

James C. Christie and Family Papers

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CARLETON COLLEGE,

NORTHFIELD, MINN.

CARLETON COLLEGE was founded in the conviction that an institution of learning distinctly Christian in character, and aiming at the standard of scholarship maintained by the older Colleges of New England, is needed in Minnesota, and will be sustained.

In addition to the College proper, a PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT, under the same instructors, has been organized.

An ENGLISH COURSE of study, extending over four years, has been arranged for those not choosing the classical course. To enter the English Department students must be able to commence English Grammar and Robinson's Higher Arithmetic.

All departments are open to students of either sex. Ladies reside with the lady-teachers in a separate building, but both sexes meet in all general exercises, are instructed in the same classes, and may take the same degrees. The privileges of the College are offered to all alike, irrespective of race, nationality or denominational preferences.

It is the aim of the Faculty to provide an education *liberal* and *thorough* that shall embrace moral culture as well as mental discipline, and secure a symmetrical Christian character.

INSTRUCTORS.

Rev. JAMES W. STRONG, D. D.,
President and Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy.

HORACE GOODHUE, Jr., A. M.,
Professor of the Greek Language and Literature, and Principal of the Preparatory Department.

WM. W. PAYNE, A. M.,
Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

Mrs. MARY J. BOIES,
Preceptress and Matron, and Teacher of Calisthenics.

Miss SARAH E. DOW, A. M.,
Teacher of Latin Language and Literature.

Miss SARAH J. CHRISTIE,
Teacher of German and Assistant in English Department.

Mrs. J. D. LEE,
Teacher of Vocal and Instrumental Music.

JAS. J. DOW,
Teacher of French.

A E. BUNKER,
Teacher of Book-Keeping.

Requisites for Admission.

To enter the College Department, students are examined in the following named branches:

ENGLISH.	Grammar. Ancient and Modern Geography. United States History.
MATHEMATICS.	Arithmetic. Loomis's Algebra, to Chapter xv.
LATIN.	Harkness's Latin Grammar. Harkness's Latin Composition, to Part III. Cæsar,—three books. Cicero,—six Orations. Virgil, six books of the Æneid.
GREEK.	Crosby's Greek Grammar, (New Edition.) Arnold's Greek Prose Composition—twenty sections. Xenophon's Anabasis—three books. Homer's Iliad—two books.

To commence either the ENGLISH COURSE or the CLASSICAL COURSE of the Preparatory Department, only such advancement is required as will enable the student to pursue it with profit. The studies of the first term are Robinson's Higher Arithmetic, English Grammar, and Latin Grammar and Reader, or U. S. History.

For full courses of study, reference is made to the Annual Catalogue.

EXPENSES.

Board in College Building, per week . . .	$2 75	Use of Piano per term, one hour per day . .	$2 00
Tuition—Higher English and Classics, per term of 13 weeks	8 00	Room Rent, per term	3 00
" Common English, per term of 13 weeks	6 00	Incidentals, per term.	1 00
" Instrumental and Vocal Music, per lesson each	50	Heating, in proportion to cost.	

CALENDAR.

Wednesday, April 8th, 1874, Spring term of 12 weeks begins.

Anniversary Exercises, June 29th and 30th, 1874.
Vacation of ten weeks.

Examinations to enter College, June 27th and Sept. 8th, 1874.

Wednesday, Sept. 9th, 1874, Fall term of 15 weeeks begins.
Vacation of two weeks.
Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 1875, Winter term of 12 weeks begins.
Vacation of one week.
Wednesday, April 7th, 1875, Spring term of 12 weeks begins.

The Rooms in the Ladies' Hall are furnished with Stoves, Chairs, Tables, Wash-stand Bureaus, Mattresses, and Bedsteads; and those of Willis Hall are supplied with the same, excepting Mattresses. *All other furniture must be procured by the occupant.*

A building containing unfurnished rooms for twelve young men, is devoted to those wishing to board themselves. Board can be obtained in the Institution at the price given above, or in private families at reasonable rates.

Applications for rooms or board in the Ladies' Hall may be made to the Matron—for rooms in Willis Hall, to Prof. Goodhue.

General correspondence may be directed to

JAS. W. STRONG, President,

Northfield, Minnesota.

[ca 1873]

P.S. I enclose as
usual Pink Muffler
with your name
tied around
the knot.

Spring Valley Nov. 22.

Dear Miss Christie:- [Northfield, Minn.]

It seems ages since I left Northfield - but it is only a week ago Friday since I bade you all good-bye. The hardest lessons of my life have been learned within these few days. Just think of it - so hard and difficult and sorrowful so miserably learned - without one hour of preparation, and hardly a repentant warning.

I wrote you from Cincinnati a week ago today - but have heard nothing from you.

My brother was a little easier the morning I wrote, he was very delirious all that night was decidedly worse the next morning. He sank into a heavy sleep about noon from which he never awakened. He died about six o'clock in the evening. Monday.

I was with him almost constantly and could not believe he was going to die. Even when they all declared that he was struck with death - I thought it was only the effect of the medicine.

It could not be possible that

my dear - the one human being on earth who, since my father's death, I had really, thoroughly loved - the only one who understood and loved me could be taken from me.

Could the Death Angel have stopped to parley with me, I would have said - take away all other friends I have in the world - take all my other brothers - take my sisters and my mother - but leave Lizzie or take me too.

I would give all the world if I had only come home the week before I did. It seemed as though something was drawing and calling me home, and I used to wake up in the night and find myself crying and pleading with Lizzie, to save me from some terrible danger.

I am thankful that I came as soon as I received the telegram - that I was with him when he knew me and seemed glad to have me there.

He seemed afraid all the time that I was going to leave him. Just the morning before he died I went out of the room and stayed a little while. He turned to the lady who sat by him and said he knew I had gone for he met me on the train. She thought and sent for me and when I went in he looked so pleased and thought I had come back.

During all his delirium he was so anxious to "go home" and I had to watch him constantly to keep him from doing so. The only thing that

so nearly sick that they would only let her stay a few minutes at a time, neither cold, heat, or any other earthly thing could affect me then.

I only knew that my brother's life was going out and that no mortal could stop it for one single instant.

It was the gloomiest part of the gloomiest day in the gloomiest month of the whole year - that I watched my joyous light hearted brother's good-byes.

Everything was done for him that could possibly have been done, but without avail.

But if his life-work was over - mine was not. I had no time to fold my hands and mourn. Mother was completely overcome and could do nothing - everything devolved upon me. I made all the arrangements for the funeral that night. But the hardest part came in the morning. The family were scattered all over the state. Two of his brothers and one sister did not know that he had been sick at all. I went to the station the next morning and telegraphed that this brother was dead. Mother went home that morning and I stayed

and took Dimm home the next day. I had promised him when he was sick that I would take him home in a few days. I thought he was going to get better then.

We buried him Thursday. They say there was a large funeral and everybody was very kind to us and seemed to think so much of Dimm. But it seems to me almost like a dream. I can only see a cold, white face in a coffin and troops of little children crying to see their "good teacher." I can't realize that he is not coming back. His coat and hat are hanging up there in the hall. Mother wants me to put them away but it seems just as though he would be in pretty soon and need them. I can't work about anything else for I think of him all the time.

I have begun to think that my Northfield friends have forgotten me for notwithstanding this protestations of eternal friendship when I left. I have not heard a single word from any of them yet.

Tell them I miss Perrie just as much as I ever was and if they would write to me it might do me good. Excuse me out of myself into myself, as it were. Write good old fashioned letters just as they always have. I do not want sympathy or condolence, especially I have bushels more of both than I can dispose of.

I am getting tired of having folks look at me as though I were a tombstone and talk of golden harps and angels wings and being reconciled to this wise ordering of Providence. They do not know anything at all about it.

I wanted to begin school tomorrow but my cough is quite bad yet and mother will not consent to it. About that money. I had hoped to send it before this - but my brother having been away from home so for has made no payments except that I have not had a cent to spare. I shall have it in a few days I think.

Write soon and often whether you hear from me or not.

Direct to Spring Valley until further notice.

Truly Yours.

Perrie.

would quiet him was to ask him if he wanted to "come home and leave Jennie all alone". He would look at me quiet impatiently lay his head back on that pillow and say - "No, no cover me up and I'll try and stand it". My poor darling he did go and leave Jennie all alone. Nobody ever can ever know how much I have lost for he has been father, mother, brother sister and friend to me ever since I can remember.

He never murmured or complained - not one word during all his sickness, though he was burning with fever and was in terrible pain. Only one day when I was with him and had been trying in vain to get him fixed so that he would be a little more comfortable - he turned his face to the wall and lay quite still for a long time - when he turned round his eyes were full of tears - he noticed that. I observed them and said trying to smile - "It's so awfully unbusinesslike Whennels" (the name he called me that). He did not appear to be at all conscious during the last few hours of his life.

He was nearly three hours dying - I was by him all the time - part of the time alone, for there were none of the family there except mother and myself. We had to leave the windows all open, and mother was

Oh! I wish some one would
& please tell me what I have
done, when I was there
Then, early yesterday morning
I was down to the depot
at 5. to this morning
but I forgot your
Aunt's name. Then
I thought I'd
wait & see Mr Kenn Mann;
& Mr Lanier when
Mr Evans called
here yesterday,
well, afternoon,
San Luis Omnibus
Sunday, Oct 12th

you my word that I have said
nothing, and will say nothing
concerning this matter. [ca 1873]

The grasshoppers are making us
a call. They have done very
little harm as yet. but if they
stay until harvest, I will have
very little to go to school with,
any-where, certainly not enough
to leave the state with, but may
come back to Carleton.

The reason is it's exactly plain,
but the world does'nt seem the
gloomy, dreary, hateful place,
it did a ~~year~~ week ago. Come home.
Miss Christie! You can't
imagine what a pleasant thing

it is to do.

The national birthday here was a triumphant success. but a few trifling circumstances marred the perfect enjoyment of the day for me.

Henry (the hired man) hid my hat and boots, and went to the celebration before I was up. Annie sweetened my coffee and lemonade with salt!

Seymour's little innocent would persist in pinning papers to my coat-tails. It was doubtless amusing to a disinterested observer, but it shocked my dignity terribly. Ida capped the climax of my indignities by making a dutch bed — if you know what that is — for me that night. A tempora! O mores! But all of these wrongs are laid up to await the day of reckoning, and it will come speedily.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for me to milk the old red cow, I usually tie her up, but last night I neglected that precaution. The lacteal fluid was flowing, and the pail was filling rapidly, when a Carletonian freshman (prospective) might have been seen going through the most complicated evolutions and revolutions the world has ever seen. He found himself at last in the corner of the fence, but the cow. Ah! where was she? Henry milks now. Mother pets me until I am more selfish than ever. I feel convinced that I must go on a mission to South Africa or be completely spoiled.

Garden City, July 6th
[1873?]

Dear Miss Christie.

[Northfield, Minn.] I don't know that I have any good excuse for writing, only it would seem rather dreary to be forgotten by the only friend I have in Northfield. I received your letter this morning, and I assure you that you have no reason to be afraid that I will report any thing said in confidence. I will acknowledge the "selfishness" + "willfulness", but I think I have never been guilty of betraying the confideneee of any one. and I give

[To Miss S. J. Christie,
Northfield, Minn.]
[ca 1873]

Garden City July 20th

Dear Miss Christie

I received your letter a short time ago, and with remarkable promptness (for me) answer immediately — almost.

The grass-hoppers are gone, for the most part, and here done very little damage here, and I presume no more at your brother's place.

I cannot imagine what I could have said

about Miss Emeline
to rouse your indignation
so. As far as taste in
dress is concerned, I
wouldn't know if she had'nt
it, and besides, she
always seemed to me to
be as gay as a hollyhock.
I think she is a good,
sensible girl, better than
four out of five, and if
I said any thing to the
contrary, I beg pardon
most sincerely, "on bended
knee" if you insist.
I have all the reverence
that any-one can express,
for these "sweet girl souls,"
if I do speak lightly
sometimes.

It is my opinion, Miss
Christie, that your
selfishness, of which you

Speak is a negative
quantity, while mine is
of the most positive
character, and yours could
at only be made to signal
mine, by changing the sign,
which makes all the difference
in the world, you know.

I have thought frequently
of a remark you made one
evening in the reading room,
that while all our actions
are governed by selfish
motives, there is such a thing
as a higher kind of
selfishness, and some motives,
though they may indirectly
affect us! are less intensely
selfish than others.
You may have a very
little of the latter, while
I have a great deal of
the former.

I believe I shall enjoy the next year of study better, if I come back to Carleton, for I intend to turn over a new leaf and be less porcupinish and disagreeable.

A venerable feline, the property of the common family, departed this transitory life in the wood-shed yesterday. She was not found until life was extinct. There solitary and forlorn she had passed away. A score of kittens had once clustered round her but they were all gone. What desolate sorrow must have filled her heart! What wails of grief, and mingled roughs of anguish must have rent the air! We took her up tenderly and consigned her wasted body to the silent earth.

The mourners were few. Mother had an air of half concealed joy, which may have been caused by the memory of desolated cream-pitchers in the past. and Gaylord would wink at me across the grave as I pronounced the solemn services. Annie's lugubrious countenance was the only one that evinced the proper sorrow. Pace requiescat! We drop a tear and pass on.

I began harvesting today, and have been bothering all day. And the first day you know, is the hardest. Hence you will know how to make allowance if I am rather dull tonight

Your boy Edgerton has not been seen in this vicinity, nor heard from.

I believe I did mention receiving a letter from you when I last wrote to E.J.

I am not positive however, Three weeks of vacation gone! It will soon be all past, and then — Oh dear! The clock strikes nine, and they are all going to bed, Good night!

Yours Truly

E. W. Parker

[ca 1873]

Beloit April 20

My Dear Miss Christie

[Carleton College] I cannot tell you how glad I was to get your dear kind letter, and the very day Mr C. called with the beautiful Roses of your appropriate remembrance, which are fragrant greatly for Thursday and much more as my expression of love from a dear friend, I am rejoiced that you like and are so well appreciated in your situation, Mr C. spoke of you in the highest terms, I will answer your kind enquiries as they occur My health has been very poor the past year, I have not been out the gate this year

Dr is pretty well considering his age
Charley is in his last Freshman
term, stands well in his class, and is
taking music lessons (vocal and instru-
mental) of Prof Allen, Chatty should
go into the High School next term, she
is greatly pleased with his Longfellow
Our George and Charley Millett are
at Mr Abbotts in Bal, that is C, all the
time working for Mr A, has not
lost a day, and George is there when
not engaged on a survey, they both
say they have never for a moment
regretted going, like the country very much
Charley writes, his dimples is nearly gone,
Dan is still at N, practicing law,
a year ago Stephen Millett died very sud-
denly, left a young widow and three babes,
as the eldest was but about four years;
in July the widow babes and nurse
came to Mrs Milletts to spend the sum-
mer, accompanyed by a younger sister

Hittie Child, who was only to remain
a week, the nurse took sick, Hittie
remained two weeks to help her sister
in the care of the children, Dan came
home on a visit, was charmed with
her devotion to the babies of his dear
brothers and the result is they all
rejoice in her promise to be his wife
The widow returned to N. Y. about
the middle of Sept, Hittie was nearly
two weeks, Dan went to N. Y. in Jan
Hittie has money, is not handsome but
lovely, she called here twice with Dan &
Daisy, Mrs M and Daisy are on the farm
James lives there too, he has just lost his
second little boy, they are very much grieved
by his death, Prof Eaton lives in the Gregory
house, they are well I think, Prof Henderson
in the Chaney house, he has just been here
they are well, the little boy just stands alone
Prof H. has bought the land lying north of
Prof Emmerson and tomorrow they com-
mence putting up his house, Prof Bliss
still has not been home since last May
His health was very poor, Mrs B, went
with him and remained till Nov
when she returned leaving him at
some invalid institution East

Bella Johnson
is Editor of her
Literary Society
Vice President Mrs
Dwight Lucas Court
Dwight Lucas Avery
Clark & Thompson
Yours

still quite poorly, Mrs
Comstock knows what he will
come down, I fear very much
for Mama, dear Mrs B, is always
thoughtful apparently, but the
must have sad hours, Abner
so feeble, and the Prof also.
But dear Mrs B, sickness and death
even, is nothing to some troubles
you probably have heard of Nellie
McLuigy's sad career, improper con-
duct with a student, Bishop of
Fond Du la caused his expulsion
from College, he left on a Monday in
March, Nellie left the Wednesday
following, her parents and no one
here know any thing of her "whereabouts"
bouts" the last Rendevous of her was
having her baggage taken off at
Clinton, if she could have concealed
as she has herself
her bad name it would have been
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better, Dear Mrs B I commenced this on date
but-have been too poorly to finish till 27

[1873]

	Spring Feb 17. 1873	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring Feb 24. 1875	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring March 3d 1873	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring March 10th 1873	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring March 17th 1873	Summer	Fall	Winter	Summer	Fall	Winter	
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Mary Flagg
Edith Pinkus
Mary Eddy
Annie Lowry
Emma Shrader
Nett Barber
Orah Cox
Emma Sprague
Lettie Driswold
Etta Robe
Zulla Cline
Mamie Rice
Abbie Phelps
Nettie Barnett
Addie Foster
Dora Watkins
Lizzie Schreiner
Jay Pollock
Sadie Burr

Lon Barber
Jessie Myers
Lannie Cobb
Mary Tracy
Maud Kilborn
Ida White

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Mon. June 6th 1873.
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~~Richard Talley~~																																		
~~Thomas Chase~~																																		

Expedition, January 3rd 1873

My Dear Sarah [Christie]

In hope of Your Wedding &c. The wedding of this

I salute You

Year Greeting that this Year may be Blessed to

You, to us all. I wrote to You twice & received

that long letter from You detailing Your Satisfactions with

Your new position &c &c there where Some of Your

Enquiries I did not Answer. The Book. I Will send

that Now if You have not already Bought a New One

Please to write on receipt of this. Let me Know if You have

got it & if it is of Any use to You. Because when I am unwell

I just wait until I get better. Without Medicine,

& less With what patience & Trust Such things as

are sent to me. But although I will not pursue this

Course I have no Medicine. Besides I Would be afraid

to make mistakes in the Diagnosis of disease.

I Will send the Book if You Need it. As the first Chance

Let me have Your Questions. About Garrett

I do not Know much of him. I have not been here

for at least two Months. He is, I think, a Miserable

Being. Wrapt up in Self. Unhappy. Confessedly so to me

Without even a Conception of Any Deep Higher Motive

than merely Personal and Selfish Objects. For in

any Sense is a Mere dream to Him. He mentions

Names of a Few Clergymen I do. But I See no Much

Higher Divine Principle & Motive Glows in the Heart

of the Children of God. You Will Think possibly that

I am Going too far. But all this is My deep Conviction

After Much Conversation with Him & others and other

Mentioned Topics. He is Ungestionably the most unreasonable

Specimen of intense Selfishness I ever met.

And is shrouded by his little Conceit and pride that

We cannot See Those to Exit which Keeps so much Check

of it. Sometimes Dark Rain, Until the Time Lately

He began to speak of many sorts of people he did not want to die come into the House. (God help him. It has put a Bitter on an Orange in two months) that I concluded he perhaps did not want me to Come and since, I have staid away. He now take Drinks allways on Going to Town. and keeps it allways in the House. He has been Several times after Town nearly drunk. His Unbelief mocks on him, "Without Hope and Without God in the World" It will not be long until he become a decided Anti Christ — antichrist also. Death is dreadful. A most unsocial Coarse Unmannered being no person or Should like to use all he wants for his own purposes, and Nothing more. Avoid him as You should poison, God help him by his Grace, for Naturally and by his long isolated Condition he has Gone beyond the power of Earthly Helpful by his Friend.

Your picture May Dear Sarah, is Very nice Your looks are much improved. and the Natural Arrangement of Your hair sets off to advantage the Whole Contour of the Head. But remember the Hair was Given to Women for a Covering, and as indicative of Modesty and of Nature Not for Exhibition but for Concealment, the Object of the Inner Nature. and the Hope of a fuller and Higher Life

My Dear Child I trust You take in good part all my Advice to You and I trust You feel that my Warnings are the outpourings of My Love to You, Be Careful. and Wise. The are beset With much Evil as This World and it Needs more than Human Power to Guide us Aright in it. David, Emma and little Jennie all have a bad Cold. Yet all Round as usual Neither Cow. I in the Common Way. We have had much Weather down Among the Dead Leaves, so far as 33rd I had a visit from Uncle William. But My Paper is done I Received a few Nights ago of Lucy & Letter in Your hands Which was for Me, Send it to Me. and believe me always Your Friend and Poor Father, James Bonner

Jan. 12th 1873.

Lowell. Ia.

My Dear Father: [James Christie]

I received your two long letters dated 13th and 20th Dec. on my return from Beloit. You also read me all or the greater part of another to him dated about the 20th, and written in a very desponding strain. You must shake off such moods. Why should you be oppressed with the thought of the vices & and consequent sorrows of Tom, Dick, and Harry? If you are able to bear your own miseries, you are doing quite well enough, without taking theirs upon you. Just enjoy the few comforts you have; fill the stove with wood and thank God for 40 acres of timber, — folks here count the sticks, and think of the cost; moisten your bread with tea, not tears; read St. Augustines Confessions, but don't get into his frame of mind; go round and see

your poor fellow-mortals once in a while: get a little buckwheat flour with fresh yeast from the brewery, and have a pan-cake for breakfast: have Dave indulge you in the luxury of a can of peaches per week, about 30 cts I believe: and look forward with hope to the day when I get a little spare cash to get a few of the comforts of this world for you. I think $100. worth of clothes would'nt do you and Mother any harm.

As to Sarah, — she's a cheat in spite of us all; but I'm not going to let that sour my whole life, and I hope you will not either. Just consider such things a matter of course and think no more about them. I will try to send you a book this winter, something interesting, cheerful, not too heavy or suggestive of great thoughts, some book of travel perhaps.

I brought up several of Tom's and Carrie's books, and am reading Haven's Mental Philosophy, at present. It has enlarged my views in many instances; but after all, the philosophy of the mind is evidently too deep a subject for the whole batch from Aristotle down to Haven. There is no better proof of this than the disagreement of the doctors, the various and conflicting opinions of such masters as Hamilton, Reid, and Dugald Stewart, Descarte, Kant, Hegel, Condillac and Schlegel, Hume, Hobbes, etc, etc. I find that all learning, outside the domain of pure mathematics, is simply making one's self acquainted with the various theories of men in past ages, and adopting the one most in vogue at present. It is all vanity and vexation of spirit beside the substantials of a clear ~~conscience~~, a good digestion, and a sock full of meal. To Lagardy Mussulman, Amen! "Let it spin! Will it give thee two bellies?" Mark me, the requisite to sublunar happiness are given in the Enumeration above + a clear

Conscience, a good digestion, and a stock full of meal: if aught else is wanting; a friend to share the meed, and furnish Attic salt, mayhap.

I ask thee, O Mystic Philosopher, he is not the happy man who can calculate eclipses, prove high noon broad day by a syllogism in the first figure, or take nine tenses out of a Hebrew Almanac: but he, rather, who can convert beef and bread into chyle, and laying his hand just above a full stomach, say, "I owe no man anything, and wish all men well." Let the wind whistle through the reeds by the pool! Are we the sport of the wind? We shall be yet, but not now. Let us shield ourselves behind a bass-wood board and laugh at the storm, as did our fathers: when our turn comes to be blown about, we shall not care!

My school work prospers. With permission of the Board, I am to try an experiment in Eng. — to teach it as an auxiliary to History, Travels, etc. Have sent for Stickney's Travels to begin with. The idea is original, and I am sure will prove the right one

Lowell Wis.
11 P.M. Jan 19th 1873.

My Dear Father:

I must not permit this day to pass without writing you a line, however little I may have to say. Lee send an envelope, if nothing more. The public press have been rife with accounts of the fatal effects of the recent severe weather on the prairies: it takes little to arouse my sense of the terrible nature of that Storm-fiend who ravages at will & so the result of an inscrutable Providence, before whose chill breath all things but stout-hearted men shrink away in terror. Uncle David writes me that John Kirke of Burnett County has rec'd. a telegram of the death of a brother by freezing, but

which one Uncle did not know.
I hope you all managed to live
through. Dave is not the boy to
freeze, if there was a chance at
all. Still, I would have liked
to be on hand in case of trouble,
for Cold has no effect on me.
Everybody here shivers before it,
but myself, who would do the
coldest day, walk out of the
schoolroom, and without
buttoning my Coat, go around
town as if there was summer.
I don't know why so many pre-
cautions. They need a little
more Conceit of themselves.

I have read Owen's Mental
Philosophy through. Am the bet-
ter of it. But sighs for an op-
portunity to read a dozen or
two of the Masters of Mental
Science. No more of it this year.
No time. Cousin Will writes
me he has given up Latin
again, for he intends taking
No more schooling after this yr.
and must confine himself
to Branches he will need to
teach. He seems impressed
with a sense of his incapacity
for Mental acquisitions, I
think partly owing to its
being talked into him at
home. The fact is, he actually
needs a Sheepy Letter, and I
must try my hand tomorrow
evening. Well, so far
as Tom and I are concerned,
we are doing as well as we
can here; and I think in
time will do no small work.
There's nothing like being strong
men, leaders there; and when we
step on other shores, 'twill be
ours to assume our places as
leaders and uplifters there.

I do not believe in living a
humdrum, mediocre life.
And if persistent effort and lof-
ty aspiration are worth anything
we will not be doomed to
it. It is becoming that your
boys should have like faults
on the brain which move the
world & its uplifting: else the
prophecies of a lifetime would
be false, & the galaxy of Progress
would be turning backward & fixed
point. I hope you can take
cheerful views of matters: Every-
thing works together for good
to us who read God's will in every-
thing, and whose heart are right
toward all the world. Head and
Heart, These are the prerequisites
to a good work, & true success.

My school numbers on an
average about 50, and the work
gives cheerful results. I am well

teachers are old fogies, narrow-
minded as so many Methodist Episcop-
al. Several specimens here Sat.
One was trying to scare the young
infants with an array of gram-
matical knowledge that was truly
fearful. An old-country boy
put a stop to his nonsense.

Write me about the storm,
how you fared in it, and who have
been hurt by it; and by all means
a click of the sticks was so unfortu-
nate. My best love to the whole
household.

Your Son
Alexander.

Send Uncle D.
$60.

liked by all, and I like them.
Best school I was ever in.
An Association of Dodge Co. Teachers has been formed, and held its 3d session here yesterday, and will hold its 4th session here also in two weeks. Proceedings rather dull. Tried to wake them up and make them be natural, but found it extremely difficult. Many charlatans and moreboobies.
Appointed me to manage the Arithmetic meeting. Intend to put them through.
I think the majority of old

Ropeldun, Feb. 3rd 1873.

My Dear Sarah, [Christe]

Since Writing to You last time I have received from You several Copies of the Returns and a little note Objecatory. With the "Rabbalist" announcement. The paper is able. too much political however for me. and altogether too costly. You must have subscribed for it more to please some one Else than Yourself. I thank You however for sending it. Keep the only paper that we receive with the Exceptions of a Monthly Sheet, Weekly.

The "Rebellion" is a startling looking thing to come up in these days. Quite possible however that it contains little for the Million. or for any. Book sellers have an Art of tickling the Public Wonder in order to sell their Books Yet. it may Contain all that is Claimed for it.

I have no hesitation in saying that I believe there is now and was in the Olden time. such Knowledge amongst men as this Book pretends to disclose. and which it really may disclose. I have very Good proof in fact that I myself have Experienced and Known, that such Knowledge exist. There are indications of it on every page of Scripture

There can be but One "Cabalist". true, if it deals with that Spiritual Science which is founded on the Essential Natures of things. If then this the Egyptians Enter into that Nature it will of Course also Explain so far as it Goes. Whatever is true in the Jewish. and also the Esoteric Knowledge of the initiated amongst the Greeks. But if it deals only with Mathematics, with Letters and Numerals, ~~which~~ and the secret Methods of Communicating Knowledge amongst the Ancients it may be helpfull. leading the Way to the possession of their Knowledge perhaps. But it will only be a Knowledge of External things after all. It is impossible to scale the Spiritual Heaven by any Tower of Babel which men can Build. Furthermore

The Church of Christ is not Built on Knowledge in the possession of men. other Churches in the Ancient Days

possibly may have been. Builds on knowledge of spiritual things and conditions revealed unto them. Does this Cabalia disclose what? This is worthy of consideration the Cambridge Revelation that it has been revealed in our sacred Book has come out from the place of Perfect knowledge. Both from what is said and from what is not said. But in St Johns Gospel Christ accuses all those who had preceded Him as being Thieves. having come into the knowledge which they possessed by illegitimate means His Church is founded on Faith. not on sight. and the promise to those who live or can walk by the Light supplied through Faith is, that afterwards they shall come into all knowledge, the purpose is that men may be made Good instead of being made knowing. Christians instead of Gnostics. and He declares to the Jewish Cabalists that they thinking that they see shall die in their sins Because Goodness cannot be imparted to them in Consequence of their intellectual Condition obstructing the passage of the new Life. Christ declares Himself to be the Truth. But this you can easily see is itself a Mystery. and is therefore a Revelation to Faith Again When He said "Ost tu Petros" and "upon this Rock I will build my Church". He did not mean that upon Peter as a man the Church should be founded, But upon Peter amongst the twelve as Representative of Faith. they were all Representative men purposely Chosen as such. indicating by their predominant Quality of Character What they stood for. "Thou art the Christ" said Peter. And this is What Faith in all Christians says of Jesus. this Condition of Mind and Heart is not a natural product it is the Gift of God. for Jesus says "Flesh and Blood hath not revealed this unto thee", but My Father Which is in Heaven Faith then is our necessity Now and not knowledge. Intellectual knowledge. Christ Who is the Truth comes into the Heart through Faith not into the Head through knowledge. And "the Truth shall make us free" taken up, and is no longer in this world except through Faith. and I am certain a Mathematician will not

will not be the Medium of His Second Advent. Mathematicians will not be the Messengers in Whose Company He will Come. The Cabbalist may disclose much that will facilitate a more Real knowledge of Scripture. But that is not our necessity our necessity is the knowledge of God in Christ in a regenerated Heart and Will. Yet if this Book shall by any light it casts on the Literal reading, remove stumbling Blocks out of the Way of the Unbelieving Jew, or Give an increased reverence for Scripture. by disclosing some of the infinite depths of the Written Word, or by any other Effect shall facilitate the Entrance of an Abiding Faith, it will do much. if it should do neither of these it will be Cast left to the Men of Mammon and figure. I doubt on the Whole advise You not to get it. And now I am done with this Cabalistic Affair. Yet I must Confess that I should like much to read it. This arises from the Curious desire of the unsatisfied Intellect. it is I suppose the same Bait the Serpent used to Cause the unsuspecting Lady of Eden. I presume She was little afraid of the Yankee Yankee "I want to know" through her nose. You know What the smell of that. the discovery that She was Without Clothes. hence in these days so much Shoddy and all that is "Bogus" "He that hath ears to hear let him hear"

But I must recur to Your Note of Objections to My views of the Baptismal Rite. Although I believe that the outward rite is only a Symbol of an inward Cleansing. and having no Virtue in itself. Confessing no Good in any direct Manner. Yet as an Act of Obedience it tends to procure all the Blessings which flow from Obedience to this Act. and so opens the Way to other Blessings amongst which, it disposes the Heart to believe. is indeed, it is an Act of Faith in itself. All Obedience is rewarded. and as the Evangelist said to the Servant of Queen Candace. "If thou Believest with all thine Heart thou mayest be Baptized" this of Course means the Spiritual Baptism. Because one may receive the outward rite Without Belief. It is therefore Faith Which makes it possible. "With that "thou mayest". "Without" "thou" thou mayest not

"Unless I Wash thee Thou hast no part With me"
How many here Been Washed in the Eternal Sea
Has here no part With Him ? ? There Must are
Washed Spiritually are known by their Fruits are they
not ? Men do not Gather Grapes from thistles, and the
Unani Ray Vale many who here received the Eternal
Washing. Jordine no other fruit then Burns. therfore
I Conclude they here not been Spiritually Washed.
But Remember I do not say that all who have
Faith in Christ are immediately Washed, they may be
This although this has not been as yet Accomplished
We See the time When He Will Wash them. and When
to This it is fully Come then will be Accomplished in them
they are therfore This. Because there is no time to Him
We See them allways as Clean. Those that Will be This
in His Eyes are his now. Therfore there is no Cause for
despair if We Keep our Faith. let us Believe. and Like
in Obedience to the Faith in Spirit, We will not allways
be able to Live Cuteerely in this Obedience however.
by how the Vile, But if We Willfully. Immediately
disobey. We may Conclude that We are not in the Faith
nor Washed. Without Hope. Without desire to be cleansed
Repentent.
My Dear Sarah I am Unable and Sorry
I cannot Write With Necessary clearness. This has been a most many
Weiter to Me. Very Severe indeed Certainly, and it finds me Weaker
than heretofore. I suppose you must have seen Accounts of the Severe
Storm in this Country. and how many people Lost their Lives in it
By Cold. the nearest case to us is one Robert Rooke a Young Lad
Son of a Townsman of mine, Went to the Woods, Overtaken by the
Great Wind and Snowdrift, Lost himself found frozen next
Saturday. Tuesday Was such a Nice day. in the forenoon
it Cleared many out on Necessary business. Was never again
reached home, Dare Was in Mankato, and did not leave it
until the Storm Came. But in the darkness he pushed home
and reached us about 6 o'clock that Evening. Many teams Lack
at the Ravine on the North End of our prairie and did not Come home
until Friday. Am thankful I Was to See him / Please to Write
oftener, Believe me Allways in Care for You. J Christie

to You Shortly after it occurred. And your Letter of the 26th Ult Shows

You had not received it, I trust You will get Get it.

I am Mainly interested in Your Letter, because of Your proposed debate Anent Spirit Rapping and its outcome What sense do You enclose in the Word Humbug? is it not a fearfull deceit? a dangerous imposition? something intrinsically false under the Guise of Truth. Now I do not believe that this is true of Modern Spiritualism I will tell You what I believe and Reason of it. And My Experience of the Matter is worth Something.

In the First place then, The can hold Communication With Them. Which the Bible pronounce to be dead. They are not dead Therefore. They have only left the Visible Body

That alone is a Fact of Immense importance. 2dly. they are on the other side the Vale of portion just what they were when they left this side. That is Effectually, the Quality of their Life the same. But with much more Knowledge. that they are Still under the power and Government of God through the Laws Controlling their new State of Being. That many of them are Evil. Some of them Wholly so. That is, "Devils" Given over to Work and to Love unrighteousness. Liars, Unclean. Murderers, Drunkards. Thiefs. Deceivers &c &c through the long Catalogue of Sinful Actions, That they have the Advantage in All Communication With us, as being More of us than We Can be of them. That they therefore Can deceive us While We Cannot deceive them. That they Can see through the Vale Which Seperates us much better than We Can. And Which is of Vast importance. 3dly Humanity Generally lives in the Volume of the passions. A Merely Animal and intellectual Life

Martha's Letter from Col. and Ella Adams Emma. Me Elroy Ill. and Nellie's Mother to Ella Adams Daniel's Child Became to be

which the deceive through that World of Spirit on that plane of Being. While we are in Normal relations to it, But when we break through these Normal relations by invocations (all Methods of Willingness are invocations and intentions to hold intercourse Conscious of Will it) We are no longer protected by the Laws of Normal intercourse of which the are in General insensible, But come under (the less favorable for us) Laws of Personal intercourse, this has many Hazards, as may be seen even by the results of personal intercourse in this World, and is that which we in a Manner Enter When we invoke personal relations with it. All personal influences are very much intensified.

But the Society of the Heaven is Organized for the Exaltation of Humanity, and have declared in What Name the are to work its aid. And "there is no other Name Given Under Heaven" Whereby we must be saved.

Do men seek for Spiritual Purification? to Whom While they Go? do they seek the Aid of ministering Spirits? Who While they invoke, and in Whose name while they invoke them. If these spirits are Good While they not Endorse the Arrangements made by the Highest? If they Call on the most Worthy names of the Great of the Olden or modern time they While tole them to Call on Christ.

But if not seeking Spiritually to be Created anew in True Holiness they shall hold intercourse With they know not What nor Whom. (for those Ears they know, they do not have the Evidence of their senses Generally to test by.

But even if they had, they Could by Spirit power and Knowledge be deceived,) they may have just such Conversations as their own predominant Conditions at the time shall insure, as by the Law of Affinity must be.

But indeed this mere Manifestation from Nature is only the resuscitation of the Idolatrous Oracles of Heathen time if Christianity were not in the Ascendent and its Light diffused amongst the people All Society would soon fall into ruin.

We are now Gathering two Mails for Washington City about Christianity. Spirit of God While it is really the only effectual Barrier to Conquer Infidelity of Modern Society.

It is clear that Heaven is not Responsible for Evil Results attributed to Spirit Communion if Good Spirits are not Invoked to Control the Conditions of the Circle.

but they Would they be content to Fig tables. they Would Construct Seraphim, worship the God of the Passions and openly Commit those Idolatries, which if too many are now Committed in secret.

Society Would Go Backwards and fall to the Earth. Such would be surely the Case With those who are already Vicious. But much of this uneasiness to Know, results as much from an Over Activity of Intellect as from anything Else. from a decadence of Faith in those Oracles which we now have. from Infidelity in the pulpit Mainly and from the Press. even the Religious press. they in General have denied all Knowledge in any possible Knowledge of Humanity after passing the portal of the Grave. Here Kept Back the people from believing in any intercourse With the so Called Dead. and that too against plain teachings in Scripture. the Truth Will out anyway and can not be Kept down. And as the Jews Christ said, "if these Should hold their Tongues the very Stones Would Cry out". So if their Leaders of the people Will, and have Ceased to declare the Whole truth. and have Shut up those declarations of Heaven. Hole now Calls aloud to bring them back. and they must Give the Credible Evidences Which the Scriptures & present of the reality and possibility of the Living and the Dead being Able in Sympathy. of the Laws which Should Govern All intercourse between them. of What is for Evil doers and What is permittee for the Good of Humanity. If our Modern Divines Will not in their teachings recognize these. Make their Appeal to the people and Will be heard. Have we not some Evidence of the unhappy State of its Clergies in the teaching, which have emanated from this Spiritualism, and the Idolatries which it has set into full blast. Its "Fame" is its shame Also. Not to purge but to pollute. to join the fires of Consuming Curiosity and Consuming Passional Elements.

Are our Scriptures not filled With Evidence of the immediate proximity of Spirit Life;

From Genesis to Revelations; from the in break of the
Snake to the out break of the Controlling Spirit upon
the sons of Sceva; all and each of these teaches the Great
Lesson that We are Entirely Naked, defenceless against
them, unless for the Argent Control of the Heavens

Spiritualism is no Humbug, in that it teaches
and reaffirms, the Whole teaching of Scripture upon the subject
But it is a Humbug in so far as it teaches anything
Contrary to them. Scripture Comes from a Source where
there is perfect Knowledge. While Modern Spiritualism
has a Great diversity of Sources some Bad, some not
so Bad, some Good some not so Good. Let us hold to the
Clean Reed. Why trouble ourselves to sift over so much
rubbish? Pour a little of this Spiritualism in a Community
then after a while look at the Crops. There are a Good many
tares, some Thorns, and much straw, and no Seed to Chaff.
look also at its Cultivators, they are not as other men
they have a Worse look. Some of them are not at them
selves. Seem like themselves, partially out of their Bodies
neither in this World nor any other altogether - and unless
they pull up Will soon be no where. Taken altogether
Spiritualism is a Humbug so far as its pretence to Life
Immunity above the necessity of Adhering to
the Bible as our Guide in this Life. an Unmitigated
Humbug, to the Believing Christian Certainly, surely.

But there is no use in denying it a Heaven, all things
Work together for Good to those that Love God. and
all things for Evil to those that Love it. Those in Speaking
against it do not depart from the Truth nor accuse it of those things
it is not Guilty of. It is a Sign of the Times. Try and discern what it
is Significant of. I think I have Given You some indications of its
purpose, and Why Permitted. if You see further, or other. Let me
see also. Use such Language to Each one another first, Above all do not
talk for the Sake of talk. But when Your Neighbours Good at Heart
to Enlighten them. Otherwise Your debate, While also be Humbug

Excuse My Crooked Sentences. J Christie

Do not despise from
do not Ignore Yourself
You Study

Do not be Ignorant of
the Bible
Arnold Valley Mount
Victoria Australia

Beloit Feb 10 1873

Dear Miss Christie [Sarah]

I was very glad to receive a letter from you last month - So Last Year - Very Glad to hear of Your welfare - Well & doing well - According to Your Request & to please Myself I went for to answer Your letter but I found my ink frozen solid & now rather than wait for a Thaw I Proceed at once Leisurely to give You a Crayon Sketch to fill up the interval. There are some indications of an interruption to our uniformly mild, pleasant Winter Season & we are usually well & all sides up without care - Prof. P. H. - still Writes us. The Same Fellow now / Never Miller You know is - Yes of course You know Letter about Him Two weeks - All over in Love with one Miss Law - I have no doubt will win - Dear Anna. when Shall we Three meet again —

In regard to the order on the Patria please present it to be paid to you or request them to pay it to me here through the Patent in college here as best suits the parties As to the case you report to me I would not have delayed one day to respond If I could have seen any encouraging feature in it— I can not suggest any specific remedy and in an eclectic way I can do no better than call your attention to the commercial papers herewith enclosed - I have seen remarkable beneficial effects from the use of the "Constitution Water" in quite similar cases. Taken in dose about one half as large as directed

My Dear Lapsley if I could say something to cheer you cheerfully I would delight to stand behind the door & seek what you would do about it - Most sincerely &c

L Merriman

P.S. I wish Chetty the order for Washington's birthday and the 22nd Inst - & they celebrated any more

"why your Governor &c

&D a Lie

Saratoga Feb. 12th 1811
[1873?]

Dear Father

I've received yours of
the 7th I saw about a week ago, and
am very glad you are going to send those
Books. I have read Brs letter Some
twice and am much confounded at the
of your accusations. Yea, and if them
be yr accuse of raising at Christ
I was not aware of have done so. If
ever did Desire any thing earnestly in my
life. It has been to become as near like
him as his is represented at his best
as is possable, under the circumstances
in which I am placed. But as for taking
him as my Saviour, in the sense the
Church Says I must is not possable
for me to do, at present. and I do
not think ever will be. And you
seem to think, I make it my business,
to go about. blaunt. aggressive and aggra
against the Church. now I bet the
Church Severly alone and neither

gos to her teachings nor preachings, and therfore do not meddle one way, or another with her. not that I am in least trouble what she can do or not in the way of hurting me. The Church has always been a persecuting, and always will be. So let me tell you once for all I am not to be proselyted at this time if ever. for hath not one branch of the Church said, or to the same effect that if you are elected to be saved you will be saved. and if you are elected to be damned. damned you will be. whether your life be good or bad. and I am figuratively speaking on the electrick horn, and so Let it be.

Bosh all of it and much more of it besides. What good can come out of Evil or injustice.

Weather has been beautiful for the last two weeks, and I got out my corn, and now we are having a cold snap again. Our Children has gone through with a course of Chicken pox Baby being the worst affected. but are well again. we are all enjoying good health. and are on hand regular for our scanty rations for we have neither potatoes nor meat, and very little milk or butter.

As for Uncle, he has done us a very great favor indeed. and we appreciate it more than mere words can express but I do not see where the Church has had) anything to do with his action in the matter. I also wish to set your mind at rest on another matter spoken of in your last to me. You seem to think that I was wonderfully taken up with Spiritualism, if so you are mistaken. it's my religeon. if a knowledge of it being a fact, can make it a religeon, and I free to say I know a great deal about it, but as for me being controlled by what they from the other side may say to me, is not to be thought of, any more than my own reason will let me, or my manliness.

We can only grow as we are capable of growing, and as we can receive light and heat from the Sun of Truth, just as plant grow as they can receive heat & light from the Noble Sun.

Do feeling God gives to all out of his own bowels love, just as they are capable of receiving but what we call good or evil, I rest on that and fear not, either for the present or the future. It is my duty to educate my family to take the most and highest position in this life possable, and I will try to do so. But that that is to be found by keeping a book account with God, with Christ as account ant. & not to my way of thinking to find it.

I see Sarah is at home & I were not below her notice I wish she could take our School for a few months time, that is if she could get it it needs some one to bring order out of chaos, but if she taught school I suppose it would be in the home districts, some hopfuls have been writting to the Inter Ocean that the warm weather has been playing hade with the Grasshoppers, do you know if it has had any effect on them in your part of the Country,

Good Bye at present, send Books By freight,

Love to all, Your Loving Son

Wm G. Conrad

has a letter from Maggie
he is about fifty miles south of us

Lowell. Wis.
Thursday Febry. 13th 1873.

Dear Father:

I received your welcome and instructive letter of the 8th inst. This evening: and will try to tell you how we managed the Debate. Spiritualism was attacked from various directions, in accordance with the heterogeneous character of its opponents; except that not one orthodox said a word on the subject, the most gabby being at a prayer-meeting. A noisy, empty-headed would-be lawyer of a boy, a son of Harrison Green, opened on the Aff. His exordium, which shared equally with his peroration, might have done equally well, or badly, for a speech on the San Domingo question: and as to the latter half of the* unique production, it had no bearing on anything remotely connected with the matter before the house, and was wound up by letting loose the Condor of the Andes and the American Eagle, who, after a truly magnificent flight alighted triumphantly on the loftiest peak of the Rocky Mountains, and were at rest. The birds safe, our logical leader sat down, The most of the audience thought he was a second Webster! This, you know, is an intellectually enlightened age!

Our old schoolteacher, James Green, responds with a smattering of well-dissembled sarcasm

I will write you of the proceedings of this evening

and a few glittering, but pertinent generalities. Advanced the claims of Spiritualism on the score of utility, Etc. — Jobs simple question answered. James Lowth followed. Did not think they had proved the immortality of the soul — methods of proof open to objection. Brought down the house by detailing how two spirit mediums tried to find the body of Jim Gary, who had run away to California, and who was lying dead behind a log in Lowell woods, according to the spokesmen and high-priests of this Humbug-Spiritualism. (Lowth is a Free-Thinker.) Coleman, a schoolteacher, put in a good speech for the negative. Told stories from the "Night-side of Nature," "Footfalls on the Boundary, Etc." (Lowth and I knew he was making believe; and he demonstrated his insincerity by making off a day or two afterward, leaving debts unpaid, among others, $50 to Goffe, a spirit medium, with whom he boarded, and whose daughter is a trance medium and everything else that's clear-seeing!) Uncle William came in with on the Q.T. with a hop, skip, and jump, and kept the audience in uncontrollable laughter for 15 minutes. He showed that it is a humbug, whether spirits come or not; and he did all with inimitable humor and gumption. It was the speech of the evening. So one after another, till Woodworth of the Grove sent in 30 minutes of harangue and personal experience for the Reg. Told the wonders he had seen or heard in Moravia, New York State, where they have a temple built for worship and consultation of the oracle, Etc. passed around on

Spiritualists' Grotesque and Absurd Claims Ridiculed by Mr. Clemens. Gold Hill News, May 30, 1865.

of Munnler's ghost-photographs, — Mrs. Lincoln in a chair and the shade of Abraham looking down on her from behind. Evidently put on directly from a photograph. It was now past ten o'clock, and my turn came, previous to the leaders' closing. The people were dreadfully positive, and has not I been urged, I would not have spoken at all. Of course, I had not read a line or thought ten minutes in special preparation for the occasion. Twenty-two years of preparation go a long way, and my opponents were neophytes beside me, young in years though they deemed me. It is a new thing with them, stale with us.

I first showed that Ventriloquism, Legerdemain, the power which one living man may have over his fellow — whether called by one name or another — and the subtle forces of one's own physical organism, Etc, were sufficient to account for all the phenomena detailed, not to call in question the veracity of those who tell such marvellous tales. All these efficient causes are recognized by men of every creed; why call up spirits? They are not necessary to the explanation. To say that it is simpler to account for the phenomena by supposing that spirits should naturally wish to return, Etc, and then to say that the return of spirits proves the immortality of the soul, — is to reason in a circle; for the conclusion is involved in the premise.

These wonderful things cannot be proved by testimony. Testimony is as strong for many an absurdity, — we must not lean to heresay in matters of this nature

or of special importance. Spiritualism with its vast pretensions, is a humbug, if it cannot demonstrate to each human being, - There was hearsay enough before its modern advent. Challenged the mediums present to move the table on the platform, six inches. Woodworth said he could do it, if he had the right conditions. I showed that his conditions were of such a nature as to do away with all dependence, on the conclusiveness of the demonstration. Le Verrier had told Astronomers where to look for a new planet, & they looked, and it was revealed. Since 1801, over 90 planetoids have been discovered, and a year does not pass without the number being increased. Andrew Jackson Davis, for an example, has cruised about for nearly a quarter of a century through illimitable space, and comes back to tell us things we knew before or things which we never can know in any other way than believing him. Why does he not tell us Bessel where to turn his tube to see a new planetoid? This book are like the one of which Lacon speaks - they contain much that is new and much that is true; but the true things are not new, and the new things not true. Time up. Late. Lyon moved to adjourn one week. Motion lost. But the audience began to leave, and amid noise and confusion, it was agreed to come together as per motion.

So to-morrow evening, we will settle the question for all time.

Methodists holding protracted meetings. They are the most outrageous, sallow saints; and of course they make up in howling what they lack in grace.

The scene beggars description: those who saw the revival in Rapidan have no idea of this. They have got but one convert, and he was brought from abroad to start the thing! Yours in Love, Alf.

Beloit Friday
Feb 14/73

My Dear Miss Christie [Sarah]

I am sure you have reason to come to a false conclusion in regard to your dear kind and most welcome letter of more than a month ago, When I received it I learned that Mr Chamberlain had already left so that I could not send the Spoons by him; and I delayed writing from day to day thinking I might feel like sending you a letter that would be more worthy of your friendship, If you can imagine how much good your letter did me; truly it has been a treat every

day since I got it, I wish I could just into your room and see how cozy and happy you are But dear Miss Christie I am afraid you are overdoing, you must nurse on your poor body and worse still your overstrained nerves Do you ever have the luxury of rust? We of course have had unprecedented cold and there has been very little going out when people were not obliged to Your friends always enquire most kindly for you when I see them, Mr Royce was here a few days ago he wishs me to give you his kind regards, Prof H. is here still, You remember Conrad Engerond, he obtained the appointment of Lieut in the U S. A. many last fall; he started from N. G. on the 10th ult for a long voyage but was sent back in an open pilot boat to Black walls Island, being sick with small pox of which he died on the 29. The Prof felt his death very much Miss C, is in Chicago this winter studying, Prof has to go further than Rockford, Thieves are going on quietly now I think, Mr Adams and Mrs Pool paid Nye $75 to stop the suit he had commenced at Janesville against Miss R. A. and Miss Pool, you doubtless know Nye gained a suit against them here for whipping Aylmer, as it was before Mr C returned to Forest, Hutchins and Truesdell have left College, being engaged in getting up a mock programme at the Junior Exhibition, Miss Boyswell is well, you know the boards of Prof Burchnell's and that he lives in Mr Clark's house next Grants Chatty I think is doing better this term than last, All are in bed or I should have some word from the boys for you, I am very glad Miss Murphy is in so much better

Enuth, and that you were in the same place. D. C. Millett was here Christmas, said he informed you of poor Herbert's death, Mrs H and Daisy are coming home in the Spring "if they live" Mrs H says, Dear Mrs C I am I am getting most down the page. I have not seen your brother or sister for a long time Prof H spent the evening there not long ago he said they were well and happy, you know they live in the blumy house, I do not go out I feel the cold so much Shall I expect you the 4 pairs? I am so sorry you have been without them, Please do write me a line soon and I will answer at once Do spare yourself as much as you can

With kind regards
Yours affectionately
M A Burriman

Lowell Wis. Feby. 18th 78.

My Dear Sister:— [Sarah Christie]

I don't know that I can say anything very cheerful, unless it be, that you are on an infinitely better tack if you actually saved the $50 sent to Beloit. As to myself, I feel low-spirited tonight; for 16 hours per day, week in and week out, with an occasional 22 hours, and even 24, wears somewhat on anyone. What it will all amount to, I pretend not to say. I deny the lies of Christendom:— in Christendom I can never thrive. Every lying knave I see, feathers his nest while preaching poverty; talks like an Ecremite, but lives a Sybarite; denounces me for an infidel, yet hands me to do according to his faith. Liars all, pitiable liars!

I am no hypocrite, no liar; but I am a fool— to speak the truth or try to live it. So, I suppose I am done-for in Lowell; for, though there be no Christians here, there are many cheats, many counterfeits. Well, we will see.

I have sent Uncle David $90—. Have had to open my hand elsewhere, to pay my own way, and do no more. Will give my note to Widow McGivern a week from next Sunday: could stand the crying shame no longer.

You had better make good use of help, for it may not last long. Make sunshine sunshine, by saving a few dollars and paying Faith. Folks in Minn safe.

Yours,

Sandie.

Des Moines.

Feb 28th 1873.

Dear Miss Christie: [Sarah]

I cannot think it possible that I have allowed all this time to slip away without writing to you. I have thought of you very often and longed to be at work with you all once more. But first of all I want to tell you how I am learning to love Lowell and I must thank you for my introduction to him. When I look at the book I am constantly reminded of your kindness to me all through

any day in Lancaster.
I have been very much
interested in the revival
in Lancaster. How you must
rejoice that so many of
your scholars have found
the Savior. Georgie sent
me a list of the converts
and I find several from
my room among the
others. Just now we are
enjoying the best meeting
that I ever attended.
Mr Hammond is holding
meetings here and I feel
that we are receiving a
great blessing. already
there have been about two
hundred conversions.
Crowds go away every
night unable to gain
admission to the largest
church in the city.
Tonight two churches will
be opened and both crowded
I presume. I feel that
it is a great privilege to
be allowed to work at such
a time as this.
I am sorry to learn
that Miss Morgan's health
is not good. I hope she
will find my old room
easier than hers.
For the first six or eight
weeks after my return
home I seemed to
grow better very slowly I
admit. but since then I
have been gaining steadily
and now I think I am
as strong as when I began
teaching last fall. I am
going to rest till next

I will return I hope to
teach again.
In a few weeks I expect
to visit Mrs Uncle living
in Hannibal and
afterwards relatives living
in St Joseph so I am
looking forward to the
coming weeks with a
great deal of pleasure.
Please remember me to the
teachers. I know how full a
teachers time is and that you
have but little time for writing
yet may I hope that when you
do find a little leisure I shall
hear from you of your welfare & of the school.

Affectionately

Kittie G. Otis.

Rapidan, March 2d 1873

My Dear Sandy

Yours of the 16th Ultimo received, and first of all do I observe in perusal of Your recent letter the fact of the payment of monies to Your Uncle David. It seems to me I have seen Notice of the payment of 120$. I am extremely Gratified at this. It indicates so many things We should be thankfull for. This is All Well. I feel sure from What We Hear David has left for Dale that the Wife not be able to pay this Note to Your Uncle. You need not be surprised at this he Owes a Great many debts to pay Otherwise. But I not Having any Clear Idea of What he Owed to do Would not let You include this debt in Your Mortgage, and Besides Why Should it be Registered against You? If it is Uncle I Objected to it. He postponed to pay the interest. With interest for that for the 6 months more part, and if Your Uncle Will not let him have it for another Year on the Note Alone. He is ready to Give him a Mortgage on his own Land. just Write so he can Get into Town the Wife forward the interest to You, and request You to pay Your Uncle a Visit and Get things fixed for him. Surely You Will do this. Although We know You Will not like to do it. I know that David has been Writing to You. But Whether he has Said anything to You About his Expenditures or not I do not know. He has paid out a Great deal on Notes from Last Year, and Also on his Notes for Machinery. Besides he Bought two New Ploughs Some 4 or 8. Has Hired a Great deal of Labour. I think Charles Home to Work it. The Wife Cannot take right With a little Venie, and this You must Negotiate for. With Health Granted all Will be Well. David is Strictly Honest You know. But You Also know he is Yet but Learning to Conduct Affairs.

"Received Payment" Yours Received
I am Charged Some Interest for
it in Your Letter.
I Will Send you a Draft for 25 Yrs ago
Some Interest to Uncle
Have Caught a

Your letter is filled with your Lyceum debates.
If I understand your position aright I think it is highly unphilosophical. I do not think that the evidence of the senses are sufficient to establish the fact that there are spirits enincluded in material bodies. This seems to be the question which you consider disposed. that there really exist such beings. the senses, unless endorsed by the Higher Understandings would lead to very fallacious conclusions indeed. they only take cognizance of manifestations. seemings, of these they pledge correctly. nothing more. the cause of seemings they take no cognizance of. in these very interpretations of spirit life. I never could believe the Evidence of my senses and where getting the most clear and direct Evidence of this fact. I always knew that just so soon as the manifestations withdrew itself, I could not be able to believe, it the first do. But from repeated manifestations and reflections founded upon them I finally believed. I believed then because my superior reflective faculties testing the senseless Evidence there is nothing more fallacious than the Evidence of the senses taken per se for Example the Universal belief of mankind for so long a period that the Sun Revolved around the Earth All the manifestations take place then, that were open to the senses alone. Yet it was false. and the very reverse, things are not what they seem. Now let us take the first manifestations of these American Rapping phenomena and look at it closely. In day of Illustration Mr Fox in the little Hamlet near Rochester, on moving into the house temporarily, until his own was built on his farm. began to be disturbed at night by noises in the Room where his Young daughters slept. he thought that the windows or door was the cause at first. he fixed them. the noises continued still, and having been baffled after many attempts to discover the cause. his senses always deceiving him. finally gave up trying to discover the Cause, and after the family had become familiar with the disturbance. the Youngest daughter began to amuse herself with the noises. and the curious thought having come into her mind that the cause might have some intelligence. I mean some capacity to understand. proposed to it in words, to imitate her in the knocks she would make. it immediately did. this was a very important step in the investigation. now they wondered indeed! it is intelligent, now You perceive. Of which they had many after proofs. finally in the course of the investigations. after they had agreed upon a more intelligible mode of converse.

this rapping phenomena. declares that it is the disembodied spirit of a Dead peddler. and Goes on to tell the circumstances connected with its leaving its body, and where the body was now to be found. it told them of a certain Corner of the Cellar under the house. They dug up the Earth. and lo the bones, and rags of the clothes of a man. Was it irrational in these people now to conclude. that this was the disembodied peddler? I think not. Could any other Hypothesis account for all the facts in the case. they could not without being more irrational than the hypothesis which they had adopted They also found their Hypothesis confirmed by a woman who had been a servant in the House where the peddler was known in the body. We conclude When we get an intelligent answer along the Telegraph Wire that there is an intelligent being at the other end of the Wire. it is highly absurd to think anything else. this is a perfectly parallel case to this affair of the Dead peddler how certainly here it could here been otherwise done.

Let me now detail to You a fact in my own Experience You are aware that I the first winter I lived here in Rochester was very severely troubled some nervous or other Complaint for which You wished to get a Doctor. But I knowing the Cause. would not let You Go for one. I having by some process which I do not understand here got possession of a certain knowledge in part as I think of the mystical knowledge of the priests and other initiated of the Ancient World. this I judged they considered Sacrilege. that I had stolen it. Which perhaps I did. I know not. they then commenced a process of Torture on me. by fortifying my superior faculties and causing me to condemn myself. I even judged I was worthy of death and would have willingly died for my sin. if not to be executed by Judges then than that I was penitent. after 5 days and nights without sleep. I was told that I had been prayed for and that I would be allowed to survive for this time that is 5 days more I would recover. I looked forward with hope that it might be so. But doubted very much if I could live it out. this I was told about 3 in the afternoon of that day. and exactly 5 days from that hour. I found that

to day. 4 the day of Proverb. Cabbit Sawyer is a Quack. Cabbit Sawyer is a Quack. Cabbit Sawyer is a Quack

that the intermediate Crucifixions had ceased. that I was
liable as I used to be. when I really believe that I was worthy
of Death at that time according to the Ancient Laws.
I believe so Yet. I was grateful for pardon. But nothing
while intrinsic a fool. and I here transgressed many times
since. and really consider that my Condemnation would
be perfectly just. if. I consciously know when and how
it is that I do transgress. I only know when I get hold
of a little more of the same knowledge. that transgression has
occurred. out of mercy to me I judge I am continually
Forgiven on the knowledge that I still not possess.
which nevertheless I am often near doing. and here many a
day Rest to Burn. The reasons for this heresy I partly know
But shall not fully know until I go altogether to that World.
You do know much in earnest I am. and You must either
judge me insane. or Honestly deceived by my own mind
You ought to have no doubt of another state of Being to which
We are all hastening. Act Well Your part. That is Given You
to do. doubting nothing. fear nothing but to doing that
which Your inner Conscience tells You is wrong.
all these things will be cleared up in a Second of Time Hereafter
when You have honestly fulfilled the duties of this life.
If You do not believe the Scriptures. Keep Quiet and do not
Ridicule anyone else. it is a Great Crime to destroy the Faith
of another. I hope I am away as it were from the point I was
discussing with You. let this suffice however instead of it
This is of Course only for Your own perusal.
Now let me be sure only that You do not express this matter
any more. Consider that You know very little. and Learn
to be Quiet. We are surrounded by Mystery. Your Uncle
William is Stone Deaf. perhaps for His Good. if he were
in My position he would say less perhaps, and he would rather
than I am. but if he had gone through what I have. perhaps
he would not have got away so easily. because of his
less manageable Character. I desire Your permanent
Good and that can only be attained by Virtue and
Wisdom. May God Bless You and Guide You. and
Keep You from transgression. Good day

J. Johnston

Rafsedam. March 8th 1873

My Dear [Christe]

is not what we most need. What we do need is the ability to [illegible] It is a long time that I have looked for a letter from you. Why do you not write to me? If it was owing to insufficient health some one else would have written for you. If you had not time to do it you might conclude you were very busy indeed. It cannot be that your failure to write proceeds from indifference? Is it possible that you do not regard me enough to let me know of your health and welfare, or your condition whatever it may be? Sarah do you know how much care you cause me? You made me expect a letter from you soon after you sent your card. Where is it? I sent you one then in which I told you those things you enquired about. and no answer as yet. I am beginning to think that you do not have either Love or respect for me, so that you have concluded I have no Love or care for you. But it is indeed far otherwise, But indeed your heart teaches you that my Love cannot cease for you. I am however, wearied of conjecture, and wish that you would put an End to it by writing, telling me how you are. What you are doing. I did not send to you the Book. the reason being that really it is not easy to get the postage of it. I have been when I had a dollar about me sometimes. But now am never in the possession of a cent. David has much to pay out for machinery and many things to get. All his other labour to pay for at a very high rate, and he is consequently poor and I would not burden him if I could. beyond what is simply necessary to live.

I had a note from Thomas dated 23rd February telling me that his Wife had brought a Daughter into the World. All well with both of them. I suppose he must have informed You of it also.

my comments on Christie's letter are not quite what I could wish but I should not be surprised if Miss Field did not [illegible]

The Birth of a Daughter is indeed an Event amongst us. and so far as I have been able to trace back it must always have been a rare thing. My Grandfather had no Daughter. My Father never had a Daughter. and in the direct and legitimate Line You were the only One in Three Generations Your Mother an Only daughter also in her Fathers family. the Causes of such things are too deep for me. Although the reasons for the Cause might not be so difficult to ascertain Thomas however has broken the Charm, and possibly in this Line We may look to see the Lost Balance restored. I look upon this as a Happy Augury and a Sign that henceforth in our Race Love shall as a ruling principle have the precedence of Force. and that the Shelly more be prolific in Worthy Mothers rather than in Unworthy Fathers.

And now that I am talking of these things I must also tell You that "Jamie" was One Year old Yesterday. Can Go all around the place. makes a rather ineffectual attempt to Speak. Yet can say "Bell-ee" to a little Calf we have, pretty his little Mouth and chirps to Call the Dog. That he does well. And I guess ten times more than he can Give Expression to. More / suppose than the Ancients. full of Exploit — That is translated. "Mischief" Wilful. Yet can be restrained from his purpose by the Strong Mindedness. But he generally manages to persuade me to let him have his own way. Which I regret a little and am Going by and bye. to institute some kind of Government as a Check against his Wills

What has become of Your promise to send me a more full account of Your Views on Baptism? did You consider that I had Yielded the point in dispute between us in My last letter to You? - I think I did in so far as admitting that Faith was the power that determined the reception or the Withholding of the Whole Benefit

Did it never occur to You to ask of the significance of the washing of the Feet? Which is on record only in St Johns Gospel. Which the Saviour performed himself. and which he advised his disciples also to do to one another. It is something of importance Figuratively, because He actually did this thing. While He never Baptized, but left this to be done by His disciples as apparently an Act of lesser importance. He did not command them to do it. But He said that they "ought" to do it. and he also instituted that it was the Finishing Rite in the initiation to Holiness Now this External Rite must also have an inner significance of Which Certainly I have never heard any thing said in our Modern Churches. Nor do I know or understand Why this rite Which it is said they ought to perform. has been so very strangely neglected Peter the Man of Faith Objected to its being done to him until he was told that unless thereby he could have no part with his Master and Lord. Peter then replied that he Wished to have his hands and his head washed also. to Which the Master said implicitly. that Peter needed only to have his feet washed. Now try and Get some old and wise Christians instructor to Give You the meaning of this Rite. The Good people at Rome Annually washes 24 clean feet as I suppose to fulfill the advice Given in the passage of St John. fulfilling in like many another injunctions I think in a very defective manner by their.

It is a very curious thing Why this rite is not also used in the Churches. More Especially as Jesus just before His ascension told the Eleven to. "teach all things whatever He had Commanded them. as I said before this he did not Commend them. But Whatever he Commends surely is Equal to a Commend. There is but the change of a letter between them anyway. Besides the Way in Which the Master Speaks of it shows that it is the Crowning and Consummating Rite of the Christians initiations. But I will leave it to the Wise.

Thomas Lately had one of the Convulsions of the Dog Fever "intoxicated" as it contains to know. Rite a Crowning Act of Baptism, indeed it have read it this Past "intoxicated" as it contains to know. Rite a Crowning Act of Baptism, indeed it have read it this an Account of his Convulsions. the Master and the Dog. Thomas also

Containing also some of his readings of Scriptures & Comments & Very Great Interest of his adoption & Woman.

Anne of which. Grant us his name & Wife Elizabeth. and his adoption of the Celibate Life. after Thomas

The rejoice now in a small taste of the Coming Spring
bringing a thaw, the first since early in December.
I do rejoice in these Signs. Cooped up all this long and
long severe Winter. I here hope to yet see flowers again
to see the flights of Birds and Butterfly. the snow Birds
indeed we have seen often this Winter. and a cheering thing
it is in the midst of the snow storms to watch their frolic
they seem to delight in it. and whirl about in the air
themselves like snowflakes. incarnations of joy and life
where we would look for none. Fulfilling the same function
which the Rainbow does. teaching us to have faith in God
and Hope in the darkest and stormiest hours. I therefore
thank God for snow Birds & and also
and Inspirations. I trust for You also that You can see
the Coming of that better Spring in the Spirit. that You get
Anticipate the peaceful air. alive with Light and genial
Warmth. for us. the Life the Earth also resumption to Our Dear
the Sun of the Spiritual Heavens. Who grows flowers also
forever the same Benefit to all Who in faith look for the
Blessings.

My Dear Ranah I do trust You are in
health. at least sufficiently so to enable You to live in the
fulfillment of all your desires. I write to You now in
possession of a less than Ordinary degree of it. I have now
that Cold Enemy of mine. a Lung complaint. from which
I have been more free for the last 20 Years. but it has
again found me. Mother. David. Emma have all had
severe Colds also. all now about the Common Complaint
I think. I am Getting Cold also. We hear often from Sandy
He seems to have Good health. likes his School. Quite able for it
Sees Uncle William often in the Lowell Lyceum. where he often
talks. they have been discussing Spiritualism lately. and have pronou-
-nced it a Humbug. Sandy and Your Uncle Going in strong against
I never hear of Helen. Willie is still at Oshkosh Normal School
Still seeking Qualifications for school teaching. Pray tell me if that
Examination of Yours has come off Yet. and how you came through?
from 30 to 50 $ is common here for teachers. Why not come home
When your present school is out and teach around here?
I subscribe in the hope of hearing from You soon. Affectionately

An Idea struck me that we have had
generally of so many Cattalos. Have You ought this to
Have received. Ghost Explic.

Brick. March 16. '73.

My Dear Father: [James Christie]

It was only last Thursday that I got your long letter of Feb. 25. Something is the matter with our mail connections. I expected something if in reference to your granddaughter, but I suppose my letter announcing her birth on the 23rd took a long time to reach you. Bessie is now sitting up a little every day and looking again like her old self. The young mistress of the household, 3 weeks old today, is a wonder of health and beauty. She has your head and Eyes, - indeed I am startled often with a glance speaking volumes of resemblance to you, her nose, mouth, Ears are her mother's. She is strong and beautiful in every limb and feature, with a sturdy, full

chest round as a barrel, legs, arms, feet and hands a marvel to all beholders. Her complexion is no less admirable, being transparently clear and rosy. But her head is what pleases me most. It promises a character of great energy, intelligence and moral power. We are already full of plans for her right training, if God shall spare her to us and us to her.

You may well believe, my dear father, that I am at this time the happiest I have ever been in my whole life. With such a wife and such a child my happiness at home seems placed beyond the fear of change. My heart is full of all those sweet and uplifting impulses and thoughts that only the husband and father can know. And then, I love my work. I am coming to the thought, more and more, that my sphere in life is to be that of the Christian teacher. In preparation for that I desire to study Theology, that I may teach as a Minister of Christ, and I trust that another year of work here in the College will enable me to begin that study - in Chicago the first year, in the East the other two. I also want to go over the whole range of classical and historical reading, or at least, to make a good beginning in such a course, and then put myself into the work of Thorough Christian Education. Arnold of Rugby is much in my thoughts at this time. I feel that there is a great and good work before me if the Master continues my present health and strength. I want to help make the study of the Classics a new thing in American Colleges.

We have just lost one of our good men here - Prof. Bushnell of the Chair of Mathematics - who died a week ago yesterday. Had been here from the beginning

25 years. A thoroughly good man. I can never forget the look of his dead face; it will forever preach to me of the sublimity of the Christian worker's life.

Alex. will be much grieved: on Christmas Day he went with us to the Professor's house to dinner, and spent the Evening talking Mathematics with him. Prof. B. took a great interest in Alex, and spoke to me afterwards about his taking a Course of Study.

A. and I correspond regularly — I am in hopes that he may be permitted, another year, to do some studying for himself. Carrie's brother is to be with us this Coming term, in preparation for College.

I shall have to ask your indulgence in the matter of Plato. Since my time is so Completely taken up now at home and in the school. But I promise you a Jowett's Plato — the most admirable of all translations — at my first opportunity. It will cost about $8 to $9.

I shall leave this letter open until I can consult some one on John V. The literal translation from the Greek is this. V. 24. "Verily, verily I say to you that the one hearing my word (logos) (Ashdg as a possession) and believing in the one who sent me has Life Eternal, and into judgment does not come, but has passed over out-of the death into the life. Verily, verily I say to you, that the hour is coming, even now it-is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they having heard shall live. For just-as the Father has life in himself, so he has given also to the Son to have life in himself; and he has given power to him also to execute judgment, because Son of man he is.

Wonder not at this; because the hour is coming in which all those in the tombs shall hear his voice, and they shall come forth, - those having done the good things into a resurrection of life, but those having practiced the evil things into a resurrection of (judgment. (Condemnation.

The word trans. hear is the same in all. To my mind the meaning is plain. In the 24th & 25th vs. (akouo) (Acoustics) refers to the hearing hear of faith and obedience. You know we have many such uses of the word - hear Moses & the Prophets &c

("nekroi")
The "dead" in the 25th are those "dead in trespasses and sins." Obedience to the word, the teaching of Christ gives them Spiritual life (it must be Spiritual, for it is "Eternal").

But (Vs. 28-9-) we are not to wonder at this, for greater wonders are to happen, when at the general resurrection (Comp. Dan. 12.2.) all those who have ever lived on Earth shall rise from their dust at the Command of the same Christ.

My dear father, permit me to say - you do go far astray in some of these word hunts of yours. What do we seek for? is it not the truth? that which really is? a substantive thing? But you are a true poet (poietes - a maker) giving to airy nothings a local habitation and a name.

Well, they will do very well to amuse one's self with, but beware of choosing houses of this making for a settled residence, they will leave you naked when the storms come.

As to Taylor's story about St. Augustine - there is not a particle of truth about it. Why do you trouble your mind with these things. I am afraid you are still a Gentile in many things, a Christian of the Alexandrian School.

It is hard to make at once a true son of Abraham out of a Greek -

And yet I should not say this. I believe you are owned of Christ. Let us remember that to enter the Kingdom we must become as little Children.

I find that the President has the same views as those I have expressed in regard to the hearing referred to by Christ. The first is the Spiritual hearing - that of the inner ear, of the heart - Speak Lord, for thy servant hearth. One in this attitude of soul has passed over from death to life; When the dead hear they cease to be dead; the hearing is a sign of life. The second hearing (V. 28.) has a universal application. At the voice of Christ "all" are to come forth, both they who would and they who would not

while on Earth, hear the voices of the Logos speaking to their souls. Alford - whom I consulted in the President's library - draws attention to the omission of - "and now" - in v. 28, after - "the hour cometh." The reason is obvious: He is now speaking of the general resurrection, the time of which was "coming". Whereas in the other case v. 24. the time of hearing was already come.

You see how this strengthens my view of the meaning of ἀκούω in the two places.

I promise myself great pleasure and profit next summer in talking over these great subjects with you. These are the substantial things; all else is mere chaff -

I should not close my letter without telling you of the fine present the boys of our Department made to us a day or two after little Betsey's birth, - a beautiful combined crib and cradle, with an address full of the kindliest sentiments toward Carmelite, myself and the baby. It pleases us more than you can think. Everybody is kind and good to us all. The Lord bless them.

Allison Hall. 32nd

I am writing this at the room of one of my classmates down at the dormitorys- The oil lies at an heat: ahead out like a harbor and ---

counting bloom & shed their
perfume round his grave
as incense. Nature does
there what his friends would
but can not do — Hobart
in his life & conversation
was pure & upright. & in
his death was calm & full
of faith looking forward
to the glorious fruition
of the things to come.

I suppose you
have heard of the death of
Miss Poole & Professor Bush-
nell. a great loss to Beloit
to the College & to the Church
How short is the time we
have to accomplish our
work in. Sometimes it
seems life seems how
futile our work. These thoughts
will come but to the brave
& strong they are & should be
but momentary — — —

In your letter Friday I thought
you many times for. You
paid me the highest but un
deserved compliment. By
saying that I should be a
minister. I was ~~too~~ good
for other law. no man can
be "too good for the law".
"Bishop" says that a man
of questionable morals or
given to deception can
succeed as a physician or
even be an excellent minister
but never can be a great
lawyer. law is one of the
purest of the sciences. Temp-
tations in its practice
there are. but there is temp-
tation every where. & even
the minister will tell
you that he is sorely tried
at times

This
~~Next~~ week I go home for
a week's vacation. Then
a few short weeks. Then com
mencement & then if Stars
fates permit I shall be a
member of the bar. I shall
shall quit work & take up Stud
this all a dream. Done it
is a romance. Mother & Daisy
are well & happy. hope to see them
in the summer. Ed James has
sold out & is going to Calafor
nia the last of April. I am
very busy & am selfish. It tires
& throws me off my track. Mother
& Daisy can well be left alone. & I am
afraid I shall have to practice in
Beloit. I understand you have
a little Nephew at Beloit. my
congratulations. If you would
have him successful have him bap
tized early & name him after
one of the Prophets. The Sunday
has flown. Let us spend it with
our ideal & work. work. work.
hoping that you are well
I remain your friend
Del Hewett

Lowell. March 26th 1873.

My Dear Sister: [Sarah Christie]

Yours of 24th received.

One may and can keep secret anything one chooses: and besides, the minute circumstances of sunrise transactions are not the fabulum of a well-ordered mind. As to doing as another thinks, that again is a mere matter of inclination: it does not take a Talleyrand to manipulate an extensive secret correspondence, manage a dozen Machiavellian schemes, and all the time appear quite simple to surrounding inquirers.

As one who looks all around and beyond distressing facts, hoping and working for a better era, I would like to

have you with me. ~~It is to~~
It is to be remembered, however, that Lowell is not far removed from Clyman and Watertown, that even I am only living here by sufferance of I know not how many greedy extortioners who think themselves in danger of losing their own, that no school could be got for six weeks, that I am — as always — out of money, and have failed to pay Mich S. as much as my promise with of last fall assured him, that I must fail $25 worse when I pay that much to M.C.G. (Jim promises — I endorsed the note), that I must solicit of him more time for Dave on $200. etc. Now, what is to be done? I see all round your resignation — not surprised. But what are you to do? Have you money to pay your way for six weeks? for Schools will not open much sooner. You have lost a good place, and valuable time but it is done. Hardly think you can get another nearly so good pay at this time. Must be content with about $30 or $35 in Spring or summer term of country school. Well, that is better than work at outdoors. Would you be content to take the Primary here at $30. for the Spring term?

Everybody thinks I know a good deal, but many are dissatisfied. I have and will have no policy, and besides, Lowell is a small village, which is the whole story. Perhaps it would be better to say, Lowell is a part of this interesting mundane sphere. The Clerk, the only one who has spoken, asks me my price for another year, and wishes me to stay at higher wages. If I stay, I may count on $60 or $65. There is also

a slim chance for the Superintendency (Benson declines running again) this Fall at nearly $1000. Perhaps not to be now — but surely such things are to be in the near future.

Kerosene and Drams, and the Stars say, "Yes!" Let me say this in one breath, be hopeful and frugal. Write me at once of your prospects. You are paying out money for board there. You would have it here. Would you be safe here?

Count on me as a practical Christian and a brother; — but it would not do for our monetary interests to be disgraced by drunkenness here, besides the good opinions of friends. Charley Noyes and his wife would be glad of a call, were you coming this way. Write at once! If nothing else can be done, we'll pitch camp here on the borders of Aurora. Your brother Sandy.

Raphicum March 31st 1873

Dear Sarah. [Christe]

Your Note of the 24th received. It fills me with sum Trouble. You appear to have been too long in sending in Your resignation. Our School is already begun for this Term. at this I am Extremely Sorry.

It is also so necessary that You should be Employed profitably. If You had been here You might have had a School near us somewhere. Good teachers are allways at a primium here. and Boys are Good for Women from 25 to 35 Y. I trust You may get a School. But if not You ought to Come home directly. You could reestablish Your Health here, become acquainted with School affairs in this Country. and make up Your mind whether to teach here in the future or not

I do not like the idea of your
Teaching in the Old Neighbourhood,
if You do not Get a school immediately
beside Sandy. Where You and Ann
could be as it were Continually together
I would take no School thereabouts
Whatever, I should be very Glad to see
You here. Living daily With us.
I think it would be for Your Benefit
and it would also fill up a Great
Chasm in My Life. And Complete our
Social Circle. or Create it for the
here Very little Society that Gives
Me any Pleasure or Comfort.

I especially desire Your Presence
Amongst us. David also would rejoice
in it. My Dear Sarah the here
allways had too little Mutual Confidence
How much better for You would it not
have been. if You had had more Pleasure
in My Society and Conversation!

But the Past We Can not Recover
I pray God to determine by His Providence
for You, just what to do in these
present Emergency.

There is First one thing that
You can count on here Certain.
And that is that My Heart and Home
such as they are are allways open for
You. David also would Welcome You
With Pleasure. Consult With Sandy
and Write to me Your determination
Whatever it may be. May God Lead and
direct You in all things.

Excuse My Brevity. for this is Wash
day. Yours Allways Affectionately
J Christie