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Dear Father Sir your favour of the 13th
Came duly at hand and I am ~~so~~ strongly solicited
to ans that I take this opportunity to reply altho
I have not much news to relate I do by yours
that all are well which affords me a good degree
of happiness I also discover you have had and continue
an uncommon cold season and some considerable
of news which was thankfully received. by us
at present as usual our healths are good I am
told by the old settlers we have had rather a severe
winter and backward spring however stock was
turned out to pasture about the 20th of April
we had but very little snow in all perhaps
12 inch at most but few days at present the 12th
of June I have sowed my corn and potatoes for the
second and last time Garden looks well lots of
strawberries now ripe dry streets and warm weather
our winters are so short it hardly seems to
me that we have had any we dont get to
exceed 3 cold days at a time I am looking forward
to about one year from the present time when
I can step on a car at perhaps not more than
30 rods from my door and by a continuous line of
of railway ride into the village of Lockport make
a visit home and return all in one week the prospect
is as favourable as this all the requisite amount

I am I will send some paper when
I get on full of railroad news

of stock is taken and there might have been
lots of more obtained if wanted. The principle
Railroad men were at our place a few days
ago and held a meeting they said there was naught
to hinder of having the Road in operation by the
first of May next and gave good reasons from which
we might believe such would be the fact, on the
20th they meet to organize then probably the
contract will be let and we shall know more
about the matter it is the opinion of some the
Seps will be within 10 rods of my house rather
to close I think. As inferior and as little as
Illinois may be thought of at present she will
in a very short time be second to — of her
sister States. It seems as though she had
ought to have been improved and settled years
ago and her vast rich and fertile Prairies been
made productive fields where there might have been
wealth obtained sufficient to have warranted
an emigration East to the land of once forest
and wilderness. . . so as not to have been under
the necessity of having to wear out the land
before it was fairly cleared of its timber
here one can take his team and seed
Corn for instance drive out on the prairie
drop his corn and turn the turf top of
it and in the fall drive out again
load up his wagon with Cars of corn
as large again as you get in York State

By the by he in the first place had better
make a little fence say posts with 2 boards
nailed to them not very Expensive at present
there is a regular line of new ^{or} daily pack-
-ette boats running from St Louis to galena
besides the old line there has been as many
as 10 boats pass in one day makes bestraps
look quite brisk on the river can hardly
look out with seeing rafts of Lumber
passing down it is a ^{delightful} pastime
when there is a good breeze to go out in
a sail Boat I occasionally step down
on the garden wall next to the River
with hook & line and piece of pork for
bait and catch a pickerell or Black Bass
one is a nough for a family meal
I cant say I have any notion coming back
to live the longer I stay the better I like
you however I think may look some for me
on the cares in Lockport next summer
I may take a notion to come peddling if
nothing more than a few Butters and some
Eggs perhaps some gartin sauce I think
I could get into Lockport with it
than Enneas could with his hot
Beds. I had pease in the blow about
the middle of May.

Cyru Warren
Lockport
N.Y.

Care of Edmond Forsyth