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noon I was at home in Keosauqua & thank the Lord I found my children in good health except my Daughter & she is quite feble but has been doing her own work until this day & they have just got a girl there is a Circus Show in town & quarterly meeting is in progress & I got to see quite a number of my friends & acquaintances, evening our Elder Rev Lyman Briggs preached text Jobe Who is the Lord that I Should Serve him & what proffit &c

DUBUQUE IN 1836

The town of DuBuque is handsomely situated on the west bank of the Mississippi River, in latitude 42 degrees 30 minutes, about 500 miles by water above St. Louis. It is built on a level prairie, which rises about fifteen [corrected to seventy in next issue] feet above high water mark, and is from a half mile to a mile in width from the river to the bluff, and about two miles in length. There are already surveyed thirty-five blocks, which are sub-divided into 280 town lots, all of which are occupied by houses and gardens. The village contains about 1,000 inhabitants and 250 buildings of different descriptions, among which are fifteen dry goods stores, and one Methodist meeting house. A large Catholic church is now building, and preparation is making for building a Presbyterian church. Situated as the town is, in the vicinity of the richest lead mines and surrounded by a good farming country with as fertile a soil as any in Wisconsin Territory and located on the bank of the Mississippi, the great highway of the western country where steamboats continually arrive and depart, we may safely calculate that the place will continue to improve rapidly.—*BuBuque Visitor*, DuBuque, Wisconsin Territory, May 11, 1836. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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