

After 2½ weeks my stay here is coming to its end. I have begun to feel "settled" in and attached, and am more than sorry to go! I had a taste of most everything now: a really stirring massmeeting in a rural community, an almost-arrest, a Sunday Service in a "Holy Roler" Church...! Not so much change ~~XXaa~~ progress has taken place since my last report about a week ago. Our school groups and classes have become more firmly established, schedules function quite orderly, the house looks more and more equipped and furnished. I myself have tried to sit in at afternoon-classes on various subjects in order to remedy the lack of knowledge of what is going on around me which I felt last week! - There are some youngsters with really delightful and impressive abilities. The "Freedom News", our Student paper, is proof of that. Then there are some giggly, embarrassed, some pretending to speak their own mind and thoughts but really sounding more like repeating, consciously or not, a lot of what has been said to THEM in the recent days or weeks, impressed by their own importance, being suddenly the center of attention and concern. It is only too natural and nobody should be deceived by it. To evaluate the student-teachers would be arrogant at this point. As far as my own students are concerned progress has been made, especially in the human relationship. We have quite naturally fallen to conversation through the material I'm letting my two ladies read. Both "dialogue" beautifully with each other across me sitting in the middle. The discuss conditions, their own attitudes and those of their neighbors. Both are pretty hard on those apathetic or fearful among them. Especially one, the mother of eleven children, is highly intelligent, angry, proud, strongwilled. She is obsessed by the desire to learn wherever she has a chance and tries to instill the same in her children, many of whom come to our school. I am now trying to instill in both of them a sense of responsibility they should have towards going beyond their very personal sphere and using their ability, their articulateness to influence people around them, become 2 of those leaders in the community of whom it needs so many and waits for so eagerly. I certainly want to recommend both women urgently to the attention of the staff as potentials for further and future development. They might give much more to us and their own than I may have been able to give to them in the way of grammar and spelling. Their names: Mrs. Amanda Folsom and Mrs. Alice Davidson. I close with regret because I know I shall miss this life and all people connected with it. I shall think back with affection and concern for all my fellow-workers all over the State and also with hope for all those bright eyed ~~young~~ young people in our schools and centers.