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Dear Father &amp; Mother

I rec<sup>d</sup> your kind letter  
this morning. And as I ~~am~~  
expect to go to New York  
again this afternoon I would  
answer it before I went. It is  
quite cold here this morning  
it was so cold last night  
it was with difficulty that  
I could keep warm enough to  
sleep. I have been to N. York  
since I last wrote. I ~~went~~ started  
last Thursday night and got  
back Sunday morning. I got  
my pay when I was there  
I had to pay \$15.00 that I  
borrowed and lent \$3.00 and \$1.00  
left. It has cost me considerable  
to go to N. York and is likely  
to cost me more as I am likely

to be detailed to go every few days. The last time we went we did not lose but one man and that was after we got to Castle Garden N. Y., waiting for transportation to Beakers Island. The wind blew and the dust flew so that the fellow took advantage of it and skedaddled. And I have not got any more money than I would like to keep. I know you will think I am spending a great deal of money, and so I am. Some of ~~the~~ our boys have spent all their pay. I expect to come back day after tomorrow from N. Y. I would like to have seen John first rate. How did he seem to feel about Mary's death. Too bad he couldn't have seen her before she died. No more at present.

I dont know as you can hardly  
read this as it is so cold I  
can hardly write. I send a  
letter <sup>with this</sup> that mother can put  
away with the rest.

Give my love to all and save  
a good share for yourself

From your Son  
G. W. Pearl