Mr G Birnie
Thorndale near
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Dear Father

As Mrs Darby is now in Town and intends going out on Monday next I will answer you last letter I receved the book you sent to me but have not begun to study it yet. Mr Rodgers says that he wishes me to be better acquainted with common Arithmetic than I am. I am now in the extraction of the square root, I believe I am soon going to commence Euclid. I am afraid that your chance of getting a man is but a verry bad one for I saw a late advertisement in the Paper for five Hundred ~~men~~ to work on the rail road and I suppose if there were any idle hands they have all gone to it. Flour and wheat are not quite so high as they were for I blieve that there has been some late news from Europe stating that the crops there are not so bad as the ~~it was~~ reported to be. I believe you can get from a dollar 12 to 20 cents ~~from~~ for good wheat, Flour is between 6 and seven dollars a barrel. There was a public examination at Garrison Forest a few days since the boys all came of verry well I would have liked to have gone but as Mr Rogers did ~~should~~ not go I could not. You will please let Hester know that the price of Springs Essays was 62½ cents

I remain your aff
Rogers Birnie