

did and so talk as she did, I could not be a Christian. After reading that I began the Evidences of Christianity and I was <sup>(1130)</sup> so forcibly struck with the truth and beauty of the chapter on Internal Evidences that I felt a sort of intense desire that others should read it, and I really imagined I was ready for the missionary work of placing it in the hands of my friends. My thoughts first reverted to my brother Johnny and I started several times with a full determination to give it to him but my heart would fail me for I was <sup>a afraid</sup> ashamed to do it. Oh! how earnestly I prayed for grace to help me to do my Father's will, for I really believed it to be my duty, but the more I felt so, the harder I fought against it, and so I felt through the winter and spring a mountain weight upon my conscience and ever now it returns upon me sometimes when I am in the society of my young friends, and join in their mirthfulness I am continually reproved for my conduct. Oh you cannot imagine how I have suffered sometimes, although I have tried hard to conceal it. I am fully persuaded sometimes that I have been too self-sufficient that I have trusted too much in my own right conscience, and I very often feel it is best that I have been disappointed, for I wanted to establish my evidence of being a Christian upon my own merits at least I thought I must have a certain amount of merits and attain to a certain standard in order to be a Christian at all. I heard a sermon yesterday morning that consoled me more than any I have heard for a long time, from the new minister. I think he must be good or he could not preach with such power. Brother Ed thinks if people would trust in God's blessing upon the plain preaching of the gospel, and try to live consistent lives that sooner or later the effect would be seen without any extra efforts to force them into the right path, that if our every day conduct will not avail, nothing will.

But I have written enough about my inward troubles. I only ask your sympathy and sympathy my dear sister - How much happier would we be if we only entertained a more childlike confidence in our Heavenly Father. — Brother Johnny came a while ago. He brought some gloves to be cleaned for me. He sent the money with them. I always like to have an opportunity to oblige such persons, for you know one with my means finds plenty of use for their money. Johnny says will you please ask mother to send those land warrants down the first opportunity. — I feel very much indebted to you indeed for your little present. It was very acceptable, being just such an one as I needed. I got one a satin bonnet last week it is royal purple lined with lavender. I have worn it without any inside trimming, but think I shall get some orange colored flowers to suit my Luckie's sister, they will make it more comfortable for winter too. It cost 4<sup>00</sup>. The ladies dress much meaner here, and much more to any sort than in Mayville. I am having Sarah's bonnet bleached and trimmed. It is to have a dark green satin lining and curtain, and pink strings. They wear either dark bonnets or dark linings altogether, with bright colored strings, and inside trimming if wished. Our speaks of coming down on Thursday. If she returns this week think I shall return with her as would prefer company. Mrs. Yeatman intends removing to Cincinnati soon. They think of taking a house just opposite the Burnet Block. Fanny and Judy are here staying all night with us. I think I shall get either <sup>blue</sup> muslin or shalloy as I can have it colored when soiled. I think Sarah will be very well contented, thought I should like to stay here, but think now had better come home. Herk thinks I write enough for both of us at present. I think Mrs. McMan will treat her very well, although she says she intends making her master in her habits. My love to all. I am glad cousin Margaret continues so well. Hope to see you all soon.

Do not let anyone see this.

With much love

Your sister Lizzie.