

Wrote to Daughter & husband  
Mary & James Young  
by her parents  
Ann & Charles Rendall

Delaware St.

Mem.

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>

1905.

My Dear Children.

I hope this will find  
you well and enjoying  
yourselves. my dear Mary your  
kind letter came to hand in  
due time thought you would  
like to hear from us again.  
Well, we ought not to complain,  
as we are all up and around  
busy with the cares of  
this transitory life.

Robert expects to ~~leave~~  
Thrush this week. your

dear Papa enjoys himself  
walking over the farm and  
seeing how things is progressing  
since I wrote you last I have  
been quite poorly. for a few  
days <sup>not</sup> ~~set~~ <sup>able</sup> ~~up~~ but with the help  
of our heavenly Father, and  
the kind attention of loved  
ones. we still are in our clay  
tenement and the blessings  
of the present life surrounding  
us. feel like saying

There is my house and portion  
There my treasure and my heart  
There and my abiding home  
There my elder brethren.  
Stay and Angels beckon me  
Divey and Jesus bids me come,  
a week ago Saturday Charlie,  
Morrison and family also your  
dear Brother J. J. were here

to visit. suppose you have  
heard Fleeter. has hired a home  
of Robert. at Pilot Grove.  
will move with his family  
as soon as can get around  
to do so. Esther. made us  
a visit just before dearest  
Mantka. went to Chain  
Lake. Ella. received a letter  
from her saying she enjoyed  
teaching her school. hope  
she will keep well and  
then she will get along  
nicely. has Pearl. visited  
you yet. please remember  
us to her when you see  
her or write to them. also  
our Grandson Charlie. and  
any of our old friends.  
Grandma. Wilson. especially

Tomorrow is your dear  
Brother Charles's birthday  
fifty two. Oh how the  
time flies. how is James's  
eyesight. perhaps he can  
sympathize with me.

Well, my dear Mary.

I am tired scribbling with  
kindest love we are ever  
your affectionate.

Father and Mother.

Caroline Kendall.

**[The following letter is from Ann Rendall, written to her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and James Young. 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.]**

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Delavan Stat. Minn.

**[Delavan, MN was renamed in 1885 from "Delavan Station", which is probably what Ann has abbreviated as Delavan Stat.]**

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1905

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*There is my house and portion fair  
my treasure and my heart are there  
and my abideing home  
for there my elder brethren Stay  
and angels beckon me away  
And Jesus bids me come.*

**[this is a quote from Hymn 68, verse 7, from "A Collection of Hymns"]**

A week ago Saturday Charlie More [**probably their daughter Elizabeth's son**] and family also your dear Brother J.F. [**John Fletcher**] were here

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to visit. Suppose you have heard Fletcher has hired a farm of Robert [***their other son, Simon Robert?***] at Pilot Grove. Will move with his family as soon as can get around to do so. Esther [***John Fletcher's daughter, perhaps? She would have been 15 at the time***] made us a visit just before dearest Martha went to Chain Lake. Ella [***their daughter Ellen***] received a letter from her saying she enjoyed teaching her school. Hope she will keep well and then she will get along nicely. Has Pearl [***James and Mary's daughter, who would have been 23 at the time?***] visited you yet. Please remember us to her when you see her or write to them. Also our Grandson Charlie [***probably Charles Nelson Harding, son of their daughter Susan and Henry Harding, who the Youngs were raising after the death of Susan in 1889***] and any of our old Friends. Grandma Wilson [***probably James' mother, Mary Wilson, who died 5 years after this letter was written***] especially.

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Father and Mother,

C and A Rendall.