

Farmington, March 13, 1895

Dear Sister Hilt,

Feeling it my duty and also the deepest respect for you, I write, thanking you for your great kindness to my dear boy, he often made mention of you in his letters, telling me of his comfortable home with you and now, I cannot express the gratitude I feel for your care to him, during his illness, it must have been hard, and a painful task to see him suffer, and then to die, it is a great trial for us to have him taken away, never to return home, anymore, such a good loving son as he was, it is hard to bear, and yet we must say, the Lord's will be done.

Will you please write, and tell me all the particulars of his sickness and death and burial and what his last words were, whether he spoke of mother, whether he wanted to live or was reconciled to die, did he realize his sufferings, was he administered to and prayed for "with laying on of hands?" or was there no Elders or brethren there to anoint with oil? Oh! Sister Hilt I cannot see why the Lord did not spare his life, or send an Angel to heal him, he was so good, so noble, or do you think his task was done here, and he was needed on the "other side": did he not express a wish to live! Tell me all you can concerning him.

I had a loving letter written to him on his birthday already to send the 28th, the night before we received the terrible news. A letter also I sent about the first part of Feb, so that he would get it on his birthday, the 28th of Feb., he was 24 years old, I enclosed one dollar, if you received that letter please open it and take the dollar for yourself. Brother Clark wishes you to send the account of poor John's expenses. There was also a letter about the first of January, containing a 4-LB draft did John receive it or not?

Brother Clark will write to Bro. Robinson and arrange with him when he comes home to bring John's diary and papers and will you please taken care of his watch until it can be sent home, I suppose those things can come after a time, perhaps they can be disaffected. I mean his papers, and watch, and such things, the Dr. would know.