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To T.C. Harris

My dear nephew. I wish you all
a Happy Christmas rather than a worry
one - tho we are not opposed to being
"merry and wise" & cheerful heart does good
like a medicine ~~for~~ We thank you very heartily
for your letter of the 1st Inst. It con-
tains a good deal of satisfactory in-
formation - I think you say had let
me fairly when you wrote - and how
it has kept up very constantly ever since
Today we have the thermometer at 10
in the morning at 7-00 and snow
two feet on a level - a chance for the
-going soon here, in the South -

When you write again which
I hope will be soon. I will
take, removing your P.O. and the county
in which it is - as you in the P.
O. Department requires this - Tell us
also what your Boys intend to do
in life - what they wish to make
of them selves - If I knew their
tastes, I might perhaps be able to
send them occasionally a Book or
two that would be interesting and use-
ful to them -

I have written to your Mother &
Mother - and may write to the
"Boy Injuri'd before long - Is Justice
P. should ~~open~~ again - ? and who was his square

He should like very much to visit
Cortville and the neighborhood.

In addition to seeing our relatives
it would bring to mind many pleas-
ant things which are now forgotten.

The old places - the old neighbors
and the many occurrences connected -
with my father's old farm & house
and your mother's - but especially your
grandfather's residence would all be
very interesting to me - The spring near
my father's old house and the green
peg that lived on it for many years
(perhaps it may be there still - ready to
say "mech!" as it jumped into the water
and now as I write push in my recol-
-lection - one occurrence at Major Perry
House - at a singing school which all
George Montwork taught - I shall never
forget - The mouth-piece was of paper
the inside was chored - I accidentally

When standing before the fire in the winter
^{we called it intermission}
val " or weeks - rubbed my hands on the
chored surface until they were dreadfully
-ly blocked - seeing that - I stealthily contri-
ved to (forcefully) rub them down the pole
checks of one of the Bears - without his dis-
covering that his face was blocked till his
brother told him why every body was laughing
at him he took his seat and was looking a
sizable - He never knew how his face was
blocked - your uncle -