

Tonawanda March 29/40

Father dear Sir

I have neglected to write you quite long enough. I have attempted to write you often but have not taken the right opportunity; it has been on week day or evenings and I would not get through on account of being disturbed with customers, so I thought I would stay from Church today and write. I have been quite constant to Church the past winter, the Mazurkas they continue their meetings have had quite a revival some 30 or 40 added to their number they are very much engaged, I was in their society last Sabbath. It reminded me of meetings that I attended twenty years ago I cannot say that I have been profited by attending Church altho I had reformed, I am completely weaned from liquor and chewing tobacco when I had once made up my mind it was no trouble to quit, and probably I never will indulge any more, it has been over 4 weeks since I quit and I feel first rate, I did think it was necessary to drink to drown family matter trouble, but I am satisfied that it made it worse. I believe in all affirmations in order to have them lasting we should not be in a big hurry, in deciding, allowing my rule to be correct I have great confidence in my change. I had carried the thing full far enough, altho I do not realize any bodily disarrangement on account of drink, it probably issuing to having drunk good liquor in stead of a poor article of which I have drunk for the last 2 years quite freely, I find myself today sound in body and mind and weigh 204 lbs and younger ever altho 40 years of age, I take great satisfaction in attending to my business, a part of which is caring for and educating my children, and they appear to highly appreciate the advantages they have, which affords me great satisfaction, connected with other favours we enjoy excellent good health, and we have no reason to complain. I do believe I do feel grateful to my Creator ~~in return~~

we have got through another winter, and been able to pay expenses
although quite large, about \$10⁰⁰ per week and business steamer to
fish on, the prospect is that there will be an increase in business
this coming summer, our last. The Sailors are fitting up their
Vessels and getting ready for the opening of navigation which
will be about the first of next month. The Ice is coming
down the River quite rapid, it cleared the creek and
harbor about two weeks ago, fishing with the seine
has been good this spring, and some days with the hook,
there are new improvements going on in town in building
for new machinery on quite large building went up last
week, and a boat yard was opened just below the distill
on a small scale one Boat on the stocks, side wheel Boat
to run from and to this point, or port, the calculation
is she will make two trips a day to and from Buffalo
I have not heard from William since he left him two weeks
tomorrow he thought he would write, we have had no letter
from him, I suppose he is all right, and will be home this
week, I cannot say when I shall come down I would like very
much to make you and Brothers and Sisters a visit - but my way
is Business before pleasure in all cases, I think I will
make it convenient to call down in the course of the
summer, if I do not stay long, please come
up and see us soon, and tell Brothers and Sisters
to to the same, you will please forgive my
neglect in delaying so long to write you
and believe me when I say my love and
friendship to you is and I hope ever will be that
of a son to a worthy Father

From
James Warner
Tonawanda to his
Father

Ezra Warner
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ps: please give my love to all