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[The following letter is from Ann Rendall, written to her son and daughter-in-law, Charles William and Agnes. Any misspellings in the letter are left as is (and italicized), double question marks (??) are inserted where the writing cannot be positively identified, punctuation and capitalization may be added or omitted to clarify meaning, and bold italicized comments in brackets like this one are inserted to add extra details.]

## **Delavan Sattion**

[Delavan, MN was renamed in 1885 from "Delavan Station", which is probably what Ann meant to write here]

Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 1879

To Mr. and Mrs. Rendall

My Dear Children

This comes with our very kindest love to you both and a kiss(??) for dear *littel* Alton [*Charles and Agnes' firstborn, about 7 months old at this time*]. Fletcher was home two weeks ago said that you Charlie had been sick and could not teach your school for some time. We hope you are well now. Should you not be will you drop us a line and let us know as I am feeling quite anxious to hear how you all are. Did the dear babe renew his cold at Christmas. We should like to see you all. Was it not quite so far I would try to

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come and see you but you know it would be *to* long a ride for me this cold weather but the winter is fast going (??) away and it will soon be spring again.

I suppose (??) my dear children you have no chance to get out to church but then you will not always be situated so you can take much comfort at home. if you are only well you can read and enjoy the Sabbath as the Lord is not confined to the great congregation. Mr. Coffen (??) has been holding a series of meetings in Delavan for several weeks. He seems to be a very zealous minister.

We have not heard from Hannah or Libbie [*their 2 oldest daughters*] since they went home at Christmas.

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We received a line from Uncle. He reached home all right. Sent his love to all of you. [*wonder if this might refer to her brother that may have visited from England?*]

Mr. Ben Galpin (??) is not better. Mr. Chisnut has been quite sick. My dear children when the weather is pleasant try to come home and see us. Now Charlie you will laugh at my spelling but you know I am so forgetful. I cannot remember to spell every word correct and my ink is so poor that I cannot half write. Well never mind perhaps I will have some better next time so *goodby* for this time from your ever dear Mother and Father

C and Ann Rendall