
Letter: one page front and back

Paper: Lined paper 5" wide by 8" high

No envelope

The handwriting in this letter matches three other letters

One written May 29, 1883, It was signed "From Mary" - - postmarked Stanton Michigan

One written Jan 11, 1885, that was unsigned -- no postmark

One written Jan 10, No Year. It was signed "From Mary" - - postmarked Stanton Mich.

The first two of the above letters also talk about Ada and Cora

May 25th 1884

Dear Lizzie,

I will try & write you a few lines to let you know that I am well & hope you the same. Our school has been out two weeks on account of the teacher being sick. She had the Rheumatism, so she had to go home but they think there will be school in the morning. I hope so.

I commenced in that large Geography this term. I like very much. How do you like your teacher? Nora got a letter from Eva McClean & she said she liked him quite well. I send my love to **Mary Malone**. Ada & Cora would like to see **Sadie & Nora** awful well.

We have Sunday school every Sunday and preaching every 2 weeks in the evening so we have a chance to go some where. I suppose **Sadie** goes to school every day, doesn't she. Ada goes most every day when school keeps. We have the same teacher this term that taught last term.

I would like to see your Ma's silver wedding. Well I guess I will have to bring my letter to a close for Nora is in a hurry to read a story out loud. So, good by. Write soon.

Excuse bad writing. All mistakes

Good Bye

My ink is pail My pen is poor My love for you Shall never fail

"Mary Malone": Mary Malone was Lizzie's first cousin. Mary Malone was the daughter of Catherine Golden and Patrick Malone. Catherine Golden was the sister of Patrick Golden. Patrick Golden was Lizzie's father.

"Sadie & Nora": Sadie Golden and Nora Golden were Lizzie's sisters.