

In my next letter I will send you my cards

Sandusky, Ohio
Jan. 2 rd 1881

Dear brother,

Your letter was received yesterday and was much pleased with it. Ma arrived home safe yesterday morning they stayed at Tiffin all night at Mrs. Greiners, they enjoyed real well. Greiners are going to move tomorrow he rented a saloon and they are going to move upstairs in the saloon. Ma says she enjoyed it real well only she said she would like have stayed longer than she did we had company for dinner. Ma met with Mrs. Eblers brother so she brought him, his wife and children they were all hear for dinner New Yesrs.

Monday evening

I will now finish your letter pa wanted me to wait and write to you after Charley came back.

We just received your german letter this evening and we were awful well pleased with it.

He thinks you are doing real well Mr and Mrs. Zipfel wanto go down perhaps till spring and maybe _____ in a month or two. Charley Zulsky from Fostoria came hear the evening before ma came home/ I think he will go home tomorrow if nothing happens, and Johney Boehm is going too I have had a good bit of fun since Johney has been hear.

First night we went up to Mertzes there was a big croud there but I wasn't there no time at all before they had me a playing I sang from the time I came there till almost ten o'clock they had a good laugh about the time when Katie sang Katie's Secret and you stood be hinde the stove. Mike Bromm went home now for good he don't stay at Mertzes for a long time. I saw Lou Homegardner yesterday she told me to give you her best regards Well, Johney, I dont know of any thing else I can tell you so I will remain your sister

Ida

Write soon

My regards to Joe

Charley Zulskie said that grandpa was so awfull pleased with the letter you wrote and your photo and ma wishes you would write him a nice german letter as you did to us.

Sandusky O.
Jan 12th, 1881

Dear friend John.

Having a little spare time I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that we got home all right we got at Tiffin Sunday morning at 7 o'clock and we was at Heinzes and Smiths and we had a good time we left there Sunday afternoon about half past three on the wreck train and got home at six oclock in the evening you told me to ask Lou Prestler what she ment by 73 she would not tell me but she said she would write to you and let you know

Geo. Bachman the lawyer skipped with about \$20000 and John Whitmour died a week ago Saturday. and we intend to send a box again and we would like to know what you would rather have. We drove Joe's colt acrossed the hay last Sunday and we had a doby time over there and I guess we are going to get old Dick back again. we had a letter from Lizzie Martin and she said she would not come back until spring. your father traded horses again he has got a gray one now. Having no more news to write I must close by sendin my love to you and Joe, and all the rest of the boys.

The boys and girls all send their best regards to you and Joe.

From your true friend

Chas.

Tony Weterer is working for us now.

Write soon

Excuse bad writing

No. 73

Oh its Doby

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(Doby - a slang word obviously used by the 'gang' of that time to express something that is really great)
(The boys and girls - the young children of the Zipfel family of which Charles was the oldest and Joe the second oldest)

St. Mary's Institute
Dayton, Ohio
Jan. 14, 1881

Miss Lizzie Zipfel

Dearest Friend,

Having a few spare moments I thought I would devote them in writing to you. I am glad to hear you are coming down to Dayton to see us. If Lou Prestler will not tell you what (73) means tell her she should write a letter and tell me what it means. Tell her also to write soon for I want to know it. I suppose you had a nice time sleigh riding. I wish I were at home, it seems every thing has changed since we have been to school. I do not think you will be very lonesome if Toney is working for your father. Is he staying at home or at your house. Tell him I have a daisy song for him to learn when I come home. Tell him I wish he would copy that song he always sang when I was at home. He called it the Dirties Bording House. Joe got a letter from Cora Heinz. She said our mothers went for Anna for not telling them we stopped at Tiffin. Anna said anything to please the Boys. I got a letter from Lizzie Martin she said she was not coming home till Spring and then she was going to Tiffin to see Anna. Joe said I should tell you he did not get Lucy's letter, maybe she did not direct it right because he did not get the letter he said she would hear from him in a day or two. Lizzie tell Taylor and Savanac to answer their letter soon. Our regards to our parents and all the rest. My regards to Lizzie M. the next time you write to her. Having no more news I will close by sending my love to you.

From your loving friend
Jno Feick

Answer soon
Sugarlump

I got Charly's letter this evening./

Answer soon and do not wait so long

Oh ! its Doby

Another year has left our door.
Another year has come.
May you live and injoy good health
In Eighty, Eighty One.

Good night.

(Postcard)

Sandusky
Ohio

Jan. 26th 1881

Dear brother

We concluded
to send you and Joe a
box, you can look for
it tomorrow sometime.
let us know immediately
after you get the box so
know if you got it.

Yours Truly
Ida

Write Soon

St. Mary's Institute
Dayton, Ohio
Jan. 31, 1881

Dear Sugarlump

Having a few spare moments I will devote them in writing to you. We are well hoping you are the same. I received your letter with the present in it. I am ever so much obliged for it and will make it allright when I come home. Lizzie we got our box last Friday on my birthday and had a dohy time you bet. I suppose you had a nice time at Julia Scherz's wedding. I will send the words of that song I told you about but Toney will have to do the same as I did after he has lernt the wrods by heart he will have to go outside to get the air. Lizzie that is funny about John Blocker's servant girl has she woke up yet? Tell Lou Prestler I want to know what that (73) means I suppose you have nice time out sleigh riding. Our fun is played out all the largest boys went home. Having no more news I will close by sending love and thanks for that present. Best wishes to my parents.

From your true and loving
Friend Jno.

Answer soon

goodnight

As the grapes grow on the vine
I choose you for a friend of mine
I choose you all among the rest
Simply because I loved you best

Good night many xxxxx

St. Mary's Institute
Dayton, Ohio
Wednesday Feb. 9, 1881

Dear Friend Lizzie,

Your letter was duly received and I was much pleased to hear from you. I am well and happy as ever wishing you are the same.

Lizzie we had another nice entertainment in which I played a prominent part. Joe had a part in it, he was one of the corporals, his name is not on the programme, the brothers forgot to put his name on. We had a nice time you bet. You were saying there was so much snow in Sandusky, the snow is all melted here it has been raining for the last two or three days. How does Tonny like that song? You can tell Lou Prestler if she dont want to tell us what (73) means she can let it along. When you see Geo. Taubert ask him if we answered his letter if he says we did, ask him what we wrote, but do not not tell him I wanted you to ask. Lizzie you wanted me to write in your autograph, you can bring it along when you come to see us or save one page till I come home. Yow is Blocker's servant firl getting along or is she dead, that is a queer case. I never heard of such a thing in my life.

Lizzie Martin did not answer our letters yet. I got a letter from Minnie Knerr she said she is coming to Sandusky sometime this week. Please give my best regards to my parents.

You will please excuse me for this time I will write more in my next letter. I will close hoping to hear from you soon. My best love to you and many xxx

I remain as ever your
Friend John Feick

Answer soon.

Best love to you.
Oh Its Doby

I and read see if
love that down will you'll you.
but is and you have have
one thee up and me, I'll

Sandusky, Ohio

Sunday Feb 27, 1881

Dear Friend Johny !

I recieved your both letter's and was very glad to hear that you are both well which finds us all the same. The reason Pat O'Brien left Harts was because he was not very well, and another thing he did not like it there any more. Peter Houk is working for them now they like him very well. Tony worked to Danklefson for a week and then lefted again now he is working back to Gagen's they are going to give him more wages.

That is funny about Lizzie Martin she talks in your letter as if she was not coming and every letter we get she says she will be back in March.

Johny I dont think I will come to visit you bothe until May and then there is going to be a big time up there at the Soldiers home. I suppose you heard about it and then Ma and Miss Wagner and I will come together. I ask Susie last night if she recieved your letter and she said she did but it takes her so long to answer letters but she will answer it soon. Johny I am ever so much obliged for that beautiful letter you rote for my birthday. I will tell you what I got for my birthday. I got a beautiful gold watch chain from my Pa and a pound of candy of Lou Prestler. Ask Josa why he dont answer our letter's sooner. I guess I will bring my letter to a close for I have no more news to tell you.

Johny will you Please excuse my bad writing for I am Nerves this morning
Our Love to both of you and from your Parents and many kisses from the children. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

From your true Friend,

Lizzie Zipfel

Answer soon

Many X to yourself.

Remember me while you are gone,
Remember me when school is done,
Remember me O, Johny do,
And I will often think of you.

Sandusky Ohio
March 3, 1881

Dear Johnny !

I recieved your kind and welcome letter and was very glad to hear that you are well which finds us all the same. The New rode runs from Norwalk Fremont to the Lake shore depo they do not know where they are going to have the depo yet Mike Wagner bought bushes place out by the fair ground I suppose you know where that is. No I did not see Minnie Kneer when she was down here. O, Johnny those months wont be long and then you can have a good time when you come back Johnny Charley had Lizzie write this because he has no time because Pa is sick he has a good deal to do Josa will tell you about Pa I guess you can tell each other every thing what is in the letters. I suppose you know that Mr. Oly was crazy he was put off to New York and he begged to come home and they fetch him but he is very crazy again they will half to take him back again.

The wether here is very bad today it is railing and Last Saturday yet we had sleighing. I have not much news to tell you in this letter I will write more in the next letter

Our regards to you both and from your Parents.

I forgot The Eagle came over last week and this week but still slays come over and back on the ice.

I must bring my letter to a close hoping to hear from you soon again

Excuse Mistakes and bad writing

Good night, old pard.

From your true
and loveing Friend
Charley Zipfel

Answer soon.

St. Mary's Inst.
Monday, March 7, 1881

Dear Friend Lizzie,

I was delighted to receive your affectionate and welcome letter. We are well and happy as always and wish you are the same.

I was going to write a letter to Lou Prestler and find out what seventy three ment but I guess it is of no use. She said if I wanted to know I should find out just the same as she did. You asked why Joe did not answer your mother's letters He answers them as soon as he can.

Lizzie how is your father getting is he well again? We had the dozy time when pa was here. We were to Dan Kunz's brother's house, his wife said she spoke to our mothers but they did not know her. She said they asker her where Murphy lived

Lizzie, I wish you would tell pa to let Ida or Ma come along with you and bring Lewis. Where is Pat OBrien working now. My regards to him. Tell Chas I will answer his letter in a day or two please excuse me for this time there is nothing going on here

This sheet of paper, though I should have covered it with loving words could never tell you how I long to see you again

Time does not run on with me now at the same pace as when I was at home. Write when you come.

Good Night

From Jno

Write Soon old Sugarlump

Come soon

Many to you xxxxx Kisses of course

Lest love to mine and your parents from Joe also

Ask Lou Prestler and tell me what she said.

Sandusky, Ohio
April 5, 1881

Dear Friend Johny !

I recieved your kind and welcome letter and was very glad to hear that you are well which finds us all the same. Susie Scherz is very sick they do not expect her to live. (Lou Presler) She said Charlie Westerhold told her that he rote to you and told you what it ment and she was so mad about it but she says the best 103 you dont inquirer. I recieved a letter from Lizzie Martin this evening and she said she was coming home the 25th of this month she said she sas coming on the train 5 pm and we should meet her.

What is the reason Joe dont write home I think he might write as much as you do because he knows Ma freats so when she dont hear from him for so long tell him to write.

Susie Gerner left Heiter's last Thursday she is visiting at our house for a few weeks and then she is going home for a few weeks and then coming over again and Look for a place. She told me I should tell you she hasent got her silk Hankerchief yet Charley wont give it to her and she stole his ring from him. Johny I suppose you and Joe know Frank Mittler he is up in Soldiers home now. It is bad wether here now the bay was all apened and the Hayes made a trip and it is all frozen again the Hayes is laid up again. Tony Wetterer does not come over to the house he is angry with me yet I seen him last night Susie spoke to him I often do for fun but he wont answer but I dont care I dont keep my sponk up like he does. Johny O'Brien is working at Norwalk yet he give Susie the bounce he has another girl up there and she has another fellow his name is Mike Shoots. And Pat was to Cleveland and did not let his father know it and he got a place and promised to come up as today and when he got home to get some clothes his father would not let him go so now he is left. I will close hoping to hear from you soon only 3 months to stay Johny yet I cant wait.

Our best regards to you both and best wishes from all the girls and boys and from Susie.

From your affectionate
Friend
Lizzie Zipfel

Answer Soon and dont wait so long as I did. Excuse the bad writing.

Yesterday was lection day and Mr. Hunt the horse docter was elected Sloan was beat.

St. Mary's Institute
Dayton, Ohio
April 26, 1881

Dear Friend Lizzie !

Your kind letter of the 21st was duly received and I was glad to hear from you. I suppose you are having a fun time since Lizzie Martin is at home again. You asked me if I received Susie Germer's letter. I did, but Joe did not receive a letter of her. What is Pat O'Brien doing in Sandusky now. give him our best regards.

Lizzie we had a nice at our entertainment. I wish you would have been here. There were many boys and some ladies from town. I send the notes of the German Fifth home today, but I do not know why my parents do not receive my letters. I wrote a letter the 16, 20 and 25 of April and did not receive a letter only a card asking why we do not answer our letters and I answer that. Please tell my parents to write soon. I will write another letter to them tonight. Having no news I will close hoping to hear from you soon.

Many kisses to my parents and to yourself.
From your Friend John

Please write soon and tell me if they
are all well at home.

St. Mary's Institute
Dayton, Ohio
Thursday
May 5, 1881

Dear Friend Lizzie !

Your letter of the thirs inst was duly received and was glad to hear from you. I'll bet you was surprised when you saw Lizzie at home. I think in a week from today you will see me at home. And why do you not let Joe know if he can go home with me to get confirmed. He would like to go very much. You said Susie wrote a letter to Joe, he did not see it. I do not know what is the matter with the mail. The other day I rec'd a card of Clara and Tilla of Port Clinton and asked why I do not answer their letter they said they sent me a girl photo and two letters but I never saw them there must be something wrong with the mail or brothers.

I wrote eight letters since three weeks to my parents and they did not receive half of them. You can see that we are not treated so good as we was for the first for or five weeks the brothers are awful mean to some of the boys. The other day there was a show in town so one of the boys went out in the yard while we were saying out night prayers jumped over the fence and went to the show. The brothers did not take notice of this but missed him in bed. In the morning when we got up to go in the yard we saw him standing at the door. But he got his pants oiled up you bet. For punishment he had to write all the comandments all the prayers did not dare to speak to any one for a week And every time we went to the play-ground the Bros stood him at a tree. Lizzie you will please excuse me for this time. I must be in a hurry for this is a skipp Answer very soon and give my best love to all enquiring friends

From
John

Many kisses
Good bye

Nazareth, near Dayton, O.
May 21, 1881

Dearest Friend John,

I received your most kind and welcome letter and was very glad to hear from you. I am very sorry you have a sore throat. I feel very lonesome since you left. I received Cora's picture yesterday and was glad to see it. I will take care of your drawing tools till I came home. I will get one of those pictures and send it to your Grandmother as soon as possible. I will let you know about Swarts address as soon as I get to see him. I think I will go to town next week to see him. I suppose you know that Campbell, Atkinson, and Lonsway went home, and that I am the Captain of the nine. We had a Philosophical entertainment on Friday, May 20, enclosed you will find one of the programmes.

Having no more news I will close sending my best regards from all the brothers. Kindest regards from Bro. Yeck.

I remain

Yours truly

Joseph Zipfel

Answer soon

Regards from all the boys at St. Mary's Institute.

Dear John,

Please accept my thanks for that beautiful picture. I was as much pleased as surprised on receiving it. With kindest regards and best wishes for your success & happiness.

I remain Yours affectionately,

Bro. Matthew

Dayton, May 21/81

Feb. 27, 1883

Mr. Johnnie Feick
Sandusky
Ohio

Dearest Johnnie

With the greatest of pleasure I will take
pen in hand to answer your kind and welcome letter. How
did you get home yesterday and what did your _____ say.
Johnnie Ill

and a visit and have as good a time as I did _____ Johnnie wish
I could be with you forever. You were _____

you can believe I will never have to have another one
but you _____ me the only one I ever _____ it
my thing of _____ hope if _____ sure _____ the same
Johnnie tell me in your next letter if _____ please

I suppose by this time you are thinking upon going to the Danee
I hope you will have a good time.
_____ will answer Sophie's letter _____ if I have time.

_____ that it will not come welcome but
I will write the last letter so she cannot say that I did not
answer.

Johnnie did you get _____ believe it began to snow yesterday
I will close now and go down stairs, we have ^{got} some company
_____ and _____ Girles (Sirles?) they are full of fun
they have kept me in laughing all the afternoon

Huge Hug and
a Kiss to you
Dearest Johnnie

Answer soon tell me all _____ - I care about (you)
Think of me ev er
(Julia)Heinz?

Johnny please do not get mad at me for writing such a letter
Hope you will not get angry at me please do not.

St. Mary's Institute
Dayton, Ohio
Washington's Birthday February 22/81

Dearest old Sugar Lump,

Your affectionate letter was most welcome. I am in excellent health and am glad to hear you are the same. What is the reason that Pat O'Brien left Hart's? I thought Toney Wetterer would get sick of the butcher trade before a month passed.

You asked me if I got ~~any~~ ^{any} valentines. ~~I~~
I got one and that is a daisy. The

writing looks something like that of

Geo. Daniels but I suppose you know something about it. I received a letter from Lizzie Martin she writes you want her to come home. she said she should get there after a while. It is funny that Geo. Faubert did not receive my letter. He asked me why

I was so offended at him. I write a letter to him + tell him all about. I suppose you know we are to stay till July. When you come to ^{pay us a} visit let us know when you are coming so we can meet you at the train +

Lizzie I wrote a letter to you last week. did you receive it? Lizzie please ask pa or ma why they do not answer my letters any sooner. Grandma wrote me a beautiful German letter. Did Susie Gerner get my letter? How is it I do not hear anything of her for the last month. You will please excuse me this time I will write more in my next letter. My love to you and my parents and all my friends.
Many kisses to you all
From your true + loving friend

John Feick
St. Mary's Inst

Write soon & don't forget to
come soon

Another year has passed over our door
Sweet 12 you'll ~~be~~ ^{see} no more
Though one year older you will be
But it can not change my
Love for thee

Mary X



Tuesday Aug 25, 1885.

Mrs. John Fack.

Dear friend Lizzie.

I will say I received your last postal that you send, but I never received an answer to my last letter, but now I will write in Steve's name, to let you know that he received your beautiful present and was ever so pleased with the dishes and he is ever & ever so much obliged to you all for all your kindness, and we were very sorry that none of you could be there. Joe told us about your losing your young son. We feel ever so sorry

for you, but there is one consolation
the poor child is well taken care of.
I have no doubt you feel very lonely
but time will heal all sorrow.
I suppose Johnny must feel terribly
bad. I offer my sincerest sympathy.
Now Lizzie, I don't know much
news to write this time, in fact
time is so short that I will have
to bring my writing to a close,
but I will write more the next
time, if you answer this soon.
Our kindest regards from us all
to yourself & Johnny & write soon
to your

Buffalo Friend
Kate Reimann

Excuse haste.



Mrs. Lizzie Peck

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Ohio.