

Black River Falls, Wis.  
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Dear Parents:

I received your letter on the tenth. I am well at present and hope these few lines may find you enjoying the same. I am going to leave this place in the course of a week or two. When I leave this place I am going back to America or Igwa. I said I was going back to America for Black River Falls is not considered to be in America by the greatest Felosophers of the day because it is such a mean place and so near the north pole. The people here have not laid aside their overcoats until fall for they find occasion to wear them every day. I received Philip's (letter) and wrote back to him but I expect by the time my letter gets there he will be gone for he has not long enough in one place since he left college to receive a letter from this place. When I leave this place I shall go to Gilmores.

Yours truly,

J. S. Kiester