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Dear Bro. & Family:—

Your good letter of some days ago was duly received and read with a great deal of interest, for I had been so long since we had heard directly from you that it was like the return of Spring in India after a long dreary winter. Many a sweet flower of memory was caused to bloom a fresh which had long lain dormant. I am so glad that you are being so bountifully blessed of God in your work. Praise his name for his Almighty grace whereby he causeth us to triumph. Am happy also that Little Montie is improving, but I suppose that he hardly remembers me. Our work here is heavy this year but the Lord gives us some soul every few weeks in order that we may not grow discouraged. We have not held any special services yet this year but hope to ere long. Wife has been unable all winter to wait on any but our own family and consequently I have not had any outside help and I have had all I could do. We have a very nice little daughter who is now nearly two months old. She being born Jan 10 and wife and baby are doing well. We have not named Baby yet but are waiting to get one entirely suitable. Everett is still in school at the Sou. Calif. University at Los Angeles and doing well.

I have not seen him since last Oct. but hear from  
quite frequently. He is taking the scientific course  
and in Geometry + Physics scored 100 last term but  
a little short in Latin while all his other grades are  
very good. He is now only past his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday yet he  
tall as I am. He is a good boy, a member of the Church and  
joys religion yet not as earnest in the work as I desire to  
to see him. Raymond has not been very well this winter but  
notwithstanding he has never gone to school. he can read alm  
anything and can compose and write a pretty good letter  
is sufficiently advanced to take his place in the class of the  
3<sup>rd</sup> year in our public schools. Eva is quite well and gets  
fat. She is a good girl and seems quite contented though  
~~has to~~ work pretty hard to keep up her studies in school  
here. Well Nathan. I suppose it hardly seems possible to  
you, but our whole state is one vast garden of flowers at  
present withing and the grass is a foot high. I will send you  
a sample of our Calif. Poppy which grows wild and  
now in full bloom. I am now sitting at 5:25 P.M.  
my room with doors all open and the thermometer at  
at 76°. We have had an abundance of rain this winter  
everything is looking fine. Levi has moved out of town  
on to the place he rented. They are all as well as usual  
Times are still very hard and money scarce but the Lord  
very gracious and his presence goes with us according to  
promise. Well Good Bye for this time for I must close though  
I could if time permitted write much more. God Bless you and  
Pray for your Affectionate Son. A.M. Ogden Wine Johns in love to all