15 dollars per acre, there will appear cause for pursuing this plan which I ought not to despise. The location of my self for the Project is made on the strength of purchasing a tax title of some patented lands & a claim each a quarter section for a few hundred dollars only from my own private funds: the improvements also are made from the same source. Of the funds raised for the Seminary I have used not a Dollar. They are all as yet at an interest of 6 per cent per annum.

My time is spent in doing my sacred duties on Sundays and in hard labour for the comfort of my (ill-tated) shelterless family on the week days. Would that I had some one to assist me! But hitherto in this wish I have been disappointed. My best love to Sister Oliver and all dear friends. Your loving brother P. C. Green

Prof. Charles

Oct 20. 1894

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Judge Chas

The Hon.

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