Grantham April 29th. 1865.

Dear Cousin Dan.— I received a letter from you the other day was glad to hear that your health was so good. for "without health life is not life." Also that the rest of the 2— boys wer well.

It seamed good to see your hond writhy one more, and read your letter especialy the Journal of what you are all about down there. I can imagine that I see them all as you described. I received a good long letter from David Frye last week, he, Albert, Oren, Cowls & wife wer well and having a good time.

Uncle Smith Stevens died at Newport with the Lung fever, yesterday was sick one week. is to be buried to-morrow at Springfield with Masonic

honors. The rest of our relation and friends are well I believe. Uncle Hiram is saving he has a pile of logs to saw. Aunt Julie. walked up to John Clarks to sewing society last Thursday They are reviving the society again but do not. nor haven't engaged any preaching, probably the proceeds are to be preyed and sung out. Uncle Gilman is carrying on the farm alone this season will hire through haying. Mother and the little ones are well as usual. Gilman is at Pittsfield Mass. with Uncle Willard he is studying medicine & riding with the Dr. &c. he likes well will stay this summer. I have had a hard time with my knee. I left the Printing Office the P.M. of Oct. The Dr's. said I should have to loose it but I went up to Dr. Crosbys last week he said if I kept still. I could cure it in a year

I shall go to Meriden school this summer, it commences the 11th of May. Dan, I wish you could go and room with me, wouldnt we burn it. I'l bet we would. I've been speculating some while at home to pay my expenses I sent ½ a ton of rags, and a load of Corn to Franklin last week, I made it well. It is so lonesome here now nothing going on, it is pretty hard to get boys enough together to have a game of ball.

We had a solemn time here. "The Funeral of our President A. Lincoln" one week ago last Wednesday. There was a young Minsister right from University preached one of the best sermons so patriotic. I am sorry that in our town there was some Copperheads who have the rebel cause distilled into their hearts so deep that they expressed joy on hearing the sad news

Even their southern bretheren have lost their best friend if they did but know it. The report is they have shot Booth shooting is to good for him he ought to be burnt over a slow fire. It does not look quite so clear for peace as it did ~~for~~ before the assassination of Lincoln, but I hope Johnson will prove to be the right man in his place. Sherman has been making an Ass of himself, but I hope U. S. Grant will make it all right, and settle secession in such a manner that it will stay settled and show well in history. I am getting lengthy so I will close by wishing you and the rest of the boys good luck good health and a good time through your service which I believe is only 5 months, which will pass quickly away when you can return to your homes from the excitement and tumults of war. Your Cousin
write often as convenient. W. C. Colly