



George B. Wright and Family Papers

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Dear Willie,

Tuesday Nov 8th Boston

I write in a great hurry to night, for the bundle must go to Mr May's in season for him to take it tomorrow.

I have inquired of several persons what you wished me to find out, but could not get a very satisfactory answer. They say that Gule cottage is not near St James' Church, near a Mr. Train lives one side of it, and two old maids the other. I cannot imagine why you wish to know.

I am not sorry to hear that you have agreed to correspond with Miss Chapman, for I think it will improve your writing. I need not say much about that. To night, though, but I am afraid that if you have gone as far as that, your fair friend at home, is in a hopeless condition. Her letters that I may see them, for I should like to know what sort of a girl she is.

I finished your purse this morning, but you must get it till you come for it. We all want you to come very much.

I suppose you have had fine coasting on the snow. I wish I was there to enjoy

them with you.

It has been raining all day to day, began yesterday afternoon, and I had the pleasure of being caught out in it, and, as usual at such times, came home a fort disabled.

We went out to Hunt A. S. this afternoon, tho' it was not a very pleasant afternoon for a ride. You doubtless will be glad to hear of the health of your friend Pierce. He has grown a great deal, and is inconceivably jistly, but above all natural wonders, in his mistress's eyes; he has a double row of teeth, like a shark, all round, both in his upper & under jaw.

I don't know as you can read this; I never wrote a more "barbarous scrawl," but I have forty-seven excuses for it. I am in a great hurry & a bad pen, not in the pen however, & such a jabber all round am almost crazy.

In the enclosed package we children send ^{one brother} ~~you~~ a few sugar plums &c. hope they won't come amiss. Your Papa send some of a harder kind, which I know will be acceptable. And a book which cannot help being a welcome visitor. George sends you a little chatter such as they use about the streets, only on a more refined scale, you will soon find out the use of it.

Don't take example by my writing or enquire where I learnt, but it Miss Mary often, beautiful what you write to Miss

Chapman, and believe me your affectionate
Sister,
Annie.

[from Anne B. Clarke]

My dear Son

As Annie has written you all the family news it is not needful for me to add more. — I enclose you three dollars to pay your expenses down, be sure and not spend any of it before you start, and buy your ticket through to Boston. —

You will please bring with you what clothes that need mending, also what dirty clothes you may have, perhaps you can bring all you wish to in a bag or bundle, should you want a carpet bag I can send you one by the express. —

I shall be glad to have you show the May's all the attention you can perhaps you may be able to show them some of the Mattleboro' Lions. —

Truly your father in aff
C. W. Clark

P.S. you had better consult Mr Brown as to the clothes you had better bring home. Don't come without your side coat.

Annie

Master T. William Clarke

7 Prattleboro

Politeness }
Mellay }

Vt

{1849-1850} [Undated]

Boston Dec 16th

Dear William [To Thomas W. Clarke]

I received a letter from
you this morning which made me very uneasy,
I am sorry that your sled is the fastest in
Brattleborough, for I fear it will be the cause
of many accidents - I wish Willie that you
would not be so violent & be more careful;
if you do not take care of your bruise
you may be lame for life; you write
so hurriedly & carelessly that I cannot tell
how much you are hurt, if there is any
swelling or pain, you had better go &
show it to the Dr. if not you had better
get a bottle of rum, Mrs B will lend
you a bottle & get a few cents worth of
wormwood & strip it off the stalks &
put it into the bottle with the rum, &
bathe yourself two or three times a day
with it & keep it for the purpose of
using when you are hurt - Then
I wish you to take an ounce of salt-
Epsom, & take the whole before breakfast
live very light all day, without meat
or much solid, this will be good for the
bruise as well as the cold - keep yourself

warm I do not go out all day —
if this does not make your cold better
you had better ask Mrs B if you had not
better ask the Dr I do not want you to go on until
you are sick, as to the cough remedy it only
puts your stomach out of order, without doing
you any good, a little molasses & hot water
at night is better — but Willie I see just
how it is, you are away from Mr Hatten &
you must attend to yourself, you have
taken this cold by having wet feet this I
knew, now you must see that your socks
are dry all the time, when you go to bed
at night put your back & socks where
they will dry & on no account put on any
wet clothes, any sort of illness will
take hold of you much more strongly than
a more feeble boy — now do attend to
yourself about these matters — you
write in such haste & so indifferently that
I cannot tell how you are at all, with
regard to the jacket, do not give it up on ac-
count of the hole, but ask Mrs B if there is not
some girl, who would mend any thing of this
kind for you — This is what I told you
that you would lose whatever your coun-
sel in — if you are not more careful you
may lose the use of your limbs for life

on your senses, I wish you would think of
this & not be so darning — as to the picture of
B, I should like it much, if it were drawn
by you, but as to paying for it, money is a little
not valuable here to be spent on such pleasant
things, you must remember Willie how large
has been the expenditure for your city, & try
to be more moderate in your demands, I
desire that you make no more, if you are
concerned enough to break a glass worth \$12.50
you certainly ought not to expect any thing for
your own amusement for some time to
come — I presume you are by this time
aware that you have spent too much

I had hoped you would have shown your-
self more of a man, when trusted with
money, than to have spent so much all at
once, but no more of this I have sug-
gested, you must reflect —

I do not know what you mean by scotching
your sheets — you do not tell me any
thing particular about the boys what sort of
boys are they? The things you send for we
will attend to; Mr Hatten sent a bundle
last Friday — Now remember Willie's
attend to your health, do just as I say &
particularly keep your clothes dry & especially
your feet — I write a more careful letter
& not begin with, "I take my pen de la,"

I am very anxious about you, your letter has
wounded me, & I should like to have you
let me know exactly how your catarrh
after taking the salt; (an ounce of Oil will
do as well if you prefer it,) & how your
hunts are, be particular - I know my boy
I hope you will try to be more steady & me-
-morable that nobody loves you more
than your affectionate Mother -

a bundle sent you by Express last
Friday, hope it's safely received

No date
Master J. W. Clarke
Prattleboro.

Vt

Mrs Clarke

[Undated]

{1849-1850}

Christmas Night.

My dear Willie,

I wish you were with us tonight; we have missed you very much all day, for you never have passed a Christmas away from home before. All the family have passed the day nearly as usual, except the three girls, who have been to church three times, once at four o'clock, this morning, ^{again} at ten, &c. This evening they have all gone to Cambridge to see Susan. We did not have much of a Christmas dinner ~~except~~ without even oysters, the almost inseparable ^{accompaniment} of a feast dinner, therefore you did not see much of that scene but it would have been pleasanter to have had the whole family assembled. Last year, you know, Nettie was with us, & we went to the cars with her in the afternoon. This year Aunt Catherine is in a bed. I wonder what, or rather who, it will be next year. Nettie came down here this morning fishing for a present. She comes regularly every at least Christmas, on the same errand, I am

Sorry to say unsuccessfully. She was
going the rounds of her acquaintances
this morning. When she got as far as
our house she had already received a
Jan. Mother thinks she had better
take a basket with her. N.B. She is
too ill to go to school. Have you received
or given any presents? George had a
painted box from mother, so did Ned;
Liz had a silver pin & pair of fur cuffs
from same, and Miss Harrington sent
me a beautiful little box, with a
bottle of perfume in it. Your humble
servant received a bottle of perfume,
& a pair of fur cuffs from her mamma.
Now for gossip, or news, or whatever
you choose to call it. You know Mrs
Bucknam, Mrs Towley's daughter. She died
last week, & was buried exactly
one year from the day she was married.
Mrs D. seems almost broken hearted. At the
funeral Amelia Jones, who is the most
intimate friend what up to the coffin &
laid upon it a beautiful bouquet, with a
card attached to it, on which was written—
"I am very lonely now Mary."
Was it not a beautiful idea?

Our neighbor Helen Brooks is going to
be married immediately to the "Scap

Boiler". She has had a dress maker for sever-
al days, with the curtains drawn close.

I went this afternoon to Carrie's. I have
not been there since you went with
me, can you believe it? We were once
so intimate.

Now to business. The subject of your letter
was quite a speculation, why it should
be kept so secret. I advise you not to
care to send it exactly at New Years.
But wait a convenient, private oppor-
tunity. By all means before you send
it get a cup of skim milk & go very gently
over it with a soft brush; making
several coats, as it were varnish.

This will prevent its rotting. Be
sure to have the milk very blue.

They all intend to write to you with
the content of yours & this letter.

Give my best respects to your friend
Miss Brown. That is— if you choose.

I have got to write a composition for
week from next Saturday. Subject—
Christmas—Smallest edict on it will
be acceptable, that is if they suit.
What a long letter! More than you deserve.
No matter it is full of nonsense.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
is the sincere wish of all the children & your
affectionate sister Annie. [A. B. Clarke]

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PAID

Annie's

Mr Thomas W Clarke:

Care of Rev. A Brown.

A.B.C.

Brattleboro
Vt.

[undated]

1849-1850?

Dear Willie,

I can't stop now to write you but a few words in answer to your laconic letter, which was not very satisfactory. I expected to be informed of your motives for inquiring who lived next door to Gule Cottage, I suppose therefore the answer was not satisfactory.

I am quite astonished to hear that my brother, who was always considered so very gallant to the ladies, should conduct himself so rudely towards them; I perceive there is no danger of your forgetting Ada out of regard to either of the Miss B's; but I much fear, from the accounts I receive, that Miss Chapin may prove a dangerous rival. How many times have you written to her. Be sure and let me see her letters; I feel particularly troubled with West's complaints concerning her; she must be a very fascinating person to have thus captivated and carried away in chains the hearts of so many devoted admirers.

I admire the originality of the writings in your paper & should like much to see Master Shews. What do you mean by the expression, "keeping his eyes peeled"? Do they resemble crabs?

I did not intend to write so much. I am sure you

Don't deserve it, you send me such short letters.

Write once more before you come, to me.

Don't forget your over coat My dearest

We wait impatiently for Saturday

Your affectionate Sister Annie Bee

Clarke

Poetry

Why do you copy into your paper Willie's sufficient matter to fill it? where is the improvement, if there is no originality? any body could copy, I think I would try if I were you to let the subscribers know that I had some imagination, taste & intellect, by writing at least one original piece - try it to please
Your Mother

Boston Nov 16th 1849

My dear William.

As all the family have been desirous to write a few last words to the absent one it is not needful for me to add much.

I will endeavour to send you Tuesday's Newspaper which will probably contain a large proportion of the votes of the State, if you will take the trouble to run your eye over the returns of the City of Boston you will be able to learn how popular your father is as a candidate for Representatives the nomination was made without my knowledge and if I am not elected I shall not care much.

Please be particular to have all your baggage packed snug so as to have no trouble about when you arrive in Boston, should you have more than you can conveniently take in your hand you had better take a cab, or carriage from the cars to the House make a bargain with the driver before you start, 12^{cts} ought to be the price.

Cousin James is in the City, he dined with us yesterday and went to Roxbury with us in the afternoon - Uncle Thomas and our Paris Friends were well

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Don't forget the Boys Hockey
they depend upon them.

Truly Yr father in aff
Calvin W. Clark.

No 10

Annie

Master T. W. Clarke at
Rev^d Addison T. Browns.
Brattleboro
Vermont

paid.

~~New~~ **TRADERS BANK.** (*Expence, on Land in Roxbury.*)

300 Dolls. ~~X~~ Cts.

BOSTON,

July 24 1849.

PAY to

Mr. Clark

or Bearer,

Three hundred

Dollars, ~~X~~ 100

To the Cashier.

Thomas Lord Ho

Calvin W. Clark Esq
J Parent

and 18^r

Chauncy Hall School,
Mar. 17. 1849.

C. W. Clark Esq

Dear Sir,

In regard to William's having a "Double session" as we call it, I would remark, that the privilege is not granted to boys of any particular class or standing. It originated in the fact of our having pupils from the surrounding towns, whom it is desirable to accommodate in this way, especially in the winter. As these boys mostly belong to the upper classes in the school, we have brought their recitations into the morning. Other boys living in the City, have from time to time, been added to the list at the request of their parents. As I habitually stay till 2 o'clock or after, I can oversee them while here, but, of course, cannot be responsible for the mode in which they have spent their afternoons. Abstractly, I do not think so long confinement desirable & should be glad to close the doors from 1 to 3 o'clock for teachers & pupils. You are the best judge of the mode in which William is likely to spend his afternoons. He told

me in a recent conversation, that he did not study much at home. I endeavored to show him the necessity of doing this, if he would have his lessons, &c. At instead of middling, as they now average. He assented to the necessity of this.

Perhaps this would be a good criterion for you to act upon in allowing him to have a double session. He ought to study at home say 1 1/2 hours daily.

At present the boys of his Latin class who reside permanently in the City attend in the afternoon.

We have recently called for a new permission from parents on this subject, because, having allowed it in some cases at a parent's request, we were afterwards ~~so~~ blamed for doing so, where the consequences were, perhaps, undesirable, the request having been, we suppose, forgotten; & this responsibility we did not wish to bear longer.

Very truly,
Your friend &c.
J. Cushing, Jr.
for
Thayer Cushing,

Augusta Sept. 19, 1849.

[To Calvin W. Clarke]

My dear uncle,

Knowing that you feel an interest in what ever concerns the happiness and welfare of my dear mother, I deem it my duty to inform you that severe and alarming sickness has fallen upon several members of our family. My father and three brothers, Bowman, George + Robert are lying sick with the typhus fever. This disease is, in this neighborhood, unusually formidable. What may be the issue with our friends is known to Him only with whom are the issues of life. Bowman was first attacked, about the middle of August. He has passed the most dangerous crisis and is now convalescent. Father was taken soon after and is still dangerously ill. I visited him last Sabbath and though I found him somewhat more comfortable than when I saw him a fortnight before, his case is yet considered a very critical one. He exhibits symptoms which the physicians regard as unfavorable, and which taken in connection with his advanced years render his recovery quite doubtful. He is in his 69th year. - He says he has lived as long as he can be useful, or as life is pleasant, and desires to depart. We feel however that he was never of more service to his family

at any period of his life, than he has been for the year past. It is not, we are aware, desirable that life should be prolonged beyond the period when the faculties of body & mind fall into decay. Still his life has hitherto been one of usefulness and uprightneſs, and we can but pray that he may be spared to us yet longer.

George was taken down last week and is exceedingly sick. Robert is in about the same condition. He had entered college at Waterville at the last commencement and returned home sick last Friday. They have good constitutions and are in the full vigor of life. With them we may hope for a favorable result but the disorder is attended with danger under all circumstances.

The rest of the family are, I am thankful to say, as well as could be expected, considering the fatigue & anxiety they have undergone. God hath shown us unmeasured favor, and I trust we shall ^{not} repine under this seeming chastisement.

Mother desired me to express her love for you and her wish to hear from you and your family. A word of remembrance and sympathy from you, in this time of her trial and affliction, would I know be very grateful to her feelings. Please ^{present} my regards to Mrs Clark, and I remain, with much esteem

Your friend & nephew
Wm M. Stratton

[To Calvin W. Clarke]

Augusta Sept. 27. 1849

Dear uncle —

I have the painful duty to perform
to apprise you of the decease of my brother
George on Saturday last — and of my father
last evening

Brother Robert and sisters Mary &
Emily are very sick —

In great haste

Your affec. nephew

Wm M. Stratton



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Calvin W. Clark Esq
Boston
Mass.



[1849]
Sunday, Sept 30th 1849.

My dear Willie, [To Thomas W. Clarke]

By the time you read this you will have gone partly forth into the world; not so much it with all its hardships and temptation, but you have for the first time in your life, left the watchful care of your parents, and gone among comparative strangers. You will not be exempt from trials and temptations, though yours will be an easier lot than the one you will be obliged sometime to experience. Those who in future are to take the place of parents to you are very kind, no doubt, but, be they ever so kind, and ever so watchful, they cannot entirely supply the place of your own. You will have to act more on your own responsibility than you have hitherto done, and therefore the more guarded and vigilant should you be.

Now is the time, if you ever intend to come

menace a new life. Do not read this carelessly, but seriously reflect. Have you hitherto done as your conscience entirely approves? I am not with you to have you reply, but seriously and solemnly would you wish to continue in the course you have done? Would you, if you were to be called before God in one week, could you occupy that week as you did the previous one, giving the rein to your feelings and permitting them to carry you wherever they please? You

You have one great fault, Willie, which must be as obvious to you as to every one else. You are afflicted with a bad temper. . . Probably there will be no temptation for you to indulge in those violent bursts of passion which I have sometimes seen you in; but there will be times when you feel petulant and disturbed, when all seems to go wrong, and every event is in opposition to your wishes. At such times do not give way to your feelings, and endeavor to view every thing on its bright side, for "There is no cloud so dark, that has not a silver lining," and after a few attempts you will succeed. Do not be discouraged if, after many endeavors, you cannot conquer, for there is one way left, which will never fail, I refer to prayer. Pray that you may be enabled to see a good purpose in every little event; do not consider common every day occurrences of too trifling importance

to pray for, because without little events there could be no great ones. I have often thus tried to find concealed behind such little disappointments some good purpose, & believe me, I have never failed, by practicing thus you will be surprised to find how soon you have your feelings under control.

Mr Emerson says that if at the moment of temptation you would resort to prayer, you would be able to resist every thing.

My own temper is as hasty as yours, and I have made many attempts to subdue it, but still, on some occasions, it will burst forth, I am ashamed to say, much more violently than it ought, yet still I think I can never have prayed for power to conquer it with the true earnestness I should have done, or I should have succeeded better; but from this time I am determined what to do. Let us both try Willie to govern our tempers that we may say when we meet again we have never once given way to it, and if we should never see each other again, by this attempt how much nearer we shall be to our Father in Heaven.

You have never heard me speak thus, and are probably surprised that I should write so, but, believe me, all that I have said comes from ~~that~~ heart and that it may touch yours is the earnest prayer of your affectionate sister,

Annie.

[From Anne Balch Clarke]

Ms. T. W. Clark

Brattleborough

Annie Clark

Boston Oct. 1849

My dear Son [To Thomas W. Clarke]

You are about to leave the home of your childhood, to assume new responsibilities in an untried path; you are to be given in charge to those who will to you stand in the place of your Father & Mother, & in whom your parents have the largest confidence. Look to it William, that you feel the importance of these responsibilities, & are faithful to them.

Remember that your Father has earned with unremitting exertion the money he now so freely spends for you, & remember too, your Mother's many weary watchings, over your upward infancy, her anxious care of your boyhood, & her days, & nights, of anguish when the hand of God was so heavily laid upon you, & you were stretched on the bed of sickness; let these things urge you for their sakes, not to disappoint their hopes in you after years; for your own sake, "shun all that is evil & cleave to that which is good," & for the sake of gratitude to God for your very numerous blessings, show in your character, & life, that purity of heart which alone is acceptable in the sight of him, who so liberally provides you with all things to enjoy. I hope that you will feel, & know, that any act of misconduct in you however small, is just so much taken out of the happiness of your parents' declining years, therefore do not let any day pass without the duty of self examination at night, & endeavour that the result of this, shall show some good action performed, or some person benefited by you each day.

Remember that you have a kind Father in Heaven, & do not find yourself too much hurried in the morning, or too sleepy at night to thank him for

at least for his protection, & for all his other blessings, & to make known to him all your various wants taking care always to say, (in the spirit not in the letter) when asking for benefits, "not thy will, but thine oh God be done," & do not let your petitions be entirely offered for temporal gifts, when you are in so much need of spiritual aid, should any thing occur to prevent your morning sacrifice, be sure to find some time in the day to perform this duty, which will be just as acceptable to your Heavenly Father, arising from one place as another, provided a proper spirit is manifested, never omit it.

If any thing should befall you, apply first to God for support & direction, you cannot succeed in any thing without prayer, & then write home, keep no secrets away from your best friends.

Cultivate personal purity in every shape, make for yourself regular habits, try to give as little trouble as possible to others, always taking care of your own books & things, & do not omit attention to your teeth in the morning, else the day may pass without so convenient an opportunity, & the whole duty of doing every thing in its proper time, may be neglected.

If you are at all uncertain how to act in any case, ask Mrs. Brown, speak to her as you would to your Mother, she will like to have you.

Do not waste your time in frivolous pursuits but make the most of this opportunity for study in the quiet of the country, establish a habit of improving every moment, for this purpose when you are

walking or digging, or alone, do not fritter the moments away, by thinking to no purpose, but try to put your thoughts into some shape, so that you may be arranging in your mind some subject of composition which you may have to write, this will teach you the better use of language, & also to compose more easily, & likewise tend to give you industrious habits, which you so much need.

And now my son I know of no other directions which will express my desires towards you so well, as those given by Mr Peabody to his son when he was about to leave home for a few months, I will therefore transcribe them for your use.

1st Never forget that you have a Heavenly Father, speak to him every day. It will be ungrateful to neglect him, & if you do you will repent it bitterly forever.

2^d Remember your friends at home & how anxious they are for your welfare, & improvement, if you will ^{state the trouble of} write to them, they can have no confidence in your affections.

3^d Be affectionate & faithful to the friends around you. Give up your own inclinations when they interfere with theirs.

4th Govern your passions firmly, you can be their master, do not be their slave.

5th Always attend to duties first, & afterwards to pleasure. Finish with your studies before you allow

your amusements to begin.

6th

Do not read much fiction. It is to the mind what drinking is to the body: it intoxicates & destroys the power of the mind, for any strong & useful ~~purpose~~ ^{exertion}.

7th

Ask of every thing which you are disposed or tempted to do, Is it right? If it is do it however much it costs you: if it is not, let nothing induce you to do it. Every time you obey your conscience you increase its power within you. Every time you act against it, you do something to destroy its power.

8th

Never forget that you are on the way to a world where you must answer for every thing that you have done. Live so that you may give in your account with joy & not with dread."

And now my son in conclusion, I would pray, that God would bless you, & keep you from all evil, & grant that the promising bud of your childhood, may have been so innocently formed, as to produce in these, your boyish days, those pure blossoms, which alone can ripen into that unblemished fruit, which is Gods most acceptable nourishment for the soul of Man.

Most affectionately
Yr Mother
A. H. Clark

Boston Octr 10th 1849.

My dear William. [To Thomas W. Clarke]

We are indebted to you for several pleasant, tho' too hasty scrawls, for I regret to say we can hardly call them letters, believe me my dear boy that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and I hope & trust that hereafter you will bestow a little more time & give your epistles more thought, that they may do your talents the justice they deserve. —

I forwarded you by Bigelow's express to day Liddell & Scott's Greek lexicon, also Sophocles Greek depons as requested, they doubtless are in Brattleboro' ere this, if you have not received the bundle please call at the express office & get it, the carriage I paid here. — Mr B says you wrote for a book to write your Greek exercises in, which you omitted to do, perhaps one of the writing books I gave you will answer, but if not you can obtain a suitable one at Brattle^{boro}.

Mr Brown writes me that you are getting along with your studies very satisfactorily, & also informs us that you make yourself very agreeable to those about you, by reading aloud, & entering into the spirit of what is doing in the family. —

We are getting on at Kingston Street about as usual, we think of you constantly, & often say

(Please fold your letter, like this, you will disgrace the Vermont Coll Genl, he likes his letters folded right. — take time and do all you have to do neatly. —)

I should like to know what Wm is about, we have had but one fair day since you left us, and by the papers I send you in the bundle with the books you will see what a terrific storm we have had, the top of the Eng Brig on Cohasset rocks with upwards of 100 lives is dreadful, the light house on Minots ledge had an awful shaking, & it was feared it would be carried away.

I have received letters from Winslow informing me of the death of your uncle Stratton, & also of your cousin George, & ~~also~~ that two other members of the family had been taken down with the Typhus fever, making six or seven members of the family that had been ~~swore~~ sick with it. — we have all of us been more or less unwell with heavy colds, mother quite sick, but we are now getting better. — Ned & George like Mr Howles' school very much, & we think they are getting on famously. — Nelly strained one of her hind legs last Saturday, & has been quite lame ever since, Iere has rubbed it with Rum & I hope we shall be able to use her in a day or two, I have not yet decided on a place to board her this winter, perhaps you may hear, or know of some good person at Brattleboro. that would like to take her, if you should, please let me know, and on what terms they would take her. — We should like to receive from you a good long, thoughtful letter, giving us an acct of your companions, how you like them, & all other particulars of your doings. — Very truly & affectionately
in aff C. W. Clark

Dear William

I am very glad to hear from you so often, & more delighted than you can tell, to hear Mr Brewns good account of you — I hope you will not neglect to practice your drawing — do draw me a sketch of some place in B. & bring it down when you come, I have a beautiful flying horse of yours, which I was looking at the other day with great astonishment.

I hope you will study Spanish enough not to forget what you already knew.

Who do you mean by the young man that has absented himself? — Do you room alone? Perhaps you will buy a bag of nuts with you when you come home, it must be fine fun to get them.

My dear boy never forget your morning & evening duties, & always remember

Yours Affectionately
Mother

Dear Willie,

If you do not write me a longer letter next time I shall not write again, it is very ungrateful in you to write so little. Your purse is getting along nicely. it is almost finished but if you wish write to me I shall not let you know when it is

done. Do send us some more as soon as
you can, we want some very much.

Your affectionate but
dissatisfied

Sister,

Annie

Master Thos. W. Clark
at Rev. A. T. Browne's

Prattboro'

Vt.

Annie

paid.

Boston Octr 20th 1849

My dear William [To Thomas W. Clarke]

We received in course yours of the 13th inst also the book, & a few chestnuts for the children, which they were right glad to get, & they relished finely as coming from you. —

We are all pretty well now, mother's cold is better, Ned went to Mr Perkins' store & eat a quantity of Licquorice which made him quite sick for a day or two, he is wide awake this morn.

I send you by the Express the Book requested also a pair of lined gloves which may prove useful to you. hope & trust your Latin class is going a head, if you have the prettiest girl in Prattleboro for a scholar she ought to have the politest instructor which I trust is the case.

I made the enquiry of you whether there was a good boarding place for Nelly in your Village, Mother also enquired if you room'd alone if not who have you for a companion? please answer, — please excuse my brevity this morn. some of us will write again soon — love from all.

Truly yr father in aff
C. W. Clarke

C. W. Clark

1849

Master Thos W Clark
Brattleboro
Vt

My dear Son.

[Oct. 26, 1849]

As Annie has written you a long letter it is not at this time needful that mother or I should write you at length. — I am very much surprized that You had not received the bundle I sent by Bigelows' express last Saturday mornng, if you have not reced it ere this, please make enquiry at the express office, the carriage I paid, & I cannot believe it is lost. —

We shall be making up another package for you in a few days & will then endeavour to forward all the traps you request — it is rather expensive to pay 25 cts for every little parcel & in these hard times we all must economise. — Yr Father in love

C. W. Clark
Oct 26 '49

The Clarks

1849

Sunday Oct 21 - 1849. Boston.

My dear Willie, [To Thomas W. Clarke]

I am going to keep this letter until I can file
the sheet, for I know you would like much better to receive
one long letter from home than twenty such little nibblets as
we have before sent you. I have so little time now to myself
that I do not know when I shall be able to finish it, but
I shall persevere till I do. Last Thursday we reviewed
to Mr E. in Virgil, & I was the only girl in the class that
did not miss. Are you not proud of your sister? How-
ever there was not so much merit to me for it, be-
cause I studied all the afternoon and evening of the
day before. I have not had any time to work on
your purse except in school, but it is almost fin-
ished. I don't think I shall give it to you however
till New Year. We have all had an invitation to
spend Thanksgiving at Aunt Anna's, and have ac-
cepted; you aside, I hope, be at home to go with us.
We miss you so much since you are gone, that
we look forward to your return with much im-
patience. As for me, I think that instead of time's
wearing off the feeling of your loss, it only increases
it; for every day I wish more and more to see
you. Yesterday Father, Mother, Lizzie, and myself
went to Waltham to see Betrich Mumoe. It
was a very long ride, though a very pleasant one,

Have started at one, and did not get back until
after dark. Bethiah was very glad to see us, and,
as usual, loaded Mother with presents; she
gave her the greatest quantity of those Golden
Eternals you ever saw, and a great bunch of globes,
two little old-fashioned salt cellars, a basket,
some flowers; if we had stayed there much lon-
ger she would have given us all she had. I
am afraid. There were two parrots there, one
of which she has had twenty years, and the
other fifteen; she has thought the oldest to kiss, but
I never shall seek the house again, for she bit
my cheek in a little too painful a manner.

Thursday.

We received a letter from you on Sunday, and another
to day. I am sorry you feel disappointed at not re-
ceiving a letter from home, but when I told Mother
I had begun a letter to you on Sunday, she left it for
me to answer yours, and I have been so busy
that I have had no opportunity. Why do you not
write to me? It is always a letter from Willie to
Father and Mother, never to Annie. We
received your chestnuts on Monday, which we
liked very much, only there was not enough of
them; Father has to pay a quarter of a dollar for
any bundle, large or small, that you send.
So remember next time send mine! We
are quite glad to hear that you are so atten-
tive to the prettiest girl in B. I hope you

will practice with her, so that you will be a-
ble to be more of a beau to your sister when you
come back. I shall expect great attention when
in your 'Thanksgiving Vacation'. One thing please
remember, that there is a young lady by the name
of Ada in Boston, whose heart would break if
she thought she was neglected for another. I guess
that valuable advice on your mind with undelitte-
risk, so that if this letter should happen to be de-
stroyed, the precept may not be annihilated with
it. Won't this letter long & instructive as it is
induce you to write to me? If not I give up in
despair. When I would say if the Spirit moved,
but sleep overcometh it so for the present.

Your affectionated sister bids you good night!
You see I have made no paragraphs in this letter in
order to have more room, but I forgot to tell you one thing.
Miss Sarah Lee, who lived at the end of Milton
Place, died very suddenly on Monday night. She
was buried on Tuesday afternoon. It was such a shock
to Miss Rebecca that she was ill in bed the next day,
and not able to attend the funeral. I cannot conceive
of a greater bereavement than this must be, for she
was very fond of her sister, and, indeed, I rarely, if
ever saw them separate.

A.B.C. [Annie Babch Clarke]
Places for kisses six.

[Father]

[Mother]

[Annie]

[Ada]

[Lynb]

[George]

Annie

paid.

PAID

Master T. W. Clark at
Rev^d Addison Brown's
Brattleboro.
Vt



1849

Brattleboro, Nov. 1. 1849.

Dear Annie,

You know Burlington College N. J. where
"Russel Sturgis is, well, on ~~Monday~~ ^{Monday} last, Mary
Chapin left Brattleboro for that place, after
drawing Alex. G. Berthoud, Peter Mullan, Rol-
and C. Shaw, Frank C. Shaw, and myself,
into a promise to correspond with her;
now don't you think I've got my head
into a noose? I of course as soon as I have
any thing to say, of ~~course~~ intend to ful-
fill my promise.

You will, most probably, see
me at home by a fortnight from day after to-
morrow, as the vacation will then commence.
By the way, will you inquire of some of your
Roxbury acquaintances who it is lives next door to
Yule Cottage, opposite St James's church? I will
tell you the reason why I wish to know if
you give me a favorable answer.

In regard to your innuendo
respecting Mademoiselle Ada, I have not seen
a girl in Brattleboro, that will compare with
her. So there is no danger of my falling in love
with anyone I shall see in this mean place.
I seldom saw so few sensible or pretty faces
as there are in this town.

If you could see the dancing school, I think you would fall back in amazement. Out of 18 or 20 girls, for there is not a boy goes to the school, there are but two who are fit to look at, Lucinda O. Chapin, and Frances Gore.

I think Mother would change her mind if she had lived in the "Brown" family as long as I have, concerning that interesting girl, Lizzy Brown. She's the most conceited affect-^{ed} ~~ed~~ ^{ed} I ever saw. Frances "Brown" Heaven defend us from setting our peepers on such a combination of ugliness again. Long legged, gawky, miserable looking, ^a feminine as I ever saw. Lizzy bow-legged, fat, and ~~big~~ big nosed.

Frances Brown told me the other day, that she liked good manners. Nobody would suspect it from her actions, for all the Browns need polishing in that respect.

And now, I think that I've said sufficient of the "Browns", but perhaps you'd like to hear of the dancing teacher. She's more than six feet high, very awkward, and as she can't bend over, I should think she wore very strong shoulder braces. A fit teacher for her scholars and fit scholars for such a teacher.

Adieu, dear Sister and believe me,

Your affectionate Brother.

J. W. Clarke.

P.S. It is snowing pretty badly now, if it is five or six inches thick when it stops, I shall come home sooner than I mentioned.

M.C.



Miss A. B. Clarke,

care of C. W. Clark, Esq.,

No. 1. Kingston St.,

Boston.

Mass.

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Brattleboro' Nov. 8.th 1849.

Dear Annie,

I thank you much for the sugar
confits, but more for your kind letter. As I
wrote home yesterday, I have but little to say

I went yesterday afternoon to see
Abby May; as I was making my exit
from Parson Brown's parlor, a room
into which we are not allowed to enter
without our slippers, Mr May entered.
I sat down and talked with him a short
time, and then went down to the Establish-
ment, videlicet, the Water Cure, where I
saw Miss Abby May, and Mrs White.

This morning, I was constrained
to ask Frances Brown if she had
combed her hair today, as it was very
snarly. No reply from her but Liddy
Brown said she didn't think I was
very polite, I told her politeness was
not practised in the Brown family,
at which she held her tongue.

Your affectionate Brother.

Willis

Miss A.B. Clarke.

Boston
Mass.

Politeness Mr. May.

Beaubeau, Nov. 15th 1849.

Dear Annie,

As you requested me to write I now perform your wish, I am well, have got the hockey, Ned requested, send my love to all, but having nothing to say I can therefore say nothing.

Please restrain your curiosity concerning Apple Cottage till I return, when you shall have a full explanation. On Monday I went to the North Star, or Bliss farm, and had some excellent cider and fine apples.

I really think you may tell Liddy that she was a very silly girl to do as she did.

But I suppose you will forgive me for writing such a short letter.

Yr. affectionate Father,
W. H. Clarke.

Miss A. B. Clark,

Care of C. W. Clark, Esq.,
1 Huntington St.
Boston
Mass.

V Boston Decr 10th 1849

My dear Son

I have been intending to write you for several days past, but a head ache since Thursday last is one excuse, another is that I expected to have had a pair of Boots from our friend Eckert for you by Saturday last, Mr Boss Limonds I think is on the tip top notch for his manufactures, he asks all that Eckert does, and I very much doubt if he can make a pair of Boots that will compare with the Boston touch — I shall no doubt get the Boots by the middle of the week & shall forward them by the Express. — Every thing in regard to Drs Parkman & Webster is enveloped in mystery the body found in Dr Ws' room is without a question ^{of doubt} that of Dr P, and the evidence against Dr W looks very black, the coroner & inquest have not yet got through with their investigation, Littlefield was on the stand all day on Saturday and the inquest will not probably get through for several days, your uncle Dr believes Dr W to be the guilty man, and so do the medical faculty generally, for myself I still believe Dr W innocent & that time will develop the real murderer

We are all well and desire much love -
please excuse my brevity, some of us
will write you a regular built letter
very soon -

Truly tho' hastily
Yr father in aff
Calvin W. Clark.



Master T. W. Clarke
at Rev A Browns

Brattleboro

Vt

paid

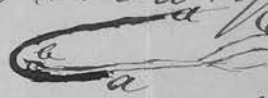
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C. W. Clark

Bratt. Dec 21. 1849.

Dear Annie

I am obliged for your late kind letter, and will soon write a decent answer to it. (I'd est. if possible) On Wednesday night we had a heavy fall of snow, which however on Thursday turned to rain, and now it is pretty considerable sloshy. On Thursday night, The boys went out into the school-house, by parson's permission, and had a concert; several fiddlers & fiddlers, and we had a pretty fair time. As to Mother's request as to finding out how to scotch sheets, turn your under sheet up, and your upper under the under sheet pretty high up in your bed, and see if you can get down in your bed. I will show you by a sketch how I mean



a. upper sheet, & under sheet & pillow. Now read the last part, and let it not escape your lips the purport of it. Now I have been drawing a picture, which I wish to send to mother by New Year's, what is the best way to get it down.

Your affectionate brother

JW Clark

P.S.

Please tell Ned & Lizzy that I'll answer their letters sooner than time

Mr. A. B. Clarke
Boston
Mass

Boston Jan^y 1850

My dear William [To Thomas W. Clarke]

I have felt a little disappointed at not hearing from you the early part of this week: for you have always been so punctual; it is well however to write on such a day as not to have your letter remain in the office over Sunday.

This very day is the first day of the year, & you I assure you have not been forgotten by any of us, & it is a day which awakens many thoughts & reflections, which call loudly for attention from all of us, if you have not thought of this, I trust now that you are reminded, you will ask yourself, how have I spent the last year? have I made any progress in that most essential point which we are placed here to attend to, namely a preparation for another life, & if I have made any attainments how much has it been, & of what kind? Then ask yourself if all your time has been profitably employed, not has it been all spent in study, for play can be profitable, when properly entered into & carried on, at proper times; then think have you made such progress in your lessons, as will justify the outlay of your parents? have you governed your passions, have you been just & upright in all your dealings, at all times perfectly truthfull.

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day went off on Sunday afternoon & has not been heard of since, they feel pretty much as we did when we look back
thirty

because you must remember that for all the talents given you, you are to give a faithful account not only to your earthly parents, but to one who penetrates beyond the reach of mortal eye.

This is the season to make good resolutions, but you will find that all your good resolutions are of no avail, unless you prayerfully ask the blessing of your heavenly Father upon them, & his aid in carrying them into effect; do William think of this & earnestly & continually pray, that God will watch over you, & ~~earnestly~~ not only assist you to be good, but to put it into your heart to endeavour to be so — do Willin attend to what I say, for you know not how much I think of you & how much I love you & what hopes I put on your good conduct —

I have asked you twice what sort of boys the new scholars are, & still no answer except that you like them, now I want to know whether they are good as regards their moral character? I wish you would try to reply to questions more definitely —

We have all remembered & spoken of you & wished you could have been with us both at Christmas & New Year, but still I hope you have been more profitably employed —

I forget to tell you what I thought of your going to the fair, but if I had remembered it, I could not have answered your question properly, because

you did not tell me the object of it, & as this is always the most essential point, I could have said only as to the pleasure of seeing, & buying, &c. if you have plenty of money it is quite pleasant, but unless the object is a remarkably good one, I should think it would not be well for you to expend much, remembering the present scarcity of money, & the large share so recently appropriated to your use —

Jan 2^d Annie, Lavinia, & myself have each a very little gift for you, which we shall send by the first opportunity, I shall try to get you a skating cap, but they are very scarce, & high priced. I want you in your leisure moments to do me the best drawing your pencil will produce, & keep it for my new years gift, until an opportunity offers to send it. — I have a beautiful one from Annie, I want it done very neatly & kept clean around the edges, & then I shall know that you think of me at least while you are drawing it & that you try to please me —

I wish if you have not written you would write immediately on the receipt of this for, I shall begin to think that you are sick if I do not hear from you soon — let us have a long & careful letter —

Remember me to Mrs B, & the young ladies —

We went last night to an exhibition at Mr Fowler's school — had quite a pleasant time, wish you had been

here to hear the boys speak. They acquitted themselves quite well. My folks had prize money - 1850

While writing this I was quite pleased to receive your letter although not so much so when I read some of its contents - Oh Willie! Willie! I think that you should forget yourself, & your Mother, so much as to be induced for I cannot think it was wise your own free will, ~~an~~ to make a regent. I am really hurt, that knowing your Mother's feelings so well on this subject, that when you are away from her you should so much disregard any thing that she had so strongly & frequently urged upon you, but one thing I am glad to find, that you have so openly confessed your fault, & at the beginning of your letter as if you could not even addreps me until you had opened your heart may this my dear boy ever be so with you, although I hope the necessity for it will not often occur - Another thing reproaches me that your punishment was consequent upon & followed so quickly your offence, I hope the sickness was severe enough to make the remuneration of it forever fast & not give you a "fast & neat" which I do not understand - Now I want you to answer this question - What did Mr B say to you? & what did Mrs B do for you? you must have felt quite silly for the two days, I have been often - indeed - at the nine penny theatre

CHAUNCY HALL SCHOOL. The annual exhibition of the Chauncy Hall School, conducted by masters Thayer and Cushing, took place yesterday morning, at the Melodeon, in presence of a large company of ladies and gentlemen, composed, principally, of the parents and relatives of the pupils. The exhibition was gratifying beyond anticipation. The masterpiece of oratory of the occasion was that of young Hollingsworth, who cited a passage from Webster's speech on "The Union." For one so young, the lad evinced remarkable taste. The modulation of his voice, the expression of his countenance, and his graceful gesticulation showed that he had studied and felt his subject. At the conclusion of the exercises, the medals were awarded as follows:-

Gold—James Dodd, G. Granville Ellis, James A. Perkins, William Phipps, Jr., Geo. O. Sears, Howard M. Ticknor, Charles J. Whitmore, and Joseph Vila.

Second Prize—John C. Ropes, and Daniel Denny, Jr.

Third Prize—Andrew S. March, Jr., William B. Loring, and Francis C. Ropes.

Fourth Prize—Stephen N. Fuller, Jr., George B. Trumbull, James S. Jacobs, J. Tisdale Bradlee, Aaron M. Jacobs, Judson Haycock, Charles Van Brunt, Charles C. Darling, and George G. Sampson.

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to your composition
why? I wish Mr B
from your weekly
account of you in future - we shall try to do every thing for you
that we can, & shall make up a package pretty soon.
The children will soon write & tell you the news better than I can

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will profit you much
as well as you did
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every thing for you
The children will soon write & tell you the news better than I can
Truly your affectionate Mother

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While writing this I was quite pleased to receive your letter although not so much so when I read some of its contents - Oh Willie! Willie! I think that you should forget yourself, & your Mother, so much as to be induced for I cannot think it was safe your own face with, as to smoke a cigar, I am really hurt, that knowing your Mother's feelings so well on this subject, that when you are away from her you should so much disregard any thing that she had so strongly & frequently urged upon you, but one thing I am glad to find, that you have so openly confessed your fault, & at the beginning of your letter as if you could not even admit me until you had asked your heart may this my dear boy ever be so with you, although I hope the necessity for it will not often occur - Another thing grieves me that your punish-

ment consequent upon I followed so quickly your offer to leave her and enter his service. I am glad to hear that you have made the new year a "fast" & now I would Mr B say to you must have been after

Things in General.
Mrs. Farnham. It seems that Mrs. Farnham's servant had been induced by the Captain of the 1st Regt. to leave her and enter his service. The alarm of fire on Saturday evening, in this city came from Cambridge, where a stack of hay was burned in the marsh.
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over "fast" & not understood - question - What did you do for you? for the two days, I nine penny theatre

I am glad of such good attention to Mr M's preaching. I hope it will profit you much the coming year! do you feel now as well as you did before you were sick? I saw one your cousin & your Jack - answer these questions - How can you learn to paint? of whom drawing paper is the best to paint on, improve the opportunity of your home in - but one thing I hope you will attend more carefully to your composition, have you done any thing in the Editorial way? I wish Mr B would require some theme, essay, or something from you weekly - show any dear boy do let us hear a good account of you in future - we shall try to do every thing for you that we can, & shall make up a package pretty soon. The children will soon write & tell you the news better than I can Truly your affectionate Mother

Boston Jan^y 12th 1850

My dear Son [To Thomas W. Clarke]

In the first place I wish you a Happy &

a good new year, we have not heard from you for nearly a fortnight at which I am somewhat troubled, fearing that you are sick although I think there is a chance of your letters misarriving, for I cannot think that you would neglect to write once in a week; I have enjoyed the day exceedingly, for we have had two very fine sermons; Cousin Betty presented us with three tickets for the Fendall & Hayden society - to night, so that Father Annie & myself are going; but I thought you should not feel the disappointment that I have felt the last week at not receiving a letter, & so I have seated myself to write a few lines, as no one else in the house felt disposed to write, & I flatter myself that a letter from Mother will always be acceptable even if it does not contain much important matter -

Your father yesterday had a very bad headache, Lizzy was at home with head ache & the two boys & Annie have quite a cold, so that you see the family are generally in the fashon. Have you got entirely well; I have do you go on now; any more smoking? there was quite a row at the ninepenny theatre the other night, strange how the thought of your smoking put that dignified establishment into my head - What is the general character of the two new boys? I have that the school & your studies go on, remember always your morning & evening ^{private} devotions, nothing will flourish truly with you, unless you can ask God's blessing upon it

cannot you soon send us some of your lit-
-erary productions? we shall soon send you
a package with many pretty things in it which I trust
will prompt you to some effort of the pen or
pencil. do improve every opportunity - of at-
-taining any knowledge for this you know is always
power. Mr Basilidge told us this afternoon (in his
sermon on redeeming the time) which you may remem-
-ber a part of) that God gives us but one moment at
a time, taking that back when we receive the second
& reserving the third to himself, leaving us in an
uncertainty, whether we shall ever be possessed of
it, he quotes this from Fenelon, so you see that
not one moment should be lost in idleness lest
it should be our last -

About a week since our neighbour
Miss Brooks was married to a soap & candle manu-
-facturer. & has gone to live in Roxbury -

Mr Basilidge has another daughter about three weeks
old - I cannot think of any more news -
So good bye for the present & never forget to
write to your Mother -

P.S. I wish you would send me a small
lock of your hair get some one to cut
it for you, do not try to cut it yourself,
I have lost the hair of all the children
except my lock that Annie gave me
& I want to have some more put in -
send it in the next letter don't forget
[From A.K. Clarke] 1896

1850

Master Thomas W. Clarke
Brattleboro.
Vt

Mrs. & Mrs. C.

Boston Jan'y 13th 1850

My dear Son

We have been waiting anxiously all the past week to get a letter from you but have been disappointed, we fear your letter has miscarried for we cannot doubt you have written, having been so punctual heretofore, if you have not written please let us hear from you without further delay, for we feel badly if we do not hear from you once a week. —

We have made up a package of notions which I trust will be acceptable to you, the set of chess men is for a new years present, I would have sent you a chequer board, but I could not readily find one; one copy is all I could find of Tom Noddy which will answer all your purpose, for I cannot undertake to furnish all the boys in Brattle with copies; Gov Briggs mepage please give Mr Brown, we send you a variety of Papers in the package, being "one of the Hon Genl Court I obtain them at the State House" and you shall have the benefit of them as well as we do at home. — Mother will give you all the news — with lots of love from all

dont fail to write
immediately

Yr Father in aff C. W. Clark

I send you a pair of double soled short Boots
which I think you will find serviceable. They
were bought for me to wear about the yard &
cellar in the morning, but having got a pair of
thick soled slippers I find them more con-
venient than the Boots —

don't fail to write immediately

Boston Jan'y 20th 1850.

My dear Son.

We were very much disappointed for more than a week at not getting a letter from you, we are all ^{of} ^{us} alive we assure you to every thing that concerns your happiness & well being ~~the~~ ^{our} sincere & constant prayers of our hearts are for the absent one. — Such being the state of our minds you cannot but know that your last letter gave us any thing but pleasure, you may depend upon it that Mr & Mrs Brown have no wish to do any thing towards their scholars that is not right, as for a parcel of Boys setting up their wills that they will do as they please, turn the house upside down, and make noise enough to disturb the whole neighborhood, is a thing not to be tolerated for a single moment, beside which and worse than all, to dare to strike the Master of the house & School, a small feeble man; such conduct is disgraceful in the extreme, and I hope that no child of mine will ever disgrace himself by such conduct. —

How is it my son that you are willing to be led away by ^{bad} influences, I beseech you to shun all evil companions, and all evil thoughts, words, and actions. — If there are those about you that are inclined to do wrong, set them

sent of a room mate have you? & when shall you have a vacation day
know, I hope you will always keep Mr B with great respect that as your
Father's friends & as your clergy & teachers of I could with any propriety
I would suggest that you would be a little more careful in your letter writing

a good example, and try by all persuasive means to convert them to right views & right actions, there is nothing many in rowdyism, I beg of you, I entreat of you, if you have any regard for yourself, for your Parents, your Bros & Sisters, to keep yourself aloof from all such scenes as you have described to me in your last letter. — It would be a very mortifying thing to me to receive a letter from Mr Brown complaining of your conduct. — remember my dear son it will be but a very few years before you will arrive to years of manhood when you will be obliged to act for yourself, you well know that no pains or expence has been spared to give you as good an education as you were capable of receiving. — Think or think of these things, and before it is too late stop. make not a plunge in the dark, keep out of the current of dissipation, and bad habits, 'tis much easier to avoid doing evil, than it is to correct bad habits after they are formed.

Thus much my dear son have I written not with pleasure, but as a duty which I owe to you, to myself to us all, I do it not in anger but with heartfelt pain, God grant that I may never have the same thing to repeat to you to any of your bros or sisters; recollect that you are away from home and may be enticed. but "resist the Devil and he will flee from thee".

as I cannot always read young & there is no blackboard shelf near by but I suppose it will be sufficient to say that you must take away from your Mother something which has more grown into a habit past mending. I thought you do not need it.

now my dear boy let us turn from a disagreeable, to something more pleasant all; we have had very fine sleighing few days since we had a Janua swept the snow away and made clean as a whistle, since which a fall of snow & rain, with cold now about as good sleighing as it is so that our streets are filled with of vehicles. — Please say to Mr I have some school reports from one which I intend sending him, — Mr was chosen Chaplin of the Senate, the we have had his services in both branches, next week we shall probably have the Chaplin of the house officiate, a very pious Methodist from South Boston.

I was glad to learn that you succeeded so well in poor Piliacoddy, hope that you may ^{derive} pleasure from all your innocent amusements. —

We expected to get one of your papers, please send one in your bundle, we are all well and desire much love, the children all say send my love to Willie. — The Boys are getting along very well at Mr Bowles, he is mild towards them, but very firm & requires them to obey his rules to the very letter one minute will shut them out at recess, too the mark is the rule. Truly Yr Father in affection

Calvin W. Clark

disregard the love of your Mother

ask you for the painting it is quite pretty, but you
and ink are on all sides it will be smothered
can you learn to paint who can teach you? I
take great care of the ship men & when you bring
them in cotton wool - You see that we can
do all your work & do every thing we can for
you think of this? does it ever occur to you
duties to perform on any returns to me be
I fear Willie that you do not dwell much on
this first letter even if you need it, else we
such an account of you - when you

Master J. W. Clarke at

Rev. A. Addison T. Brown.

7 Brattleboro.

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always worth once a week

We two share

paid.

left home I believed you although troubled, free from any vice
if you are one with boys of such ~~low~~ rowdy habits, guard
yourself in every point lest vice should creep in unawares - Willie
you have sneaked & the act was followed by praiseworthy remem-
ber that this is inevitable in every case although not always
so soon & so evidently remember that your character in after
life depends much on what you do now, & when you are inclin-
ed to wrong stop & think, think of your Father's disappointed hopes &
your Mother's warmest affections misplaced - but this is a dark
picture & I hope will never be produced by you even ~~in~~ an outline
I thank you & I honor you for telling us what happened &
I hope you told us all - You had better keep in your own room
& away from that boys example as much as possible - what

7 Boston Jan'y 20th 1850.

My dear Son.

We were very much disappointed for
more than a week at not getting a letter from
you, we are all ^{as} of ^{us} alive we assure you to
every thing that concerns your happiness & well being
~~the~~ sincere & constant prayers of our hearts are for
the absent one. - Such being the state of our
minds you cannot but know that your last
letter gave us any thing but pleasure, you may
depend upon it that Mr & Mrs Brown have no
wish to do any thing towards their scholars that
is not right, as for a parcel of boys setting up
their wills that they will do as they please, turn
the house upside down, and make noise enough
to disturb the whole neighborhood, is a thing not
to be tolerated for a single moment, beside which
and worse than all, to dare to strike the Master
of the house & school, a small feeble man; such
conduct is disgraceful in the extreme, and I hope
that no child of mine will ever disgrace him-
self by such conduct. -

How is it my son that you are willing to
be led away by ^{bad} influences, I beseech you to
shun all evil companions, and all evil thoughts,
words, and actions. - If there are those about
you that are inclined to do wrong, set them

Boston Jan. 3, 1860

Dear Willie [To Thomas W. Clarke]

I was just thinking about writing you when Mrs May called to tell me that her son would take any thing to you. I hope you will see him & tell him any message to us, & any thing that interests you - I like to hear as much about you as I can - I feel a little anxious about your companions, I hope you will reject all their evil propensities, with the great est firmness, cultivate at all times manly courage so that you will be able to act with strength of pair - face without fear or shame, in opposition to all wrong doings, this is an important element in all good character & when thoroughly incorporated into the mind, is a great promoter of happiness, but it is no easy matter to attain to this ~~it~~ ^{it} must be brought about by strong effort, & a firm resolution to always under any circumstances ~~it~~ do the thing that is right.

I was quite pleased that your last letter but one, was written so well, it gave me pleasure in two ways, one, to see that you could write well & another, that I saw that you attended to what I said, & this at all times gives me pleasure for your know that I ever have your interest at heart - I am glad that you write to us just as you feel, for I wish you always to tell us all things. With regard to Mr Brown I think he has a very trying time & I think that any boy of any feeling would try to lessen his cares by giving him as little trouble as possible, I should think that your large boys, could be of great assistance to him; think of his situation, a man so feeble, & at his age obliged to

support his family by such great exertions, I
glibly lain from the bottom of my heart, & I hope that no son
of mine would ever do an unkind thing to him, or
his family - I am sure Willie if you treated any
one of his age with disrespect, I should expect that the
shade of your Grandfather Townsend would almost
appear to you, he had such a horror of young men
-ples showing any disrespect to those placed over
them - & it would show me at once what I should
be very sorry to believe, that not a shred of his mantle
could have fallen on your shoulders -

Still Willie you do not tell me how you
can learn to paint if you have a drawing,
for me I should like it much & I think if
you put a soft white paper over it, & not
it you can send it by Mr May -
who did you send the watch case for?
I suppose you made it yourself we will
like it.

We have very little sleighing here, &
the boys do not know what to do with themselves
because there is so little skating & coasting -
They have gone this evening to see the Bible Drama.
- name - Annie went to a party - looking up
at Chenestown - Aunt Ann is staying here at
present - I send you a few little nick nacks
just so that you may think of mother & I am glad you
are home & look a little, because we all feel compli-
-mental, but hope you will not feel much so,
I should like much to go up to see you

but it costs too much money, though perhaps
some of us may be up in the course of the
winter, who do you mean with nicks? I hope
the boys are all good if they are troublesome.

I write this in great haste as Father
is waiting to take it to Mr May, & therefore
I beg you will not in this respect follow
your Mother's example - for if I had
been wiser in my youth I should not
now have remembered so much.

George has written you a letter full of
his own accord, he was at home quite
sick a few days - but is better now & so he
amused himself by writing what he pleased
to you.

Remember us all my son &
receive this from your Affectionate
Mother -

I am sorry my letter looks so badly, but I
had so little time, it must be this way.

And now, now write me word when letter
you opened first.

Dear Willie Mr May begs me to write a few words
which I would be much pleased to do, if I had any thing
in the world to tell you, that you would care to hear, but
when all are saying something, of course all the news is, no-
Napoleon and there is nothing left for me to say, but, that

I think of you very often, & am also as pleased to hear
from you. Our family are all well, not forgetting the dog
who has just attained to a new collar. Very truly
Aunt Anne

Anne Bulch

Master of William Clarke

Brother of Mary

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all up so that I
must finish on a page
-ally should have written
and until, otherwise

Good bye always
Love your
Mother

Do not neglect
your teeth

Med had two
teeth knocked out
by a practice
while standing
& talking with
a boy, fortunately
they were first
knocked & saved
the dentists

bill
he gave the boy
a length of
his chain
he had in his
pocket

Feb 3rd 1860

William

[To Thomas W. Charles]

We were all very much pleased

Last evening I received so large a package from
you, & I thank you for the drawing, it pleased me
much, because it showed me that you endeavored
to do as I asked you, but I should now like to have
you at your leisure draw me another piece with more
care, & do something besides horses, as I now have a
number of that kind, why not do something in Indian
ink, as well as you can possibly do it?
You have asked several times for painting ma-
terials, but do not specify any particular thing,
what do you call painting materials?

I write this letter immediately because I
am quite concerned about your eyes, now I think
I know exactly the cause & also the remedy - The
difficulty - is occasioned by your not open-
ing your eyes in water, the water being cold as
well as the chamber, & yourself, you are anxious to
avoid the present uncomfortable feeling & hasten down
to the fire, without thoroughly attending to these things,
also I dare say you have read between daylight
& dark when your eyes have been tired, & perhaps
laid in bed in the morning & read before it was
hardly light - also coasting in the bright glare of
the sun, without any your coasting cap, which does
not shade your eyes as your vision does - now
these are I think the remedies which I will now tell
you & which I wish you strictly to adhere

To first open your eyes thoroughly in cold water
five or six times a day, more especially morning & night
not having the water with ice in it for this will make
them ache too much, but only moderately cold, & hold
your eyes in the water some time, do not touch
any cotton to them but use linen or silk - avoid
rubbing them - do not sit & look at the fire or
light - if you can get a green shade use it
for the present, in the eve, & while coasting, &
when you walk out rather shade your eyes with
your cap, try this three days unless the water makes
your eyes in one day positively worse, if so then
desist from this & take an ounce of epsom salts
I think at least a rockelle powder in the morn-
ing for about three days will at any rate be good
do not keep yourself from a steady moderate light
but from a bright one. do not read in the eve
at present, & avoid all things that give pain in the
eyes - if there is any complaint on the lids buy a
small quantity of the ointment, one third Oxymercurium, &
two thirds rose ointment, well mixed together, & be sure
to take off the scabs before using it - do not use any of
the old that you have got, because it must be impure
by this time & will rather inflame, take the rockelle
I think at any rate, about three mornings & I think
you will do without the salts - you know William
when you were at home & you had my complaint of
this kind that I never ceased to watch you & think pre-
vented any thing serious - now you are away I desire
that you will try to think for yourself & be very careful
about trying your eyes - for what a wretched being

would you be, should any thing befall your sight &
now is the time to prevent any thing serious, for if you
to think & take care of yourself. After three days
write to me, & describe exactly the state of your
eyes, how they are affected & where pained, & if you
are not better, I will ask your uncle's doctor what
is next to be done - but the particulars to describe
about them or he cannot prescribe -

I know Willie I must tell you that we have
had a very good letter from Mr B. - who seems to be doing
I should think just the right thing for you - I lament that
you should have so far forgotten what you owed to your
self respect & to your parents' kindness, as to have given
Mr B. occasion to absent you from the school, still
am I most happy to hear what Mr B. says of you, "that
your great love of knowledge, & your desire to excel in
intellectual attainments, will prove a great safeguard
to prevent you from any habit or practice that is
vicious, this amid all troubles is a great comfort
to me, he says that your faults arise from in experi-
ence & an impetuous temper, which a few years will
cure - now I hope you will show him that it will
not take even one year to cure this impetuosity of
temper - I think he has taken the right course
with you, although you must feel unpleasantly at
being excluded from the school, still if you can
- not conform to its rules, & set a good example,
think for a moment? for you are not the only
one whose more benefit? for you are not the only
boy whose welfare he must consult, others have
the same claim as you - he says that were you
his only scholar he should not have any trouble
with you, but any body can be good if allowed to

their way, you must remember that the world is full of people & they will often crop your path, & you must learn self control, without this you cannot succeed in the world at all you will be always in trouble you can govern yourself if you will, you remember how you used to get angry whenever any one beat you at any game - & that you once came before you left home so that I knew you can if you try govern yourself now - if you do not now you never will, for this temper will grow, with your growth & strengthen with your strength, until it will prove your ruin - think of Dr Webster do you suppose that in his boyish days when his passions were highest, that his parents, his Mother this ought to be the father's word, that his Mother ever thought he could come to that? even though he may be innocent of this sin still his inevitable temper has been such as to induce the strongest suspicions of him

I know Willie that you will try not to have this occur again & if you do God will reward you accordingly to your efforts whatever may be the results - you cannot do it alone but if you ask God night & morning to assist you & then you try, depend upon it you will succeed - all prayers are answered if rightly offered & assisted by the proper will & spirit - I am delighted to find that you are not inclined to any vicious practices not even smoking, keep on my boy in the right path & God will surely reward you

I am heartily anxious that you should leave off your boyish tricks & make the most of your time as soon as your eyes get well (let all things give place to that now) for I am desirous that you should go to College if I thought that you had talent & perseverance enough to gain a point & control enough over yourself to keep from evil - & I am convinced that your Father will not be willing that you should do so, unless you become much better while you are with Mr B - Mr B says that you are well advanced in Mathematics & Latin - but not so forward in Greek, I hear nothing of your Spanish how is this? Suppose you should write a letter & send to your Mother of your own accord? I have filled

Paris, Me., Feb. 13. 1850.

My dear ^{received 16th} brother Calvin,

I enclose Cushman & Parcher's draft on Stanfield & Wentworth, dated Nov 5th 1849, for sixty one dollars & fifty nine cents, payable in six months after date, and duly accepted - You will confer a favor on me, if it can be cashed, to send me your check for the amt, discount out; if not to keep it to maturity - please to make the check, in the usual printed form, payable to order, instead of bearer - & send on receipt, a daily paper, as a token that it is received -

My health is about the same, as when you saw Jane, tho' I am some times "weather bound & water logged", but keep along as usual - My wife is quite well & smart for an old lady - and would be very happy to get acquainted with yourself, wife and family - to whom please to make our best regards - I should be glad if you can send me the rules & orders of your Legislature - that will shew you members, committees &c. &c, when convenient - & likewise your first maiden speech - & all other information proper, that I may know - I may perhaps see your name on the Committee of finance, or some other - My relatives here are all well - E. W. C. is off to Canada - has some idea of going into business at Portland -

Your very affectionate brother

Thomas Clark

Calvin W. Clark, Esq.,
No 1. Kingston Street
Boston



[Feb 14, 1850]

Sweet William! what a lovely name,
Of all the garden flowers,
I'm sure it is the prettiest,
I wish it grew in ours;
Oh then, I would by moonlight walk
And dwell upon its beauty,
And think that though its namesake
Upon his tour of duty,
Shalt begeth begeth his clustering thoughts,
Would open to our view,
And like this flower in colours bright
Seem always fresh & new,
And then that he would offer up
On Cupid's loving shrine
The heart that lonely maiden seeks
In this time
Valentine

Feb 14 1850

and

Bradford Feb 19. 1850
Uncle Calvin

Dear Sir

I hardly know what to say first in writing to you at this time, for I know not what you think of me, or how you esteem me. - For I have so often trespassed up on your feelings by writing to you for assistance, one way or another, and I really wanted to have talked with you about it last summer when I was down to Boston, but as things turned out I had no chance. But Uncle, I cannot help thinking you are good friend to me, and would willingly help me, at any time if you thought it for the best. Now Uncle I have to 60.00 a year for a house to live in and am completely at the mercy of Mr ^{Gov.} in regard to my rent, and if you know any thing about him you know he is a man that looks out for himself, and cares for no one else. At this time there is a place to be sold (within 30 minutes walk from my place of work) for \$450, with a good house on it all the lower part of which is finished ready to paint. the house is new haveing been built but about 4 years, with a cellar under the whole house, and 2 acres of as good land as there is in Bradford, and betwene 25 & 30 young Apple trees on it all grafted and in a

flourishing condition, and within about 60
rods of the school. I can pay 100 dollars down
leaving 350. Now are you willing to pay the remaining
350 dollars, and take a mortgage of the place
for security, and give me 3 or 4 years to pay
you in. This place must be sold, the man
who now lives in it, owing for it and cannot
pay, having lost his eye sight last year by
blasting rocks, there is no prospect of his ever
paying. If you conclude to do any thing
for me in this way, and are not satisfied
of the worth of the property, I can give you
the names of two or three men for reference,
who are good judges of property.

Now Uncle dont fail of writing to me
and letting ^{me} know what you think about
my buying this place

Yours in haste
from your unworthy nephew
James D. Clark



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Mr Calvin W. Clark

Boston
Mass

Boston, Feby. 24th 1850.

My dear Son

We have your letter of the 20th inst & thank you for it, although the contents thereof is not such as we should have been glad to have received. — Your Mother has written to you several times requesting you to give her a particular account of your eyes, but you take no notice of her requests in any way, your letters seem to be filled with some exploit of the Boys, in some way affecting Mr Brown, ~~the~~ object of your sojourn to Brattleboro^{re} was to attend ~~Mr B's~~ school but I do not wish you to attend any other, you say you have joined a writing school and I hope I shall approve of it, I do not approve of it and wish you to come away at once; you can now write a better hand if you please, than any master in it can teach you, all that is wanted in your hand writing is that you should be more careful & not always write in haste; in regard to the debating society I think you will be quite as well off at home, as you can be there, a debating club of the right sort I do not object to, but I fear the one you speak of, is not exactly of the right sort.

One fact you seem to have sight of and that is that you are to consult Mr Brown in all things as you would your parents, If Mr Brown has let

you have already all the money I sent him, he has done what I did not wish him to do, your real wants at Brattleboro must be very few, and he will, I have no doubt give you the means of supplying all those, the imaginary wants of Boys are many, and it would do them an injury to attempt to supply them, as to the box at the post office I desire you to give it up, it is not proper you should have one, all the letters for home I desire you not to pay the postage of, & the letters we shall send you, I will pay the postage of, and they will be directed to Mr Browns care as I wish them to pass through his hands. —

~~and~~ You ~~at my dear Boy~~ at Brattleboro at your own request, that you might fit yourself to enter college, and it was the earnest prayer & desire, of your parents that you should do so, and they have done every thing in their power to make you comfortable and happy while there, we have fears, though we hope, that our fears are not true, that instead fitting yourself for college, or for a useful and happy life, you are laying the foundation for a life of unhappiness to yourself, and to your parents, brothers & sisters. — do not my son allow that to take place, it would be a sad thing for us, but still more sad for you, I am growing old, as is also your mother, rise up my dear son, shake off every bad habit or propensity you may have formed, be a man, you have the ability to be such, it is

only for you to will it, and to persevere in your determination, and the the thing is accomplished, and your parents are made happy. — God knows that the prayers of your parents are for their childrens well being and happiness here & hereafter. —

We have lots of papers &c which we shall be glad to send you as soon as we have an opportunity, my engagements at the legislature keeps me busy from 10 until 2 o'clock, and my afternoons and evenings are pretty thoroughly used up the City, so you see that time does not hang heavy on my hands.

Mr & Mrs Hardy spent a few days with us week before last, he says ~~they~~ have had fine sleighing at Bradford all the winter, and that the Rail road makes everything lively & pleasant with them.

We also had a letter from Uncle Thos, he says, that Whitman had gone to Canada, and that when he returned he talk'd of going into Business in Portland. —

What does Mr Brown say about all the Southern Steam They are letting off at Washington, one would think to read their speeches that they were the most absurd people on the face of the earth, they have been served right, what they designed to do for their perpetuation of Slavery will eventually prove their destruction of it. —

With best love from all of us. Truly Yrs Father in aff
C. W. Clark

1850

Master J. W. Clarke
care Rev^d A Brown
Brattleboro
Vt

paid

Mr Clarke

Boston March 2^d 1850

My dear Son.

We were all gratified at receiving your last letter, it was a noble one, written in the true spirit, with a generous & firm resolve persevere in the sentiments you there express and all will be well. —

We have made you up a large bundle with love offerings from all of us which we doubt not will be a feast for you, both for the body & for the mind. —

I bought for Ned & George each a pair of Californian Boots, they have kept their feet dry all winter — I send you a pair of the same sort which will I have no doubt keep out the Brattleboro' Slush — it would be well to give them a thorough greasing with tallow, or a dose of your leather preservative, the leather is dres'd with the hair side out and water will not penetrate it, you had better wear the new Boots & keep the others for dry weather. — as all the family have written you ~~it~~ it is needless for me to add more. —

Look carefully over last weeks papers & you will find what we have been doing in the City

Truly yrs in aff

C. W. Clark

C. W. Clarke

Master Thos W. Clarke
Prattleboro.
Vt

1850

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Brattleboro April 16

Dear Sam.

How do you do!

I trust you are well. Your bundle arrived safely last Thursday afternoon; and I received your letter. I take this opportunity to answer it. Times are dull but I have enough to do in attending to my studies. I had a jaw with "redoubtable Pearson" last Sunday night in which I completely threw him on his beam ends as "Bold Fritz" will testify who stood in admiration of the proceedings. Morn rose from blood heat, to fever heat; and from fever heat all the way up to Boiling but I let her cool off during the discussion as I should any fool without paying much attention to her. The "Peadians" are coming with a rush into this little town. There is no less than fifty shanties round West river bridge and they are scattered all the way down to the village. They have a row most every night; & none of which 2 shanties were torn down and another burnt. The other night one of the Irish men choked another from the shanties chair down to Lawrence's dries but of all but his shirt; while

the other had only his hat. I might mention many more instances but my limits will not allow. Martin has been down twice in the last time he was here was last past day; when all the boys went to ride. Charles Fitch has received a letter from Alice Winchell he said that he meant to write to Billy Nickal and me. Martin is going into a store in Pontiac this summer. The mumps are all the go here. I hope you don't have them in Boston. The members of this illustrious household are the same old sissies, Alborn as spappish, Beauty as disgusting, Lizzie as selfish, and May as much of a liar as ever. Chub is the flower of the family and that's but a stinking poppy. We have taken a boarder a Mrs Stearns wife of the head-carpenter on Lord's new hotel, a very pleasant woman. She has the room which Frank and I formerly occupied and we have the one which Martin slept in. It is time for me to bring my letter to a close; Lucy Jane sends her love and wishes she could see you. Mrs Hopkins desires to be remembered and says you must come up there in your vacation. Write soon and often. Give my respects to your parents. I am your Friend
P. C. Shaw
Turn over

P. S. Hopkins has failed and J. Jarvis
Cranda C. Deputy Sheriff
has taken possession of the premises
and is selling off at discount.
Our Exhibition comes off the
10th of May.

Rolande Shaw



Mr T. W. Clark.
Care of Calvin W. Clark
No 1 Kingston Street
Boston.
Mass.

1850

[To Calvin W. Clarke]

Bradford June 14th. 1851.

Dear Brother,

One afflicting event follows another, it is a painful duty to inform you of the death of our beloved sister Lois, she has after many years of sickness and sorrow left this world of ~~trials~~ ^{trials} and afflictions, for one of peace and rest. I will copy from T. C. Hartwells letter to George the particulars so far as received.

"Our dear dear Mother is no more, she has gone to that rest prepared for all the faithful followers of Christ Jesus our Lord, there to enjoy that peace which the world can neither give or take away. She breathed her last on Wednesday night the 29th. inst (May) at ten o'clock. and was buried in the Presbyterian Church yard in this place on yesterday Evening at 6 o'clock, which Church she had united with. She died as she had lived a calm reflecting christian, and the last words she spoke (a very few minutes before she died) was that all was clear, and there was no intervening cloud between her and that heaven of rest that ^{she had} so long sought, so much desired."

Please write to Brother Thomas, I will write to Sister Stratton, I received a letter from Lois and Emily last week they were well. My husband is very feeble, I think you would hardly know him sickness has made him so infirm. The day before yesterday I attended the funeral of Rev. Mr McKean's only son, The Methodists are holding their conference in this place, I should like very much to see you, wish you would write. Jane is getting quite well again other friends are usually well. Mr Hardy is putting up a large building next his shop. Give much love to your wife and children, also all enquiring friends.

Your affectionate sister

Elizabeth Merrill.

Paris, June 30th 1850.

My dear brother,

Your letter by Mrs Andrews with the Books were duly read - likewise your kind letter of the 21th inst. by mail - the Books were very acceptable - and the Webster's trial shall be returned when I have a good opportunity with many thanks for the loan - the poor guilty wretch must know his fate in a few days - God have mercy on him -

I have rec'd no other information of the death of our dear beloved sister, than the paper from Ala - and concluded, as you have, that each member of the family had one sent - I should like to have the particulars, but it was not so sudden to me after all - And it is a strong admonition, particularly at my age and in my present state of health to be "ye also ready" - What with the Asthma, Bronchitis, and a combination of other complaints, I am a great sufferer - but I will endeavour to bear ~~up~~ with christian fortitude all the allotments of that being who made me, and who knows what is best - for I firmly believe he does not send afflictions upon us by mere chance, but for wise and good purposes to prepare us for himself in his own good time -

Your ideas and mine exactly coincide, relative to the situation of the affairs of our country - we are certainly in a critical situation - but we will & ought to hope for the best -

I hope yourself & family will enjoy your summer retreat at
Cohasset - tho' I regret your confinement on the jury, but
hope you will be able to be with them at night. Our
children with their little crews, are all well. Whitman is
at Portland, James has an appointment to take the
Census for Paris & Woodstock, which will employ him
some time. Myself & wife are jogging along as well as
we can for aged people, but are evidently on the wane -
particularly myself - she does, for the most part, enjoy
pretty good health - but it is work, work, work - when
she is able - Please to make our best regards to your
good wife & children, we should be pappy to see you
when convenient - Our crops of hay will be abundant,
likewise a fair prospect for fruit - but other vegetation
is backward, owing to the cold & wet season - and our
fruit will probably be saved by being kept back - our
native strawberries were never better or more abundant.
I wish we could get you lots of them daily - they sell
them at 5 cents per qt, ready hulled -

With much regards, Your brother,

Thomas Clark



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Calvin W. Clarke Esq.

No 1. Kingstone Street,

Boston.



[July 18, 1850]

The Sporting Boasting Swell.

Dez may talk of Sporting Dandies,
But dez nebben see dis coon
A prombenading Brookline,
On a sporting arternoon.
Dez de sole delights of Boasting Gals -
De envy of de men -
Observe dis child when he turn out,
An talk ob Sportomen then!
Don Dez de boy dat wing de game -
As obbery one may tell,
De Boasting Gals Dez sure to hit!
Dez de Sporting Boasting Swell.

Dis sportoman's name am Kimrod
Trick Sheepshanks Lowbug Snout,
And am de biggest specimen
Dis world do e'er turn out!
Just look at de expression
Dis brown cravat do gibe!
And when I roll dis white of eye -
Look! whars de gal can live?
Don Dez &c.

My shootin jacket buttoned -
Wid narrative so broad,
You'd tink I was a Dutchman,
All starn, upon my word!
I used to carry powder,
But I loss him tudder day,
Cigar ignite - & der dat fence
I find me blowed away!
Don Dez, &c.

I sports a single barrel
Which shoots at both ends loose;
I tudder day brought down a brace -
Myself & mudder goose!
I bag him quick, but don, alas!
I loss a killing grace!
Dat debblish gun break off a toot,
And spoil my spruysive face!
Don see, &c.

I sports a cap dat's knowing,
And dickey tall & fine;
But Gosh! I stands a tiptoe
When over it I spit!
Examine den dese spatterdash -
Dat lace up to my thigh,
But did they cover all the calf
Dey must be fine feet high!
Don see, &c.

I tink dis child ob glory
May on his laurel rest,
And join de Monticulous,
And vegetate at best,
'Cause, you see, dat tudder day,
I drop my powder horn,
It gibe my toe an awful smack!
And up spring two big corn!!
Don see, &c.

Rh! could I find in Sharon
Some bubby little Rose,
I'd benefit de clergy,
And all a tiptoe goes!

But den dat game am dubious -
For when you've bagged de fowl,
And tink you've got a singing bird,
You find a hootin owl!
Don see, &c.

To William in Schafet covers
from his brother sportsman Drake.
Boston. July 18, 1850.

Boston Sept. 3rd 1850.

Friend William, [To Thomas W. Clarke?]

I sit down to write you a short, although not a short hand letter. I was very sorry to hear when I returned from Chatham, that you had given up the idea of going to Mr. Atkinson, although I think if I was in your place, I should do as you have done. I saw Mr. Atkinson yesterday, and he told me that Drake had been to see him, and from what he said, I suppose that had heard nothing about our giving up the idea. He said that Drake would be glad to know whether we were going or not. Atkinson said he was very sorry we were not going to fit for college, but said nothing for or against it.

I hope you have been enjoying yourself this summer as much as I have, and I have no doubt ^{but} ~~not~~ that you have. We had a first rate time at Chatham, and although the birds were not quite so thick as we expected we got a good many; one day five of us got 60 large birds, which I consider very good sport. But we had the greatest blue-fishing, that there has been in Massachusetts this summer. A party of us went out one day and caught 45 blue-fish not one of them weighing less than 8 lbs. You know what a blue-fish is, therefore you may judge of the sport we had pulling them in.

Since I returned from Chatham I have been to the Glades once, and then I only stopped for a couple of days, and one of those days being stormy, I could not get over

to see you, but, this week if it is pleasant, I shall come down,
and then I shall come over sure.

How does your phonographic
correspondence come on, I suppose by this time you are quite
expert at it, but for pity's sake if ever you write to me, just
write in Gideon's old style, "up strokes light, Down strokes heavy—
make all the letters square as a new brick at the top."

Hoping
that this letter will find you well and in good spirits, I
remain as ever

Yours truly
C. C. Lick.

1850

Cash received
Nov 15 - \$500.—
of Willis & Co

Cincinnati Nov. 9. 1850

Dear Ursula

Inclosed you have Messrs Ellis
& Mounton Check on Willis & Co Boston for five
Hundred dollars,— which you will very much
oblige me by collecting and keeping until I see
you. I have been very fortunate in selling my goods
thus far and hope to return in six or eight
weeks with the remainder in my pocket—

I heard from home this week. was happy to learn
that all were well & particularly Father's health
had very much improved since I left. When
I last saw him I thought it very doubtful
if I ^{should} ~~ever~~ see him again. he was anxious that
you should make him a visit. and when in B.
Aunt gave me some encouragement that one
of you would go to Maine this fall.—

I leave this afternoon or tomorrow for Louisville
where I intend to stop two or three days. from
there I shall go to St. Louis and sell the bal
of my stock & return immediately home. Please
make my regards to your family & believe me
as ever yours &c

O. W. Clark

Mr

Mr C W

\$405.96

T Boston Decr 14th 1850

Pay to the order of E. W. Clark Four
hundred and five $\frac{96}{100}$ ^{ths} Dollars.

To the Cashier of
the Traders Bank
Boston.

Calvin W. Clark

Mr

Mr & W

E. W. Clark

Boston Decr 9th 1850.
Pay to the order of E. W. Clark. Five
hundred Dollars.
To the Cashier }
Traders Bank }
Boston. }

Calvin W. Clark.

Mr

Mr & Mr

E. W. Clark

E. W. Clark
Pay to the order of
J. M. Scott Cash
L. M. Bremer

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Mr. Calvin W. Clark
Boston
Mass.

recd avo 7th
and 9th enclosed
check for \$500.

U. State Hotel Dec 7, 1850

My Dear Uncle

I enclosed you, when at Cincinnati a check on Messrs Wells & Co of this City for five hundred dollars. I now have one for four hundred, five $\frac{9}{100}$ th dollars on the Bank of America N.Y. Will you do me the favor to forward me your check at Paris for the two. I arrived here this morning at a 2nd before one o'clock, and feel extremely anxious to reach home to night & to do so I must take the morning train. Last night is the first time I have seen a bed since I left St. Louis, which was on the 26th inst of last month.

You will please retain enough to pay for your trouble, ~~and~~ make my regards to your family, and except my thanks for this and many other kind favors -

Truly your affect Nephew
C. W. Clark

recd 9th Decr

Lafayette Bank
Cincinnati Octo 23rd 1850

\$405.96 No 5412

Pay to the order of Wm M Whitnall Four
hundred and five 96/100 Dollars.

W G W Gano Cashr

To the Cashier of
Bank of America
New York.

Endorsed

pay to the order of Wm H Russell
Wm M. Whitnall

Pay Warburton Ropiter & Drake
Wm H Russell

Pay the order of E. W. Clark
Warburton Ropiter & Drake
E. W. Clark

remitted my ch for the amt Decr 14th 1850

Mr. Calvin W. Clark

Nos Kingston St Boston
Mass.

[May 3, 1851]

Paddle your own canoe

Voyager upon life's sea
To yourself be true
And where your lot may be
Paddle your own canoe
Never though the winds may rave
To alter nor look back
But upon the darkest wave
Leave a shining track

Home Journal

2 Holy dare the wildest storm
Stem the hardest gale
Brave of heart and strong of arm
You will never fail
When the world is cold and dark
Keep an aim in view
And toward the beacon mark
Paddle your own canoe

My husband's

3 Every wave that bears you on
To the silent shore
~~From the sunset~~ source has gone
To return no more
Then let not an hour delay
Cut you off your due
But while it's cabd to day
Paddle your own canoe

4 If your birth denied you wealth
Lealty state and power
Honest fame and hardy health
Are a better dower
But if these will not suffice
Golden gain pursue
And to risk the glittering prize
Paddle your own canoe

5 Would you assert the wreath of fame
From the hand of fate
Would you write a deathless name
With the good and great
Would you bless your fellowmen
Heart and soul imbue
With the holy task and then
Paddle your own canoe

6 Would you crush the tyrant wrong
To the world's free fight
With a spirit brave and strong
Battle for the right
And to break the chains that bind
The many to the few
To enfranchise slavish mind
Paddle your own canoe

Nothing great is lightly won
Nothing won is lost
Every good deed nobly done
Will repay the cost
Leave to heaven in humble trust
All you will to do
But if you succeed you must
Saddle your own cane

Written by

Charles

H. Russell

South Deerfield
Mass

[June 17, 1851]

A. W. Quimby Esq

Dear Sir

In regard to your rights and liabilities as Mortgagee of the "Barque Jane", you are, in my judgment, entitled

- (1) To take immediate possession of said Barque upon the refusal or failure on the part of the Mortgagor to pay the monies secured by the Mortgage, and to hold and defend such possession against all trespassers, and to either sell said vessel under the power therein given or to employ her yourself and direct her movements.
- (2.) After taking such possession, to receive all her earnings, freight or otherwise always appropriating the same, after paying expenses, to the payment of said Mortgage.
- (3) To recover damages for the detention of or injury to said vessel while in your possession against any attaching creditor of the Mortgagor whose claim is not for wages or disbursements on

account of the vessel or contracts or claims for the fulfillment or payment of which there is a claim against or lien upon the vessel herself.

(4) To full indemnity, by the terms of the mortgage against all such claims as are against the vessel for wages disbursements &c which you may pay or become security for while in possession.

(5) If you sell the vessel after taking possession your liabilities are sufficiently stated in the mortgage.

(6) If you do not sell her, but keep possession & control of her you become liable, as owner, for all claims for wages, repairs, necessaries, &c, on account of the vessel accruing after you take possession.

Yrs truly

O. D. Butler

Boston June 17th 1854

C. F. W. Quinty, Esq

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Att Brown J^L 19
Answered J^L 22
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Battleboro. Sunday June 19.
{1851?}

Dear William.

No doubt you will open
this letter with a considerable degree
of astonishment. But don't be alarmed.
I don't want to entrap you into
a correspondence. I wrote to Anne
some ages, or weeks ago. But as I
did not direct quite right, and left
out your fathers middle name, perhaps
she has not received it. If so, that
is a little excuse for her not writing.
But as I think it is much more
probable that she did get said epistle
and has abominably neglected to
answer it, and as I wanted to hear
from the family, I thought I would
try another member of it. If this shot

does not take effect on either you or Annie. I shall fire me at your mother and so on, and then begin again at the beginning, for I am determined to have a letter from some of you.

It is Sunday afternoon, but I am not at church because I have such a bad cold that I can only prolong existence by eating hoarhound candy and even that didn't keep me from coughing in church all the morning. I have eaten three quarters of a pound of today and yesterday. We are having the loveliest weather, and the roses are all out, and all Brattleboro looks as beautiful as could be desired. Lizzie Fairis is here now and consoles me in a measure for Lizzie's departure to Green Street. Though you may imagine I make pretty frequent visits to that part of the village. I am always there after tea sometimes in the afternoon and often to spend the night. Mr. Schuster introduces

me as "our boarder." Lizzie's new condition of life seems to suit her very well and she plays the part of married lady quite well considering as Mr. Schuster remarked the other day, that "it can't be but two or three years since she slept in a cradle." Mr. S.'s new piano has come and it is very handsome on the outside and a very nice instrument. He is quite delighted with it.

I have two classes in Latin, one in the Reader and one in Virgil. Lizzie Fairis in German, and a class in History of the United States and one in Geography. This keeps me occupied about three hours a day, and I draw some and have two scholars in drawing. I read Italian twice a week and some German every day. Ask Annie if she doesn't think me industrious.

Just now Dick Bradley, ~~Adel~~ Hall, George Kingsley, and George Foster, came by here. Don't the names sound

natural. Dick must have just come home
Willie Chapin is here, to spend the
summer, and recruit from hard study
I suppose. Angelina is pretty well.
Mary Chapin is very well and pretty.
Laura Witt is at Montpelier - telling
Maud is very well. And the Miss
'Gophers' are flourishing and sing in the
choir.

There are two dances at each of
the Water Caves every week, which makes
considerable amusement. But I don't mean
to go more than twice a week. Last
Friday I went to a dance at Dr. Grant's.
The Austrian ambassador was there.
Oscar von Goltzmann. The funniest acting
man imaginable, who looks a good deal
like your father. He will stay here
some time I suppose.

Give my love to all the family.
I should like to be at your house today.
Sunday always makes me rather Boston-
sick!

Francis B. Brown.

Brattleboro 13 July 1851

Dear Clark, [Thomas W. Clarke]

I think that, under the circumstances, you have passed a very respectable Examination. I did not much expect you w^d pass clear, for you have not the habit of laborious accuracy without which a young man cannot make a first-rate scholar. I am very glad you passed clear in Greek, the study I am particularly responsible for. Your failure in Latin Grammar must have come from its not being fresh in your memory. But you did not go over either Grammar with proper thoroughness and accuracy when you first began to study. If you had not been so behindhand in Greek when you came to me, I sh^d have devoted more time to writing Latin - but I am very glad you passed clear in all the Latin authors. If your condition had been of more importance I sh^d not have considered myself done with you till you had made up all deficiencies, ^{with me} But as it is, if you will spend time enough on the Latin Grammar to ac-

authorize me, (read over, for instance, the syntax of the Subjunctive Mood, and say a verb through perfectly) I will send you a certificate. You are probably as well prepared as most of the boys that intend, and the only way to make your knowledge minute and accurate will be, to do all your reading hereafter with the Grammar in your hand.

I think, as you say, that your missing the algebra was accidental. When I examined you, you seemed to have a very competent knowledge of it.

Now let me give you a little good advice respecting the future. For I assure you I feel a great interest in your doing well. You are going to a very dangerous place - for it is one where you will be almost entirely your own master, when the duties required of you will often seem dry and distasteful, and when you will have enough to keep you in countenance if you are disposed to neglect them. I know of nothing in the world to keep you right except firm principle. It is the easiest thing in the world to go wrong - perhaps you will never again be in a situation when it will be so easy. You be sitting temptations will be from laziness, for you are not over fond of hard work, and I shall be afraid that that will open the door to others. It easily may. Let me recommend this course to you - to do with the most minute accuracy you are

capable of, the appointed college lessons, and to do nothing else with books. They will not perhaps be just what you would like to do best, in the way of study, but till you are fonder of study, and better able to judge for yourself, there will be the greatest safety in sticking closely to the prescribed course, and not distracting your attention with other occupations. The prescribed lessons are not onerous to those who do them regularly and methodically every day - but they will be too dry to do in any other way. Take note of this - be reasonably methodical in your habits; go through your daily work faithfully, and get it off your mind, and then go and enjoy yourself as much as you like, if you won't drink brandy and water. I hear there's a great deal drunk in College now.

Be a little wary about contracting intimacies the first year. Wait till your class-mates show themselves out, and then make one of the set who insist on doing their work faithfully without being mere "digs." Intimacy with the best scholars of your class will do you good, for it will raise your standard of accuracy. That is where you are deficient. Learn to go over and over the same thing. All good scholars do.

Be particular from the very first not to make your room a lounging-place for papers.

I send you a little tract I wrote some time ago. My advice ^{there} in regard to study will be more useful if young men want to College

better prepared and more mature in mind.
I will qualify it in your case by advising you
not to use any disputation or make any change
from your prescribed studies, at least for
the two first years. It will be all you can do
in these two years to do your Latin and Greek
faithfully, and you will never regret the time,
provided you do them faithfully. I am disposed
to set a higher value upon a good knowledge of
Latin and Greek than when I wrote. They are
the only foundation of a cultivated taste, and
hard and dry as the entrance may seem, they
are the true entrance to the love and enjoyment
of all Literature. The advice to Dyspeptics
I hope you will never need. but be cautious,
and keep your habits of active exercise.

I shall always be glad to
hear from you or assist you in any way in my power.
Wishing you all success and that you
may really appreciate and improve your oppor-
tunities, I am

Very truly yours

W. P. Atkinson

Brattleboro' 27 Aug 57

Dear Clarke, [To Thomas W. Clarke]

My letter did not reach me in season to send the certificate to reach Cambridge today, but I suppose you do not begin till Monday. I wish you a pleasant four years

— Truly yrs

W. P. Atkinson

N. B. Practice writing - till you get command of yr hand. A slovenly hand-writing will be forever in your way.

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Thos. W. Clarke
Cambridge
Mass

Cohasset August 27 1837

My dear Son, [To Thomas W. Clarke]

You have now left your fathers house, to go forth into what ought to be the busy world, if you do your duty it will be so to you.

Your College life is your fortune, & the improvement or neglect of every day's opportunities, may - every single act, will now influence your after life, for weal or for woe.

No young man could, I think, enter College under more favourable circumstances, for the cultivation of good & studious habits than yourself; if you do not appreciate & improve them the consequences of your neglect, I charge you to remember, must be on your own head, for you are now of an age, if you ever will be, to feel your own responsibilities.

We have sought you out, at great expence, a dwelling place where you may be uninterrupted in your studies by any inmate in your room; we have furnished it with all things for your comfort, & made it pleasant to the eye; & we have placed you in the midst of a family, whose genteel deportment, & whose manners & order, will, I trust, form a worthy example for your imitation; in this family there can be no temptation to do wrong. - There is the friendly hospitality of Mrs. Hodges, open

to you at all times, when recreation & good society - would be desirable, to alternate with study; all your proper bills will be paid, & all reasonable wants & wishes supplied, & all we ask in return is the right appreciation & improvement of these opportunities for your own benefit; your own, I say, for by your profiting shall we be compensated. Remember the little we ask in return for all that is offered you; & remember too that these opportunities are offered but once, you must seize them quickly or they are gone forever, for they will not wait for you.

You must now William shake off your indolent habits, and labor for yourself, surely God intended that every human being should labor; for do we not always see that what is obtained without labor is neither lasting or valuable, therefore it is now yourself that must labor, & not your father who has so industriously earned what you are now spending.

It would gratify my pride greatly for you to merit a part, which I think would (even the first part) be within your reach, if you chose to add sufficient application, to your capacity for study; but much as I desire this, I desire goodness, moral conduct, & steady habits more; for remember it is to God that you are to give an account

of all private as well as public acts, & of the proper improvement of your time.

You have some faults William, one in particular, which must be seen by you in the same revolting aspect that it is by others, ere it can be conquered, I mean your impetuosity of temper. It must be prayed over, it must be overcome, or it will lead to acts which will scar & blast all the beautiful buds of promise, which your Mother has so long watched & nurtured, & hoped would blossom in purity.

I would also warn you against the vices which sometimes, but not always, attach themselves to a college life, which I trust, I think, you have at present no taste for - for your father & mother's sake, as well as your own, I earnestly entreat you to avoid these, do not harbour any secret sin, this is far worse than the open disregard of God's laws. My child - if you have the slightest intimation that evil has, or is about to, overcome you, pray to your Heavenly Father, earnestly pray & he will lead you into the right path, but remember that purity once thrown away can never be gathered up again, its place may be filled by repentance, & reformation, but its holy value is gone forever.

I charge you my dear boy not to

neglect your religious duties, do not let
any thing interfere with your daily prayers,
depend upon it, prayer is the most important
of all duties, without it you can never per-
manently succeed; do not enter into any
thing that you cannot ask God to bless, &
be in the constant habit of asking his blessing
on trifling matters, & do not omit any day
to thank him for his numerous blessings, of
which you enjoy so large a share; make it
a habit to meditate often alone upon your
duties, & upon religious matters; do not treat
with levity any ordinance of the College, how-
ever general the habit of doing so may be,
show yourself at once above any ridicule
or sarcasm on this subject; should you
be in company where religion is laughed at,
do not join in such mirth, but withdraw
yourself as soon as you can do so unobserved.

My dear son should any ill befall
you ask God to guide you, & then open your
whole heart to your parents; for matters are al-
ways made worse by concealment from your
best friends, & who can be so good friends to you
as your parents - but I pray that this change may
prove unnecessary, at least as springing from
yourself, for I am sure if you knew how
much your Mother's heart was bound up in
your well doing, I am sure that you would
make your efforts for good unceasing -

A daily journal faithfully kept will be one of the means of aiding you in doing right.

Remember William that I have watched, & prayed, over you from your cradle upwards, both in sickness & in health, & earnestly asked God to develop your character in purity - think - of my feelings should my prayer be unanswered, for it is my heart's desire that you should be good. God grant that you may not disappoint me! Let the thought of your Mother act as a talisman in keeping you in the right path, & her name be as a watchword to your exertions.

I trust that you will always keep your person in purity & cleanliness, this is due to the family in which you are animated; & be scrupulously regardful of order in your room, & of a proper & pleasant conduct towards those who serve you in a subordinate situation.

And now my son I have finished my advice to you, & have left with you a representation of myself; place it where you please, but let it remind

you that the college walls must not
shut out from you the smallest por-
tion of your Mother's affection, or precepts.

I may God bless you & keep you
in all innocence, & active goodness,
here, so that a crown of righteousness may
await you hereafter. This is the prayer
of your Mother.

To be read often, and
acted upon, and al-
ways remembered.

[Undated]

To the Faculty of Harvard College.

Gentlemen:—

The undersigned, who was dismissed from the present Sophomore Class in June last, first, for alleged complicity in ringing a bell, and secondly, for departing from College grounds in a carriage drawn by four horses, he being at the time under sentence of the Faculty;— feeling grateful for the mitigation his sentence has already received, — would respectfully petition that his sentences be reconsidered; and if it shall appear to the Faculty that sufficient additional evidence has come to their knowledge to justify them in acceding to his request; and if the principles of College discipline allow, would ask that some further portion of his sentence be remitted.

In making this request the undersigned would not attempt to justify the conduct which led to his second sentence, but will simply state that he had no feelings of disrespect towards the Faculty. He also feels obliged to state in justice to his friend Dalton, as well as himself, that the meeting of his class mates in the room of the former was simply for leave-taking. It had no seditious motives. The matter of the carriage was not discus-

sed there, neither was any thing disrespectful, spoken
concerning the Faculty.

The undersigned, then respectfully submitting
that his case is a hard one, would petition to have his
sentences reconsidered, and moreover, to have his first
sentence allowed to pass as expiation of his second of-
fence.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas William Clarke

[Jan. 28, 1852]

I Calvin Whiting Clark of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Merchant, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following.

First, I order and direct my Executors hereafter named, to pay all my just debts, and funeral charges, as soon as may be after my decease.

Second, I give and devise unto my beloved wife Ann K. Clark, the use and improvement of all my Estate, Real, Personal and mixed, of whatever name or nature the same may be, of which I may be seized and possessed at the time of my decease; for and during her natural life, she to keep the same in good and tenable repair, and not to suffer or permit any strip or waste to be committed thereon. Subject however to the following restrictions, reservations and conditions as is hereinafter expressed.

Third, My Will is, and I hereby order and direct, that my Executors may sell and dispose of any part or parts of my estate, whether real or personal whenever in their opinion, they may deem it for the best interest of my heirs so to do.

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And I further order and direct that in case any part of my estate should be sold as aforesaid, the proceeds thereof shall be invested by my said executors, in a safe and productive manner, for the use and benefit of my said wife during her life, and I hereby authorize and empower my said executors, to make and execute all necessary deeds and conveyances for the purpose of carrying into effect, this and the other provisions of this will

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And I further order and direct, that suitable Guardians shall be appointed for the care and management of my minor children until they become of lawful age, and such amount of money as may be needful for their support and education shall be taken from the income of my estate, as shall effect that object—

After the death of my said wife, I give and bequeath all my property remaining at her death, to my Executors hereafter named, their heirs and assigns, Executors and administrators; in trust however, for the use and benefit of my five children viz Anne Balch, Thomas William, Edward Augustus May, Elizabeth Townsend, and George Ripley Clark. And I hereby authorize my executors and trustees to sell the whole of my estate real and personal

and to invest the proceeds of sale, not then payable over to any of my five children, in such manner as may be most convenient, proper and safe, and to pay over the same to my five children—

Three fifths of my property is to be paid over to my three sons in equal shares; one half thereof to be paid over and conveyed to them, as they may respectively arrive at the age of twenty five years, to hold the same as their absolute property; and the income of the other half is to be paid to them respectively in equal shares, until each shall arrive at the age of thirty years, when his share shall be paid over and conveyed to him, to hold as aforesaid. And of either or all my sons should die before arriving at the age of twenty five years, or thirty years, then the same is to be paid over to his or their heirs

And as to the two fifths of all my property given in trust for the use and benefit of my daughters and their heirs, I hereby direct my Executors to invest in a safe and proper manner, and to pay over the income thereof in equal shares to them during their lives; and in the case of the marriage of either or both of my daughters, my Executors shall hold her or their shares in trust for their separate use without any control of her or their husband or

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Husbands - and the same income or incomes are to be paid to her or them, and her or their receipt or receipts, shall fully discharge my Executors from the obligation of their trust. And after the death of my daughters, I order and direct my trustees to pay over their shares respectively, the income of which is given to them, to their heirs, unless my daughters or either of them shall by any will or other testamentary writing otherwise direct; in which case my Executors and trustees shall pay over such share or shares to such person or persons as my daughter or daughters shall direct; meaning hereby to leave the said shares of my property entirely at the disposal of my daughters, after their decease.

I do further order and direct that in the case of the marriage of either or both of my daughters, that the sum of two thousand dollars for each or either of them, may be withdrawn from the amount invested for their benefit, for the furnishing of a house or for any other purpose they may desire.

I nominate and appoint as my Executors, my friends John Collamore and George Callender - and my will is that no other than their own personal security be required by the Judge of Probate for the faithful discharge of their several duties.

as Executors and Trustees - and I further direct and request that my said Executors shall each be responsible for his own acts only, and not for the acts of the other

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of January. Eighteen Hundred and fifty two

Attest

Calvin W Clark

Fred W G May

Benj I White

D B Holder

Signed and sealed by the said Clark, the testator, and declared by him to be his last Will and testament in our presence and at his request we have attested and subscribed our names hereunto as witnesses, in his presence, and in the presence of each other

Boston January 28th 1852

Fred. W G May of Boston

Benj I White of Boston

D B Holder of Lynn

Harvard Jan'y 30 1852

Dear sister,

I take advantage of Mr G's going to Boston to write a few words to you. I will state a few of the criticisms on your essay. Mr Geo Willard said that there wasn't a person in the town that could have written it. Esq. Hill said it was the best thing of the sort he ever heard, it displayed such knowledge of human nature, and such power of expression. Mr Geo Warner even was moved to admiration, and Joseph Willard was enthusiastic in its praise. The exhibition went off well, and no superior remarks have been made except of course qualified praise both at the appearance of the teacher, as handsome as Phœbus, with the beaming face of Phaëthon &c.

I invited Mr G. to dine with us but he said he shall be obliged to hurry through his business and go home so he probably will interrupt this mission to Augustus' fostering care, and you will get it speedily. Clara & Sophia Garver are the young women I am going to see this evening and I expect to have a good time. I went ~~yesterday~~ Saturday over to Mr Eos! Mrs E. was at home, but not

Mr E. Robert was very well and will probably
enter College next August. I have met several
Students from Cambridge, Mr Gerrish, Park, the
Ingdon. These with my self made representations
from Harvard, Bolton and Lancaster. Gerrish
brought me home at evening and a very pleasant
and ride we had. G. keeps a horse & sleigh,
which he supports for \$1.25 per week, don't I
wish I had Kelly. I would not walk various
miles this evening to make a visit. But
the shades of night are falling. Evening is draw-
ing her veil and I will bid you adieu, dear
my dear sister think I haven't been home
sick, I have suffered bitterly, I would rather
have a palatial house in Boston than a palat-
ial residence in the country. I never should
have returned from the city if I once had arri-
ved there. I never could have severed my-
self from the delights of home.

Adieu, I remain

Your aff bro.

T. M. Clark

Miss Annie B. Clarke
No 1 Kingston St.
Boston
Mass.

Polkman Rev W. Gilbert.

HARVARD COLLEGE.

Certificate of Admission.

Freshman *F. W. Clarke* Cambridge, *July 15.* 1851
is admitted a member of the
Class in Harvard College on probation, and on condition of
passing a satisfactory examination in the following studies *at the end of the Vacation.*

Jared Sparks

President.

Lat. Gram^r, Eq^{ns} in Algebra, Lat. Prosody

N. B.—A student, who has been admitted on condition of making up certain deficient studies, will be examined in those studies on the *first day of the Term*, (Thursday, the 28th of August.) He must bring a certificate from an approved teacher that he has made up such studies under his instruction, during the Vacation, and if he fails to pass a satisfactory examination, he will not be permitted to join his class;—nor can he again apply for admission till the beginning of the next Term, when he will be examined both in his deficient studies, and in the studies over which his class will have passed during the preceding Term.

Abstract of Laws and Regulations for the Information of Parents and Guardians.

Admission and Matriculation.

1. Every person admitted to the University on examination must give a bond to the President and Fellows of Harvard College, with sureties, of which one, at least, is a resident citizen of Massachusetts, to the satisfaction of the Steward, in the sum of four hundred dollars, for the payment of all College dues, according to the laws and customs of the University.

2. On the first day of the Term, or as soon after as may be, he must exhibit to the President a certificate from the Steward that a bond has been given as required. He shall then sign the following acknowledgment, viz. : — “I acknowledge, that, having been admitted to the University at Cambridge, I am subject to its laws.”

The President will then deliver to him a printed copy of the laws, and he will be required to give his attendance forthwith on all the exercises of his class.

3. After a probation of one Term, he may be admitted to full standing as a Matriculated Student. If he be not deemed qualified for Matriculation at the end of the first Term, his probation may be extended, at the discretion of the Faculty, to a further period, not exceeding one year from his acceptance on examination.

Dress.

On Sabbaths, on Exhibition days, and on all public occasions, each Student is required to wear in public a black coat, with buttons of the same color.

Term Bills.

The bills of all students resident at the University for College charges and expenses shall be made out twice a year, at the end of each Term, and lawful interest shall be paid upon every bill which is not discharged by the first Monday of the Term next succeeding that for which the bill was issued. And if any student shall neglect to pay to the Steward, on or before the second day of every Term, each term bill due by him, except the last, he shall not be permitted to continue at the University. If any student shall be absent for non-payment of a bill for more than one month after the beginning of the Term when payment ought to have been made by this law, his connection with the University shall cease; nor shall he be readmitted, except on the usual conditions of readmission after a separation.

Dear Sir

[1852]

Saturday eveg Decr 4th 52
~~the past~~

[To Calvin W. Clarke]

Yours of this date has just been handed me.
I know not what the ^{are} remarks may have been that
you say ^{as their author} traced to me. I have never knowingly slandered
~~in behalf~~ any man, but I confess to you that I have
felt for years that you had not ^{acted} ~~done~~ towards me
as you should have done, and perhaps in order
that the subject may be brought to a right understanding
we had better as early as practicable have an interview
before some disinterested person or persons, and I would
name Mr Coolidge our pastor as entirely satisfactory to me,
and the time ^{next} ~~as early as~~ Monday, or ~~at~~ any other time
more convenient to you and Mr C. If you desire
any other members of our Church to be present at ^{the} ~~our~~
~~future~~ meeting I have no objection.

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Harvard College April 28th 1852.

" At a meeting of the B.O.D. society, (Epsilon Chapter of Harvard College.) Mr.

Thomas William Clarke of Boston.
was elected a member of the Fraternity,
E. Y. E. T. Secretary.

Thursday May 6th 1852.

Mr Clarke

Dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to announce to you the above invitation. Should you accept your election, please remain in your room this evening between eight and three quarters and ten o'clock, during which time a Committee of members will call upon you to learn your decision and, if favorable, to conduct you for initiation.

I am, sir, with respect,

Yours bc.

E. Y. E. T. Secretary.

B. J. P.

Security - Insurance -

"Copy."

Cambridge, June 8th 1852.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to be obliged to inform you, that your son has brought himself under a heavy censure of the College Faculty.

The following vote will explain the grounds of their decision.

"It appearing to this Board that one of the Churches in Cambridge was broken into and the bells rung, on the night of Wednesday the 2nd of June, and it appearing, further, that the persons guilty of the act assembled previously at the room of T. W. Clarke, of the Freshman Class, and immediately after the act repaired to that room and there spent the night, giving us good reason to believe that Clarke was either concerned in the act or accessory to it,"

Thereupon Voted, - That T. W. Clarke be dismissed, and not allowed to present himself for readmission until the end of next Term."

The offence, which was committed, is a serious one; entering a church through a window in the middle of the night, opening the doors within, and ringing the bells, thereby alarming the people of the town.

Your son is reserved in his communications, and it is not clear from what he has said how far he participated in the principal act. But he acknowledges that he left two students in his room a short time before the bell was rung, and that he was near the church when the event took place, and soon afterward found the same students at his room, where they remained all night; and these students were seen to go rapidly from the church to his room, ~~where they remained all~~ immediately after the bell was rung. The result of the whole investigation on the minds of the Faculty is such as stated above. Moreover, his allowing students to remain in his room all night was a violation of the published laws of the college, in which it is enjoined, that "No student shall suffer any one to lodge at his room without leave from one of the Faculty."

I regret the more that this difficulty should have occurred in regard to your son, as his general deportment and attention to his college duties have hitherto been commendable; although as a scholar, he does not sustain so high a rank in his class as he might perhaps attain by a little more effort.

I am, dear Sir, with much respect
and regards, Your Obt Servt
Calvin W. Clarke, Esq. Signed Jared Sparks

Copy,

Dear Sir,

Boston, June 9th 1852.

I received your letter yesterday and desire to thank you for the very kind manner in which you communicated to me the sad intelligence of our sons sentence, and while we feel that the Faculty have acted from a proper sense of duty in satisfying the demands of justice in the towns people, we cannot help being impressed with the truthfulness of our sons statement, that he had nothing whatever to do with the transaction, except in not ejecting from his room those persons who sought shelter there without his invitation or wish.

We are gratified to learn that he merits your approbation for general good conduct, and trust that through this severe dispensation he may be induced to feel more fully the value of his time, and importance of his studies as connected with his after life.

A kind Providence has softened the acuteness of a parents feelings on this occasion, by the knowledge that the accusation was not brought forward for wickedness or cruelty.

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Cambridge, June 10th, 1852.

Dear Sir,

It is with renewed concern that my duty should make it necessary for me to communicate to you further disagreeable intelligence concerning your son. The following is an extract from the proceedings of the Faculty yesterday morning.

"It appeared that T. W. Clarke, Freshman, who was dismissed by a vote of the Faculty on Monday evening remained in town during the next day, and was driven in a four horse Carriage through the College yard at the time of the religious services in the chapel, ^{and that the carriage was stopped in front of the chapel} while the students were coming out from prayers, with the evident intention of creating a disturbance in the College yard, and that he was afterwards driven through the streets in the neighborhood of the College, in the same manner and for the same disorderly purpose." Thereupon Voted, - that the vote of Monday evening, by which Clarke was dismissed until the end of next Term, be reconsidered.

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You will perceive that this act was one of premeditated and bold defiance of the college authorities, which could be intended only as such, and to excite the students to disorderly conduct.

I would also add, that your son must not appear at the College, nor associate with any of the students in Cambridge, during the term of his dismissal. This caution is necessary to guard against further difficulties, which might prolong his absence, and perhaps prevent his return.

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Respectfully & truly yours
signed Jared Sparks.

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Boston, June 12th 1852.

Dear Sir,

It was with the deepest regret that we received your communication of the 10th inst. The first was a severe trial, although it was mingled with comfort; for we were assured that circumstances beyond our sons control and without his knowledge, brought those persons, ~~to his room~~ with whom he had but slight acquaintance, to his room, and that he endeavoured by going out himself, to induce them to leave during his absence, thereby in our minds, clearing him from all participation in the rash act.

But when a second sentence came condemning him for what certainly must have appeared to you as you have stated it, as an indiscretion of his own, it seemed that the parents cup of sorrow was nearly filled, although the full measure, thank God, has not as yet been appointed to us, by the presence of any act of wickedness, or disrespect in his own mind to the authorities of the College.

No one but his parents can regret as much as he does, his assent to the urgent solicitations of his class to leave Cambridge in the manner ^{that} he did, he was bruised all the forenoon in making preparations for his departure, intending to leave early in the afternoon; but unfortunately about 2 o'clock he was waited upon by a committee of his class, who informed him (and this was his first intimation of it) that arrangements had been completed to carry him home, which he declined, as he wished to return to Boston as quietly as possible.

But being urged to accede to the proposal as a mark of respect from his class, and being assured that it was an old and common custom, and that it would not harm any individual, and not having near him one kind friend to speak a word of caution, ^{thoughtlessly} he consented to receive what was misnamed, an honor

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We have no disposition to question the importance of a rigid and severe enactment of the rules and regulations of the college discipline; we are convinced that it is needful.

Neither do we question the propriety of a severe punishment for our son in the light that the Faculty now view his conduct; but there is a light which is seen by that eye which penetrates all hearts, which if it could be but rightly directed, would, we are satisfied, surely point to the innocence of his intentions, and it does seem to us as parents, hard that he should be, through such excessively severe punishment, the victim of so much of the folly of others, as well as his own.

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There is one disinterested witness, Mr Coolidge our pastor, who was at my house when he arrived who can bear testimony to his conduct and state of mind at that time, and also to his character and deportment for the last ten years, he has been intimate at our house, and has known William in all situations, and William has for that term of time been under his ministrations, and for two years a teacher in his Sunday School.

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Cantabrigiae a.d. VI Nonas Julii MDCCCLII

Carolus Augustus Chase
Suo caro amico

Thomae Gulielmo Clark.

Salve. Permultum doleo
tuam invitationem benignam accipere ^{turum} non posse. Sed
magnum breakdownum futurum est oppido Lynn, et
major pars meae familiae ibi erit. Itaque me decet
ire ut consanguineos revisam, et pisces capiam, et in
mari natem, et diem dominicam in Salem agam cum
mea cara sorore et ejus marito, et proximam diem omnibus
locis habitem, et bonum tempus habeam. Sed fortasse
ego te videam in vespere diei lunae, et opera ignis videam.

Θη Σοιητι μετ λαοτ ραιτ φορ Θη λαοτ ταιμ θες
τρημ, and so there was το δεβητ. But I should have
read tuam ~~ignot~~ communicationem sicut ignotam, nisi
negotium omne tempus occupasset et vix satis fuisset

ad Orationem legendam atque duo communicationes an-
onymas, quarum unam ad te mitto, et volo te remittere
per Johannem. Nos confecimus multum negotium
Societate, quod dicam tibi quum conveniemus.

Da veniam mihi, quaeso, quod talem literam
scripsi. Scripta est incredibili brevi spatio temporis.
Hora duodecima hae nocte, ^{nos} multi nostri in aquam
ituri sumus.

Vale.

Cambridge, Aug. 5th 1852

Dear Sir,

I delayed answering your letter concerning your son, because I hoped you would call and ascertain the particulars more fully than they could be communicated in writing, & because I had a conversation on the subject at the time with the Rev. Mr. Coolidge, the substance of which he said he would report to you.

The request in your second letter to have your son's sentence mitigated was submitted to the College Faculty, but, after reviewing all the circumstances of the case, they were not convinced that they could, with a proper regard to the discipline of the College, reverse or change their decision. How far your son's conduct & attention to his studies, during his absence, may

be regarded as furnishing grounds
for shortening the period of his dismissal,
must be left for future consideration.
Meantime I shall be happy to see
you, whenever it may be convenient
to you, & make such further expla-
nations as you may desire.

I am, dear Sir,
With much respect & regard,
Your obt. st.

Jared Sparks

Calvin W. Clark, Esq.

Mr Clark, who has been suspended by the col-
lege government at Cambridge, was suspended
because he refused to "inform," and for nothing
else. He was not engaged in ringing the bell, or
firing cannon.

1852

Roxbury Oct 28 1852

My dear Mr. Blake

I liked my desk very much
I expect to enjoy much pleasure in
writing at it. I think I shall carry
it to college. I don't think I ever
shall use that foolscap paper you
sent in the desk. I have put my
first composition on it. I am very
much obliged to you, and think
you are very kind to think of
so small a boy as I am.

Good by from Moorfield Storey

Chas Wm Clarke
Boston

11 Court St. Boston
Oct. 29th 1852

Mr. Tho. W. Clark

My dear Sir,

I enclose you
Hoodfield's achievement,
wrought out upon the
surface of that monument
of your kindness upon which
he proposes to himself to
execute still greater com-
-mittees in the progress of the
ages.

Allow me to add my
own thanks to this for your
generous present. It is

extremely pretty, and will doubtless have an influence upon his tender mind, which will redound to the advantage of his literature, though, to judge from the enclosed specimen, not very particularly to the advantage of the letter-writing world in general.

He is entirely engrossed with the desk and its contents, and I doubt if any method of disposing, either to the best possible profit in the way of public or domestic

admiration has been left untried, except perhaps where the maternal veto may have been interposed -

"The dry drudging of the desk's dead wood" is a phrase he has not yet learned. I trust he may have no acquaintance with it, till his vertebral column gets pretty thoroughly strengthened. But I think he will eventually thank you for giving him very pleasant association with the word desk, that will very likely last out his life -

I remain, with my
best respects to your father
and mother & the young
ladies

Yours very truly
Chas. M. Sturges

No. 11 Court St. NW. 3. 1852

Mr. Thomas ^{M^r} Clark

My dear Sir,

I enclosed you, on Friday last, or thereabout, a note from Moorfield, in which he endeavored to unbosom some of the gratitude and delight with which your very handsome present had filled him. But somehow, I learn, the note miscarried - The boy who "loted" it says he left it at what seemed to him to be No. 1 King St. though it had no name or number on the door - It was next to No. 2 and the girl who took it said it was all right.

I regret to add that Bob's ideas of justice and propriety are so ill defined that he will hold you responsible for the loss, if this precious document now enclosed shall miscarry - He is persuaded that two letters ought to be enough on any one subject.

The desk occupies his thoughts very constantly
and he is full of all manner of projects for
making the most of it -

His mother & I are very much obliged to you
for your kindness and agree that no ~~better~~ selection
could have been made of ~~any~~ thing that would
please and occupy him so fully.

Must you will excuse those blots. I believe
we concluded some time ago that it is a mark
of a full mind to be unable to copy - or even
to write at all without mistakes - It may be
that we were wrong, but the theory has much
recommended it to my mind.

I am going to put this into the Post Office,
which I think may be relied on for the present.

Please present Mr. Storey's and
my respects to your father & mother and
the family and believe me

Very truly yours
Chas. M. Storey

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Chas Story

Mr. Thomas W^m Clark
Care of
Calvin W. Clark, Esq.
Boston.

Boston Dec. 4th 1852

For a long time past, running thro' months & perhaps years, reports and rumors, have reached me, injurious to my sincerity in religious action, and calculated to throw distrust upon the integrity of my christian profession and character. For an equally long time I have been at a loss to know, from whom they sprang. & from what they could have their origin.

I was unconscious of having given just cause of offence to any one; least of all, to any of ^{my} brethren, of the same household of faith. Where then, was I to look for the source of these injurious reports? I asked this question of myself, again & again. I could get no satisfactory response. & for months have concluded to meet & bear them - as a wise infliction of Providence, designed for my greater circumspection & humbler walk.

Judge then of my grief as well as surprise, when, without any seeking of my own, the fact has come to me, as I think, undeniably, that you are in part, if not in whole, the author of this unspeakable mischief & wrong. Your property may be an object, worthy your care & regard. My good name, as a man and professing christian, is dearer to me & mine, than all your heaps

of gold. My character & good name, is what I must depend upon, for my standing as a man & a Christian, & must be defended. I am the more surprised, because in our intercourse you have always greeted me with an apparent sincerity. & received my hand, with the pressure of an apparent friendship. The gospel which you & I profess, does not recognise actions like these, as Christian actions. but directs us, if we have occasion of complaint against a brother, "to go & tell him his fault, between him & thee - & if he shall hear thee, thou hast saved thy brother." I wish now simply & honestly to ask you. if in what I have written, I am laboring under misinformation, & whether these reports can have had origin. where my information places them.

I wait with the deepest anxiety
your answer. & remain till then, as ever yours,

N. A. Bailett


Saturday eve Decr 4th 52.

Sir,

Yours of this date has just been handed me, I know not what the remarks may have been that you say are traced to me as their author.

I have never knowingly slandered any man, but I confess to you that I have for years felt that you have not acted towards me as you should have done, and perhaps in order that the subject may be brought to a right understanding we had better as early as practicable have an interview before some disinterested person or persons, and I would name Mr Coolidge our Pastor as entirely satisfactory to me, and the time next Monday, or any other more convenient to you and Mr Coolidge. If you desire any other members of our Church to be present at the meeting I have no objection.

Yrs &c

Calvin R. Clark
No 1 Kingston St.

On envelope:

"Mr. N. A. Barrett"

Tremont S^c. Sunday Eve^s.

Decr. 5th 1852

I have to acknowledge rec^d. of yours
of last eve^s. by which I see that you have matters
of dissatisfaction against me, & propose a reference
of them to the decision of our pastor. It was my
purpose to have proposed the most full & free in-
vestigation, not only before our pastor, but also
all the brethren & sisters of the church, in view of
the circumstances of the case. but if more of you
able to you, to confine it to a smaller number, I
shall most promptly accept your proposal. with
this addition; that all the brethren, to whom you
have ever spoken on the subject in question. shall
be present. By notifying them for tomorrow P.M.
or Eve^s. at such time & place, as you may appoint,
I will promptly attend.

Yours-as before
H. A. Baugh

Boston Dec 10th / 52

My Dear Sir,

You ask me to give you in writing the decision rendered by the Com. in the matter between you & Bro Barrett. It had crossed my mind that this was most proper, inasmuch as both were not present when the verdict was declared, & I was left to communicate it to Bro B. on my sole responsibility. I frame the verdict after this manner

The Committee ^{agreed upon} appointed to consider & determine a matter of grievance between Brothers Clarke & Barrett, having heard their full statements touching that matter, do decide

That as the matter lay in the mind of Brother Clarke he was justified in his opinion wh. he held & had expressed concerning the character of the transaction referred to. but that after the full explanation given by Brother

Barrett, may do acquit him of intentional
wrong or want of integrity in his trans-
action aforesaid - & do further declare that
there exist no reasons why these brethren
should not take each other by the hand
in a true & cordial fellowship - & do most
earnestly desire them so to do -

J. S. T. Coddage -
Chairman of the Com.

I believe, Brother C. this is the fair verdict - I
think it ~~fair~~ thoroughly covers the case - And now
let me pray you to bury the matter once & forever.
Let it be among the oblivions of the past - I thank
you for the fair, candid, & pure spirit in wh. you stated
& submitted the case to us, your brethren - & I thank God,
much more, for this ^{increased} ~~reason~~ evidence that my labors
have not been in vain among my people
& that our professions are not mere professions,
but sincere declarations of the truth as it is
in our hearts -

With increased love believe me

Your Friend & Pastor

J. S. T. Coddage

a copy of the verdict has been sent to Bro. B.