

Letter from Sally Palmer to Zemira's sister
Lovina Palmer (Munro/Brandon/Bulkley)

Orderville Jan 16 1881

Dear Sister I now sit down to answer your kind and welcome letter. I was glad to hear from you but was sorry to hear of your poor health. For without health life is not much comfort to us. Still I suppose we must acknowledge the hand of the Lord in all things. For he says he is angry with none, only those that will not do this. That is the way I console myself & try to do all that is required of me the best I can under my circumstances, and then leave the rest in the hands of the Lord. I have found that when I do this I feel well. We are all well at present that is here. Jimmy is out to sheep herd this winter. He takes it very hard about loosing his wife. I feel worse for him than myself for I have had so much trouble that I have this lesson that I just wrote to you. But he is so young and is so severe a trial to come at the very first that it seems so hard for him that he can hardly endure it. There was a young man in St George that was about his age lost his wife and in about 3 weeks

after he got to studying & wrote a letter & laid it on the table for his father to settle his affairs and pay his debts and went and laid on the bed. He had his wife's likeness in his hands and shot himself in the breast & killed him. Now I think this is the longest way he could of taken to go to his wife. The children are at Sunday school and they go to every day school and are learning very well. And they go to prayers. That is a rule we have. Every night we meet & sing. Most always some one talks a little & then have prayers. This is a very good plan. I think it helps to unite us together. & we are learning to keep in the path of our duty. When I see my children taking a right course it makes me feel so thankful that I hardly know how to express my feelings for this blessing. If I can live so it will continue with us I shall be contented. William Munroe's wife's sister lives by me. She wants to know where they live. She can't find out to write to them. She has got a little girl sick now. She has got 4 children. Well write often. I have so much to do that it seems that I hardly can write to so many of the children down there, & my folks up north. But I will write once in a while so as not to forget all the folks. Well good bye. Sally Palmer

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