Springfield May 21st, 65

Dear Sister,

We like you are having very warm weather but our season is the reverse of you in forwardness we are two weeks later than usual I have got the Lincoln Wreath for you Josephine got it from her mother Mr. Edwards. It was made and placed on the coffin in Chicago by Mr. Arnold of that place she is a daughter of Congressman Arnold of that place. The Wreath is a large one and is made of very choice flowers and retains a very sweet scent but I have tucked it away
in a paper box to keep it in as good shape as possible. Strangers are making great efforts to get relics from this place. Josephine expected to get three breaths but could only get this one and part of another which she gave to Mary Sitter. She has several articles of furniture which she got from them when they went to Washington. Josephine is to have enough of Mr. Lincoln's hair to fill a smallocket. John is still acting quartermaster at Camp Butler. Mr. Simmon called to us yesterday he had been down in Missouri on business he says her
will go down again in about 3 weeks and will leave his wife here 2 or 3 days while he is gone. Our bookkeeper, Mr. Beach, married my Julia come make before last I attended the wedding. They have gone east on a bridal trip and will visit his friends in West Stockbridge. It is a flattering invitation which you kind from Mr. Beach but I don't see how I can accept of it. The 1st Church have unanimously called the Rev. Mr. Tew on to become their Pastor. have offered him $2,000 a year. he is an Abolitionist and there is no doubts about
his loyalty I hope your early return may give
another better health
than your report here as having all are well
June and Accept

Love

A M Black

P.S. Send you with this a newspaper with
word of Capitol and
in representatives Hull
State House instead of
city Hull and all
view of Tomb both
are very good

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