

Chilton, Wisconsin.

My Dear Dickinson:

Feb. 25, 1860.

The strong man has at last come down; I write from a sick bed. Near a fortnight ago, Sab. before last, I came home from forenoon service, feeling a soreness in the bones, & over the skin; have been out of bed but a moment at a time since. I have sore lungs if I take a long breath, with some cough; but the cough is growing less painful; appetite increases. I write sitting in bed, with pillows behind me. The notice in the village papers calls my disease "lung fever".

Among other disappointments, I could not be present at the concert given to buy me a cabinet organ. It was what the people consider a great success, \$30. Four young Catholics came down here, $\frac{1}{2}$ m. to see ^{me}; they are zealous for getting up another & bigger; are bound that Elder North shall have an instrument. Lent their brass band; a man in a neighb. village bro't his melodeon & played on it; they interspersed tooting of horn, cymbal, fiddle, & melodeon, a motley mess, to suit all tastes. But

they mean well; have been kind to me past my comprehension.

A great annoyance here on my sick bed has been my money matters in Davenport, Iowa. Received a notice to appear Mar. 5, & show cause why not discharge bankrupt. I have written to my attorney, Gen. J. B. Leake, to know why he has sent me no dividends; a few weeks ago I received a legal notice to appear & receive them; wrote to L. requesting him to attend to it. My fear is, that there is a vile "ring." If I c'd save enough of the \$1200 to pay some \$600 of debts, it wd relieve me of a mountain's weight. To-day I write to A. Hill, Boston, to know if there was a dividend.

What new scenes this sickness may open to me, can not say; may have to leave this harsh climate. Have become strongly attached to these people. The law of my destiny, change of place, & no rest for the sole of my foot, I shall hope may be relaxed if I lose my health.

Thank you for the review of Porter by McCosh. Can not speak of it here.

Let me hear from you soon.

A. N.