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Rajpudana. N.C. India.

Son & Daughter.

Your letter of the 16th March received long ago. I have tried to reply to it several times, But have felt so unwell that I always Gave up before finishing. in General I cannot begin again to finish an old unfinished letter. as each day produces its own set of thoughts. I had to send for a Dr. and after much Enquiry after Symptoms, he said he thought he could make me feel better. and prescribed Blue pills, Mandrake root. Your Letter is out of date by the. he also Gave me tonic Medicine preparations of Iron and potash, told me to read very little, write none. and if possible Quit thinking about any thing that required study. My own previous conclusions coincided with his advice. I knew he was right. But I needed a Medical man to Endorse them. I then told him my reasons for telling Lies. that I did not Expect he could make me Well and Healthy and Young again. But simply to Get some alleviation of the present difficulties. That I had had a dream which I thought indicated the means of this Alleviation which I sought. He looked a little Startled, and inwardly, I thought, Smiled. looking as if he might be a little doubtfull of my Sanity. and politely thought it Best proper that he should hear me out, as from this Many Hallucinations he might the better make a true Diagnosis of my disease. I told them that in my Dream. I saw a very lean Cow of Gigantic Size. come up to me with Horny intentions. red in Colour. that She seemed to me to be the Giver of the Green that Roy Shewerth shewed Me. I had no doubt the identical Brute. that I tried to cover her with a large White robe I had. that I did envelope her with it. Yet She made the Same demonstrations as before. that I then drew in my dream a very Large fine Thread all of Iron. on which as the material there might be, was Quite a Quantity of White Ashes. I Lighted it and brandishing it at her Bovine majesty. She turned Tail and Went off. I supposed to the Pole again. and how then there appeared on the Scene, a highly Excited Young man of a dark and Lilious looking Countenance with an under Shade of Yellow in his face. looking for the departed Bovine. not finding her he went off.

and so closes the Vision. I tole You my dream in full. Now to the M.D. I appreciated and some advice to the Doctors
If I better he knew of any preparation of Iron and Potash as a for nervous complaints connected with derangement
of the functions of the Liver. Yes he said he did, and so goes rehearl accordingly. He seemed loose to be impressed with
my motives and told me that His father was a Great dreamer, they are Covenanters Scotch. and that his father was
often Guided by his dreams, and Hale Guided too. You I trust My Dear Jane that although I am a Grecian by
Intellectual habit. Yet am in reality a Child of Faith & truly believe that to the Believing, the Heavens are
Study them for instruction and Elevation and healing Power and indeed all the Elements of Nature, Stars, Planets, Comets, Suns, Moons, Earth, Air, Water, Fire
the medium of All Illumination of Man and Stars. in short Physically it is so. and we believe that Spiritually it is so just as certainly.
The same if I shall not tell my dream to Lucia. This does not lessen my faith in it however. but rather increased it.
I need not tell You by what process I interpret the Symbols Grecian! (Interpretation Certainly is from Above)
I took the medicine. I feel better. and now venture to inclose that letter to You hoping to finish it this time
And now I perceive I am away with by my own Egotism. I have nearly said a word to You of You & Yours.
although You may be sure the Shadow of You and Carrie and Vicky Lizzie always give me happiness
I dare not like the theme however that the little Lady goes in Your Mind and Conversations. if not too late I should prefer
to hear her called by some other Abbreviation than Vicky. I Carrie associations of ideas Contain the Cause of
Carrie Like, and dislikes however and that what is Quite pleasing to me from the Same Cause is the reverse to another.
daily unconsciously that Your Work at least & inclination is
You Speak in that letter of Yours of feeling yet. I believe You are better Qualified
should be a Teacher rather than a Pastor if I understand You aright. But I would not take any responsibility in
for the first Naturally, and by Your Education as by Your own inmost Consciousness, and by the Opening
advised in the matter. God will take You however and I will also Guide You by these means. Whether
and shuttering the doors of Circumstance before You Just Now Day taken Your Naturally You are
of the two You should Choose. He knoweth the heart your success in Either Rule Certainly He is for Portunes
best fitted for the Teacher. However, the degree of the Lord. There can be no success in Either unless
to Your Sincerity and Devoted ness to the Cause of Man are Equally it. I look upon the preparatory Dispensations of the Gospel of Peace as Equally important
to any other. the Subscriptions of the intellectual faculties with Philosophical views in Conformity with the Laws
of Scripture. are a Renaissance of the Greek and Roman Language - age certainly all in the way of Preparation for the
Conceptions of the Faith and Philosophy of the Christian Nations. Christianity Cannot shake off the Greek again if it tried
Greek ideas are interwoven into it in such a manner as make it important to Give Greek Culture to its Propagators
although Sprung from Semitic root it acquired its Transplantations into Greek Soil. The Lost of
Seed Sent up no Branch which Could Grow among the Jews. Christ was a Prophet & his Work had no
Nations in his own Country. All this Greek influence however only in the intellectual World
Christianity exiled from Judaea found copy in Greece and
readiness to all the Western Nations. Amongst the Greek Colonies of Asia Minor. thence
of the Heavens. His natural Selfishness was brought a Specially Chosen Child. taken under the special protections
had been Chosen before and in preference to all the to a Supernatural Strength by being taught that He
He hated his Brethren. Grew bent to treat his father Nations of the Earth. The Jewish Body of the Typical Family
him his own way. Selfish. Greedy. Unsocial taught that he might Spoil the Gentiles. and when
they began to retaliate and pluck the prophets kept up the hope of future Grain and
Greatness by declaring when the day was coming When the Gentiles Should Voluntarily bring all their
Wealth Willingly and Lay it at their feet. Who Members at the Jewish Character. it was made for
them by their Education.

May 14th Since Writing the previous pages I have received Yours Enclosed Letter from Sandy. I have not been able to write. Never made an many attempts to fulfill an Obligation as to finish this Letter to You. I must suppose President Chapin's Think You are Competent for this New position Which he has Offered You: and I trust You will be able to fill it to the Satisfaction of Yourself and all Concerned I have but one fear for You, and that is that You will Overstay. This You must Guard against. If You Will do this You may live a long, a useful and Honorable life. Be Economical of Your Life. Because of overwork of the Nervous System Life is often Ended Before Its Time. If You Empty the Vital Energies of the Nervous System You Will Never Get them Back Again. Life Eternal is the Absence of Laborious Effort. Without Entering into the necessary Conditions Husband the powers of Your Nerves and Brain Strictly attend to these Cautions after all Would be very Apt to Trespass, Your Guardian Angel Socrates. His Office is Limited to Restraint. Were you Given to Excess. But take Care Not to Give way to Despondency. Look forward in Hope for two years to Effect Object. I should not permit You to Buy Out even if Not for Your own Liberty.

Yours &c.

3) such was the Jew, not so the Greek. He fully developed man in comparison with that Modern Child. The Greek excelled in all departments of human Effort. A man of Genius also inspired by God, impressible and versatile, generous and gracious, the Universal man of his day, the Conqueror and Leader of the nations of mental Gold. Brilliant as Silver. Beautiful as fine porcelain. He only needed a little more Iron mingled with the Clay to have become Everlasting. The nations rise and fall like the waves of the sea, like them too Carrying forward on their resistless bosom the things committed to them, and the man of Galilee walks ever on the Crest and foremost Wave, Thundering against the indurated Continents, overflowing the Isles of Sea. He enters Everywhere Unbidden and by force with a fructifying and gracious Sovereignty. He heaves the Mountains into the Bottom of the Sea for the foundations of the Everlasting Continents of His Coming Kingdom. The Jew, the Greek, the Roman, the Britain left in their turn their Elements to be shaped under the influence of that Strong Earth Spirit, and they subside by their inherent Gravitation. Yet the pulses of Power flow on —

You have at some pains to procure for me an Exposition of that passage of John. I although agree with you in some of it do not yet think that all the difficulties are cleared up. But as the discussion of them would lead away into a discussion of the Question of the Nature of the resurrection (on which in the 20 Verse I prefer Eternal life alone. The truth is I am not sufficiently in health to bear with safety any anything that requires any Great exercise of the Mental faculties. I consider that in the first passage those that hear have already passed the resurrection. Not any more sleeping in the dust of the Earth, and those that do not have hear will before after having passed into Hades hear that awakening to a perception of their own Actual State which will pass judgment upon themselves. Which judgment being in accord with the Truth, will make to shame and Everlasting Contempt. I do not believe that the Scriptures teach the rising again of three classes of Men. Before to me the whole Question of the resurrection rests less in actual awakening. Whether to Justification or to Condemnation, I may be wrong in belief. Yet I think not. And will not attempt to argue any more on the subject. I am Quite Satisfied with the distinction you make in the Meaning of "Olam" in both passages. It is indeed very Clear. The difficulty now lies in the sense in which we are to understand the word "Panoi" and Panta. Besides I think you erred in supposing (Daniel meant a General rising of Human for he does not say "all" but "many" I have no difficulty in declaring that I believe the Word of God, my difficulty lies in knowing what that Word is. I cannot take the Epos Christ of any Man as decisive of any Question for me. But must see, or believe as it manifests itself to me. The Truth is beyond all other things in importance. And unless it declares itself I cannot accept. Therefore my belief on many Questions is in Abeyance. Because I wait for the truth

Republican, April 3rd 1873.

My Dear Sarah

This Morning David
Goe's into Town. if he can. the roads are
very bad. the Frost being nearly out
he takes in a Load to procure this
interest for Uncle Daniel Which he
Will send to day. I leave this Open
for Daniel to Tell You by What Way.
We are all in our usual State
of Health and feeling.
Yet there is Continually Reason for
uneasiness occuring. I received
a letter from Sarah a few days ago
in Which She Said She had resigned
her Place as teacher in Lancaster.
She said also that She had Written to
You asking Your Assistance to Get
a School. While at the Same time
She Spoke to me about teaching here
if She could get School. I wrote
to informs her. that our School was

already taken. and inviting her
to come home if She could not Get
a School in Your immediate Vicinity
It seems to me Peculiarly unfortunate
just now. But We should all of us
have pity for Sarah. and take Care
of her. She needs much Care.
Let us not be Weary in Well doing
I think it is very doubtful that
You can Get her a situation at
this Particular Juncture.
I also think it Would be Well for
her if She can Get no School to Come
immediately Here. to Get out of the
Whirl and Excitement of this fickle
Life. Survey the past and try and
Reach forth and true Views of the
Objects of Life.
Do not I Beg of You Sandy Lose
Courage in the midst of these trouble
for indeed I confess it needs much
Visit to us soon in Reference to
these things. J. Christie.

Aprile 3d.

Sandy. am Sending
this Money by money Order
on the Post Opice at wattertown
they did not give Orders on
Lowell there is 21 Dollars of it
intrust

will Send you This to
Lowell write and let us
know when you get this
from your loving Brother
D B Christie

Remember and Give
my Name as Sending
the money when you
go to draw it

Lowell. April 3d. 78.

My Dear Sister: [D. J. Christie]

Yours of 31st Ult.

I am glad you are full of determination to live. We are going to live, that's certain, & if matters seem adverse, we must not despair. We have live down a good deal, and look back through long years of prosperity upon it.

I have commenced working out solutions of problems for the Journal. I wait for Part No 6 to see whether they publish a short communication on the form of the Earth, Lat, &c, which I sent them ten days ago.

Yesterday I sent them a solution

Since my return from Europe & France.

of a problem in last No
which required the Calculus.
Folks will find out inside of a
year that I am one of the half
dozen Mathematicians in the State,
and I will get a place.
School here gives me little satisfac-
tion and would give you less.
Take #30 elsewhere, rather than #25
or #30 here. About 40 under 10 yrs.
I am paying #3.25. I am stay-
ing in this school because I can
do not better now. But I am
sick of it. No hope for Supt.
A Democrat will get that. I shall
rise on my Mathematics in the School.
We must try to be together next year,
in some new field. In the mean time
get some kind of a school, just to
pay running Expenses. Take care of
Money. — and blast the condition of
cash pay them all off in the autumn
for them — but they must wait
We will draw larger salaries a twelve-
month hence. Yours in hope Sandy

Lowell Wis.
Sat Eve- April 5 - 73.

My Dear Father: [James Christie]

This evening I received yours of the 3d inst. Enclosing Money Ordr for $21 00, and the welcome assurance that you are all blessed with good health. My first opportunity to go to Watertown will be a week hence, whence I will draw the money and send to Uncle. You might just as well have sent direct to him, for he would indorse and show to me when I see him: - he is all right in such matters. I wrote you a day or two ago, that he was quite willing to give time, without requiring payment of interest now. But this is better for us, and fully as well for him. Now as to Sarah's affairs, anyone can see, at a glance, that her losing that place is a great loss.

Where is Hattie?

Where has Tatum gone to School?

; but as to being discouraged, why, I'll not entertain the idea so long as we have good health. Sunshine is sunshine still, and I, for one, am not going to turn it into the blackness of darkness, simply because there is given to us an objective point pretty high up and "a good way off", to work toward and finally up to. It's a slow business, to be sure; but it's a sure business, to be slow; and furthermore, dollars are to be something more than "dollar-money" some day. You see, it's a mathematical absurdity to hold, that a man will make no headway studying and teaching 18 hours per day and 7 days a week; indeed the contrary is as sure as that tangent over radius equals sine over cosine. If you have no bad luck at home, in the course of 5 years, Tom and I will be looked upon as fortunate men; and I'm sure, it would be folly to excite wrinkles of sorrow on our brows to carry into our happier — That is, our busier, more useful years.

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men."

We should count these light afflictions, in view of the far more exceeding weight of misfortune which has often fallen to the lot of man.

This term will be out in a week. The Board have not yet decided how long vacation there will be, but two weeks are most probable. The weather is, and, for some time has been, bad. And roads are shocking. No show for grain sowing, and it is probable none will be sown for two weeks yet. Times dull. Election quite lively. Not much a matter of Party, but rather of men. Voted an independent ticket for County officers, principally on Scott Sloan's account, who ran for Judge

of Probate on his own merits; and put in a Democratic Costa ticket. The only other one was a hybrid without a name, but not without a bad reputation. It seemed pathetic strange to vote the ticket I did, but I couldn't do[illegible], for I wanted Jim in as Town Clerk. Old party distinctions are nearly at an end; and besides, Republicans feel a little ashamed of the record of their party during the last half-dozen years. They tell me it is perfect Hodge Podge in Clyman. Such men as John Hennessy on the Republican ticket.

May you all have good health and good luck this Spring. I can say little of Sarah yet. She writes me she is in Lancaster on a day or two, and will see me also shortly. He is out for the College. Sarah must be content with any school for a time first to pay her way. Next year, (school year) I will try to have her with me somewhere, here or elsewhere. We are all waifs, — to are all human beings.

Yours in love, Sandy.

Rapidan, Lindsay Morning April 10th 1873
(June 1st)

To Lizzie

My Dear Son

I Can for borne

Writing to You, Quite a Long time, and Hear but Seldom from You. and as

I Am forbidden Home to Write on any Subject but this Which has reference

to the Common and every day affairs of this our Mortal Life. I am Going to try my

hand at just Such a Missive, I Hope, it may Stir and Stimulate You to Hope, More for You

and taking Care of Your Health. Remember You have a Body as Well as a mind, and

And that You Cannot Live Comfortably in it Unless You Keep it in Repair. Which it is

Your duty to do. I trust that David is tolerable Settled to Live in Comfort Also.

David, Emma & Boy Seem to be in Ordinary Conditions. One Cannot Keep

themselves in Peace if they look at any thing in this World any deeper than the

Surface. Mother and I are as usual. The Weather & Selection & the Next to Spring

in Order. Where it is Wet, the Ground is Wet also to a Great depth. The Very air

Wet. the Whole of this Country from the Mississippi to the Desert is One Mud pie

Men and Horses Travel along the Public roads from one Mud hole to another as

if Making clay to Build up the new Babel of Rothschildsburg. a new Iron

Bridge is being put up Across the Le Sueur at a point due North from our East

Line. for Road therefore becoming the Road on this Prairie. We have Prospect

only now to Sit Still and See all the World Go past. to — Mankato.

In School Matters. Well, the Law is Given by moses. But the Grace and the

Knowledge are Now in Coming. We are all as Yet busy Worshipping the

Golden Calf. in due time to become an Ox to Gore his Worshippers.?

Mighty Few Ammet Still Bow the Knee to Scotlands Carlyle. and Live

on Transcendental Mist. as a Matter of Course he is all in a Fog. Reminded

Me of his Mouth full at all times of his Masters Gigantic Bottle —

the patching of the patches upon patches has for Him Not as Yet produced

a decent Suit of Spiritual Clothes. Mr Fabius Elsewhere Not in

Good health. Still able through to Conduct his own Business and look Censoriously

at Acts of others. Shrewd and Sharp as a Dutch Sausage Knife. Withal

Loveable for What he May be. and Wants to be if it were Left in his

The United Brethren here, are scattered and disunited. No preaching from Elder Thurston' no offence I hope in saying this. He promised to preach for us in school house Monthly first before Donation time But where will Old Hamilton. This People Etcetra has only preached 3 times in 6 months, and there's truly a Famine here. This part of the Vine Yard has become, or is likely to, instead a Veritable Hog-Yard. for "the Wild Boar of the Wood" &c The RR is to be finished here this Summer. but Reports will not pay anything Yet. The Grange also is founded amongst us, and as a matter of Course We while tame all human Selfishness and Make them RR men hand over Heart for an old song. as Every Way You are Will are getting to be somebody. I Should like You Should Come here and be somebody with us. David has planted Corn twice. I trust he will Get a Crop once. He has signed Notes to Uncle William Lodowick Wallace for 200$. to Save his Mules, I should not ask him to do it. it seems that if We are to Go down the hill all Go down together. and then We will have Company. That is pleasant in Adversity, and is Comfortable as it ought to be. The corn we store will Serve us, but Lime on Butter and Bread. keeps up the price for Groceries, nails &c We literally Might Say With the Psalmist "our Steps are Washed in Butter" for I wear Butter Shoes, and the Slide formerly Smoothly, the Snail is the only Slow Going affair Nowadays. it often comes to us by Way of Recession from Bankrate, Now, to lay aside all this Badinage. Surely You must feel pleased that Tom is held in such Estimation in Beloit, and that he had the Firmness and Grit Sense and Heroism to refuse the Honours and Salary of the Mathematical Chair. I am highly pleased at this. if he had accepted he would have been Shelved, Caught and Taken home forth like a fish out of Water. More power to him, May his Shadow never be less.

May I hope that You will Visit us this Season? at the End of your term of School? or are You too poor? Broke enough to See Others Sicke and Walk Lonely? The probability is Dandy if You do not Come Home now I Will never See You all together again in this World. David is Anxious also to See You, and Martha so also, Truly, Give my Good wishes to Uncle William and Family. I must Write to him also and Send down these Notes immediately But Seamus Write two or three letters in a day now. Believe me as always anxious for Your Welfare Anxious to See You. Yours

Lowell, April 18th 73.

My Dear Father:

I wrote a letter a week ago, as receipt of yours containing money-order, but by some negligence failed to send it. Well, it was a busy time with me; — and thereon hangs a tale which may possess interest for you all. The Lowell school has made great progress in and knowledge during my administration, nearly all the salons being quite satisfied with the advancement of their children, and regarding me as a very Solon or Socrates for wisdom. But in the mean time, I have not been satisfied, failing to realize my

ideal of what this school might be, if parents and, consequently, scholars, would set their hearts on having a good teacher's ideal wrought out in harmonious form. This term has been long, and scholars were becoming tired of study.

You know, I never tire of study. Since snow flew, I have heard 2 dozen, strike, with perhaps ten or a dozen exceptions, and I have made up for thumby sitting up all night as often. I wouldn't permit lazyness on any score, and so we quarrelled daily. They liked me; but we were getting along badly. I quit whaling altogether, and they became noisy. It was a bad state of affairs. I must be a perfect tyrant, or give over the concern. I chose to do the latter. I went to the Board and wished ...to withdraw at end of term, that is, in two days. Stated that my services were not appreciated. That in doing the best I could for their children I was only making those children and their parents my enemies; that the guarded one life we led was of incalculable damage to both parties, etc. Board would not hear of it, nobody would hear of it. Next morning my scholars looked different. They had thoughtlessly hurt my feelings, and were sorry. Before, I could get no preparation made for last day; now, everyone had a "piece" or a song. Before, no one would sweep; now, 5 brooms were in almost constant use. Before, no one cared to carry wood; now I had to stop its progress up stairs. Lessons were recited "straight as a string", and tears not uncom-

morn. It was a different place. Sabbath day came; and instead of a failure, we had a complete success - the result of a few hours determined effort by my now fast friends. The Patrons came in numbers, the lower school came upstairs, and for two hours there was good prefacing and good singing, and at the conclusion I was presented with a copy of "Hanley's 'How I Found Salvation' - which my boys had sent to Janesville for several weeks ago.

School all reorganized on this basis:- Good Order, A fair amount of Study, and Agreeable Feeling. The scholars themselves are to do it all. And if the two or three who seem not to fall in with this better order of things, persist, scholars will petition to have them expelled - like some from a garden. The whole village are elated with

Clyman Oake Co Miss April 16
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Dear Brother. [James Christie]

We Received your letter
the Day after I had sent you one
stating the arrival of the Wheat
it Took 14 Days to come Down - I had gone
to Town 3 Times about it at Last I told
the man to let John Bond Know
Hoose and he would send me word
When it Came it came that very night
after I left and the Lad kept all that
week. and told John it had come
John then sent me word Cursing
the Agent for his neglect so you
will see it was over 3 weeks before
I knew anything of it it was in good
time for our Spring to be in now
we have had Snow and rain alternatly
which have kept the ground so that
as we can do nothing. But on Monday
the 14 we Put in your Wheat and on the
Evening it began to rain heavy and has

kept on until this morning it is still
spitting a little it happens very Bad
for it is not Horse Dunged yet and
I am afraid the wheat will have begun
to grow before it will be fitt to go on it
I will go over it if it is only Burnt but
if begun to Root I will not touch it
it is Pretty well covered and will have
to do if we cant help it. When you
write to Alexander impress upon him
with all your Power the Necessity of
Sleep and fresh air all he can get
he will not take my advise so you try
your hand on him he is by no means
the Man of one idea But Still Foguers
is the Ne Plus Ultra with him and
he would like it Their were 25 Hours
in the Day, so as he might get one of
them for Sleep, James it wont do
he will Break Down before he knows
it — Glad to see by yours last you were all
well I hope Daniel will the Spring and
Keep well we are all Pretty well at
Present Mrs is on the farm working
she is begining to see that Teaching is
no Business for him he says their
is a Slavery in it that he cannot endure
he is a Boy Stout fellow and wants
to be out in Magee Armenment
down to Millers yesterday to
help to Clean up Perhaps longer
This is the 3d Place since she left me
I am sorrow for it But Still I
Think it was Better for us to Part
how is Annet getting along has she
got a Wife out of Sterling yet
I think James you should go up
and see these People it would
be Like going to Scotland again
I am Troubled with a Shaking Hand
Bad Pen and watery ink and an
Empty Head so Love to all and
and good Luck to Little Jamie

yours Truly W. Christie

in this Need for advice of the Divine Man
Who said to his Learners / Capellum Capri C 18th 1873
"Let us now Go aside and rest for awhile"
He meant Mental Cooperation

My Dear Son [Alexander]

Yours too letters to hand last night. It will be well if Sarah can get a school to Enable her to pay her way. I do not know the cause of her leaving her Situation. She promised to tell me from. I am afraid that Tom is to be in Lancaster to be Lazy, and Give his Poor Comfort. She I think needs our Care to keep her up to the Standard of Correct living all the time, as she is still led a little by Strong feelings. I should like to see Sarah Well Married, that is, to a Man of Good Character, however poor, with those Qualities of Head and Heart Suited to Make the Best of her Sarah would Make a Good Wife if, She Loved her Husband But he would need to be of Steady Moral and Religious Life, because She otherwise Could not Love him Long, being so Quick to detect Character. I must Commit all these affairs to God. I can do nothing in them. I trust You may find Some plan for her in the present difficulty. and suppose it possible She may Come Visit Tom to See You.

Your letter Sandy make me sorry for You As I perceive You are following a Course Which will lead You into Bankruptcy & Ruin. Your 18 Hours of Mental Labour Can have no other End. The letter I received before these two. When I opened it I said to Mother "Sandy is Unwell" it was written like an Unsettled Hand. Jerky, and by Effort. Before You had finished it You told me You did not feel Well. You see things always take on themselves. I shall read Correctly the Handwriting on the Wall, I do not Wonder at the Uncertainty of Your Conditions of Mind As You Violate the Laws of Your Bodily Constitution Continually

Do all that You can do a little each day, and Let the Rest Alone. Mother, this will be Your Motto

I told You Ade, while Yet in Your Childhood of the Inscription on the Gate of the Temple at Delphos "Nothing too much." Now I here told it to You a gain.

It is an impossibility to fight against God and be successful. Keep his Law, and Live hopefully. Break it, and be cast off. I implore You to Consider Your Whole course You Can Gain nothing by foretelling the Events and Duty of the future Years. That which Cannot be done in Accordance With Your Whole Willings, Cannot be done With Success, however it may appear to You Now. Rather seek to become Wise than to become Learned, for if You Cannot become learned in the practice of Wisdom, Wisdom forbids Your Acquisition of Learning. That only Can be Well done Which is Wisely done. Lastly, Learn to be Temperate in Allthings It is Your Sanguine Temperament Which drives You as much a Rate in every line You move in, Lessly You are Above being ruled by the Throne of Your Blood, Rather Govern it not in the Strength of its flow, But how Long it shall flow in the performance of Satisfying any one function of Brain or Body. Learn how to Check off the supply in Any one direction This You Must Learn, or Let take Your way to a Small medicine of Roots and Cold Water, and so lessen its force in Every direction But this is simply to reduce the Amount of Your Life probably the Last Method for You. Would be to keep ever in Your Mind the Inscription of Delphos, and partially imitate the Enemistes of the Same time. If You look for the praise of Men You Will follow Your present Course. But if for the praise of God You Will follow the One I propose to You.

What I should like to know is the use of having lived over 60 Years if One cannot Tell a Young man how to Live Wiser than one Selves has done. I Regret Also much to Read Your Anticipations of future Success Expressed in so much Self Confidence

I believe in Being Hopefull. But Yet Always remember the Gods When are punishment Who forget them. You ought to Consider that although You Fail in an honest Way to be all You desire to be. You Cannot be that unless the Gods are Consenting. All that You have, are, or Shall be is Gift to You, Not by any means Self Originated. And therefore any unsanctified Confidence in Your own powers, is ingratitude Which is a Business Contemptible. Was mine You Would hate to be another Byron to the World of his powers and Ability in the Accomplishment of that Which You Knew You had done for him. You would immediately feel that You Were desire to Humble him. Because of his Unrighteousness. So is it With us When We forget God. I think I once told You how at one period of my Life. Being Boasting that I had a strong right Arm. and that Consequently I could Work my own Way anyway, as it Were in Spite of Gods and Men. And how When taken in My Boastings, I Was reduced to the necessity of depending upon that Which I had Boasted of, it failed the the first day. I immediately recognized the hand of God in it and saw my folly. Learn Humility and When You think of What You may accomplish think of it also With Gratitude to the Giver for Whose aid You look in the Accomplishment of all Good purposes. and When You do Good, Give Him the Glory. Who had bestowed the power upon You. I rejoice in Your Ability and it is because I wish You to Continue in its possession that I Warn You of these things. No Man Ever had permanent Success Who Contemned God. I indeed feel Grateful that You have Certain Gifts of usefulness and as I know You desire to be. You keep, or Acquire Gods favor, by feeling thankful for his Good Providence, instead of tempting the Allseeing unseen Powers to Strike. I tremble for All those Whom I see forgetting the Mercy of the Heavens. Now take all this as Spoken in for Your Good. and do not Conclude that it proceeds from Captiousness. But because I love me and Would Guide You into a perfect Success. Living above Many things Enemies for Your Permanent Welfare.

I am Glad that you are in Love with Ro many. this is a mystery for that Love which is in the Highest, the Universal. Platonic did you say? The Immortal and pure Friendship. The Love of the Beautiful & the pure and the Good incarnated. Aye! Aye. it is a difficult thing however for a Sanguineous Man to maintain a purely Platonic Love for Female. But in Hours of Glorious Halo around the Love so Loving. & incites to Nobility of Thought and Action, and possess the Spirit of the Divine Highest Life. turning the Creative faculty into the Generation of Noble Thoughts and Imaginings. Noble Aspirations in the Ethereal regions of Divine Sentiment. it is Holy and Uplifting I like to see a Man Capable of an Elevated Love. How Study St John and Get into the Still more Ethereal regions which he frequents. I am highly pleased that you are in Love. that is a Divine Element of our Being, and a portion of Higher Conditions. Now Consider well that Word. "He that is in Love is in God"

The family here are in Arms against all of them. Little Jamie Pleased, running out doors, full of Life and Curiosity. I alone remain. My Legs intensely painful. and possessed Nervous and Restless Nights. Called in Dr Gibson, a Canadian Doctor practicing in Gordon C & Who prescribed. Blue pill and Mandrake Extract for me. and Lime's water of Citrate of Iron and Soda Compound of Potash in powder. I feel better a little. for this Study. writing in Winter. Which is to blame me to be Wise do what I cannot be or do. Without much trouble. But I feel within myself that this bears upon me imperatively.

Now Sandy above all. refrain from as much Expenditure of Your Life. do not Go around so much Casting away Your Strength Rather find some Companion of the Male Order and Tramp the Woods Botanizing. Mineralizing in General. Fish Catching also. a most excellent Amusement. and so learn to be a Worker of Men. Thr double Part that the Petrine occupation in Rome where he writes to some of his Converts as Fisherman like When he says. "I" says he "Caught You with Guile" Above and Beyond all things learn to Keep the Natural Laws of Your Body inviolate. You are now providing for Yourself days and Nights of Sorrow and pain and Pain regret. I have always taken "too much" out of myself, and am now a Stranded Wreck.

I had a Letter to Logan's Wife. But Not Delivered. My address was unknown to me. And as I left Edinburgh to Return to Canada I would not make to the Hill Agents

Lowell, Mass, -

Sat. April 19. 1873,

My Dear Father, [James Chisholm
Castle Gordon, Moray]

You may set- your heart- at- rest- about- me, for I am with Alexander here in Lowell- and am b- back the lower department here for the summer term of three months - I applied in many places for situation in Graded School but- this is wrong time b- get- a position, not- being at- the beginning of school year - The only offer I received was from Chicago, and I felt- misgiven not- b- go there, and had a dream which decided me not- b- accept- - I came in here this week- and will remain at- only $ 25: per month - will board at- Jessie's at- $ 2.50 per week, washing not-

included — If it had not been that I want very much to study with Alexander I would have gone home to you — I would prefer that, and I need the rest it would be to me. but it is imperative on me to teach and I want to prepare myself in Geometry & Algebra for higher work next year, — and that preparation Alexander can give me this summer — I feel worn out just now with traveling by stage and on night trains and soon as settled here, in a few days I will write you a long letter, giving reasons for my leaving Lancaster — Annie remains there, and now has charge of the Trans. Dept: at a salary of $45: per month — She is very popular and succeeding finely as a teacher. — I find Alexander looking better than I have ever seen him look — getting on well in his work — he sings in the choir of the church and is much liked by the people — He is not quite as radical in some directions — his views somewhat modified — does not talk quite as much against religion mixing with people has done him good — Give my love to Dave & Emma also mother — I am very tired. Every bone in my body aches with riding in the stage — I think I will go home at once to you — to stay until fall soon as I can close here — Tom & Cannie are going up to spend the summer after commencement — Tom boarded for College this spring vacation, so I saw him in Lancaster — He father of Bessie" without end. — was looking rather tired out; I thought — as if with much work — but a bright eye and healthy —

But I cannot stop — I will keep my promise to write this time — & just to hear from me within a week — a longer letter — Sandy's school closed a week ago yesterday — and we begin again a week from next Monday — Affectionately

— Sarah.

Lowell. May 12" 73.

My Dear Father: [James Christie]

I received yours in Sund,
and took no offence at the advice you give me.
On the other hand, I agree with much which you say,
admit that I am taxing my energies very heavily,
etc: to all which I rejoin, I am not overdoing.
For a month I have hardly looked in a book,
other than a singing book, and am in not
the slightest danger of killing myself with study.
You should be careful not to commit to
writing such things as you sent me in this
letter. Undoubtedly you are right about Judas;
but will it do to take Kindred views of the
whole tale? Would'nt it be better to leave the
responsibility, of divulging these things, to Judas?
I am convinced 'twould make mem worse. Let
them but know that the good book is in
part and the sweet story especially are strong-
ly tinctured with philosophic references to sexual
anatomy, etc, and I dare say it will
not improve either their walk or conversation.
They would lay hold of the roughs and grass, and
see, nor care to see anything higher.
I hope you will say no more of these things
to anyone; and for the sake of your health
you should think less on such subjects.

I am glad you are taking a little medicine, but is this doctor Gibson a man to be relied on? Dunberg would be a better man, or Wairus. And now speaking of health: I am afraid I don't think often enough of Dave. How does he get along with his lungs, is he better or worse? Probably he is planting corn. when this reaches you. I wish I could see the prairie for a day. I am going out some day to see a wheat field and hear a bird sing.

Sarah has taught two weeks, and is putting things to rights. I wish I had her art of governing. I see "No Surrender" is a prominent Element in it.

Her health is better than I supposed, and she will be able to study Algebra and Geometry while here. Dr. Benson wrote her out a Second Grade article and an examination.

All the Clyman folks well. Two months since I was down there. Willie is farming, and seems to take to it better than to books.

How strange it would seem to see Dave and Emma's little boy running about.

I suppose you have heard of Tom's being offered the Chair of Mathematics in Beloit College. It is a grand opportunity for him, and a blessing to Beloit. Mathematics will flourish there under of five years.

Let Dave answer this. Yours Sandy.

the impossibility of the Heir of the Thicket [illegible] for a portfolio of Broiled Greens because he had not there was plenty of Bread or at least flour in the all of his letters. I Quoted Jared as saying "These from any of these Expositors. They seem to be af I cannot any longer stand in my Equivocal Posi that the letter is made to suit the Spirit of the P He is a wise man that can hold his Tongue. Pr But Surely I forget, You never read this t right without it. Their Philosophy must be the do not wish to see, whom may know the Truth is a treasure to all this Speculative dis Wheat. Davids is ale above ground again, Estimate Your Brother so highly. Jon is Justo success. You are not so easily moulded. do n perfected to become a moulder. learn to Labo a perfect Workmen. You must also learn that Yo and follow the Course prescribed by the Judges of the prescribed Bounds may deserve the Laurel. Yes outside the Lists. not choosing to subject themse that this Temple Vessel should be first. themselves above unveil. Depriving being the power in which and inability to think aright about or of any

is to Your Health, Your letters to Mrs. Le
ld need to. Your Writings is Exceedingly borrow
look about it which it should have, but instead
own by his Works. You are taking too much
g of Yourself. Be Content with the knowledge you
you besides have all Eternity before You. In that
t while it is May with such tools as You already
is prepared for You. Sit down contentedly in the
rlen about Your Palace or pristers. Not doubting
e Called to the upper rooms, and be not above
ely About the Name You are Called by. You
tricter of You in the Eternal Land. Immediately
ence. it is Relations that a Man bears his own
erts knows You by Name and will call You by it
and Sarah. a Condition of Love. I trust You
s She has not been Heir to. You must needs
rs. as We ourselves Also need the Love of one
s. I love each one of You and know Your
. and I also need very much the Love of Your
thes intellect to perceive and a Heart to feel and
Le baptized and Partaken of God. and so and only
nist together God and man. that as Jesus said
they all shall be one.

Do not let your natural Ambitions distract you. Calling you to desert that for the higher
place which your Good heart has put you into. of being a Helper and Sustainer of other
only use Judgement and see. that it is Genuine help to assure the Everlasting Moral Energy is
in those you would assist. and so put them in the Way to help themselves by receptions from
the Infinite Helper. Fortify also your Heart by every deduction of reason that can come from
to Love in Piety all those that are oppressed by the Legacies of Hereditary Peculiarities. Truly, our
Characters are made for us and not by us Original Organizations and the Concurrent Circumstances
here surrounding what we are. and for this reason over the Heaven Organized Also, to work upon us
and lift us to the perfect. Creating in us by new Life Lessons, new strength and new desires
to Ascend. All this I have been assisting you in I know is very uphill Work. and therefore not easily
done. But my Dear Sandy it is uphill and not down hill. When our Work is easy we should suspect it
Because of "Nacile's Descents" Ponder these things. for so far as they go they are in accord Philosophy.

Now let me tell you of the weather it has rained 3 days and 3 nights. the roadsides of heaven have
surely been opened. and all the natural drains on the prairie are full to the Brim. But our deep dead person are a
matches for it. by foresight you see we have got into the Ark like Noah and if his Solemnities Majesty were to look
into our stern Reindeers and proclaim "Rag y Weather" we would say just this. Little Jamie Grows like a Reed by the
brook. he sups Oaten Meal porridge like a scot and is quite as cunning and knowing. a Boy Natural Child
About her fenced up on the road and put in his Box. and knows us out from Getting to Timber. and knows
also he has done an enough Laundry things, he never us better us more. and certainly he makes it all up to me
is that. for he is one of those Who only see and seek his own pleasure. Regardless of the welfare of others
and never know where to take themself away. But he is respectable in his way. Give make him something
more. Remember me to Neale Williams. take this I would write to him if I entertain that soon soon
Also make Sarah write to me. although I am unable to send. But why do you not write? I miss your letters much
You ought to continue. With Good Affection
Your Father. Holbrook

3) Kindly I trust you are paying attention
Give very conquinceal Signs that You are
looking. Be Most Bold and tranquil
outwardly looking and Jerky, Be men is Im
out of Yourself. Quit all this torturin
here. it is impossible to know Every thing.
You do not need to be in any hurry. Go
here, turning your mind to the work that
Lowest room, do Your duty there undisturb
But that in due time You will, if Worthy,
the Last at table. Neither disturb Your
are Known by that name Which is Above
Christians. or unbelievers. here, is of no Conseq
name in this World. Be that reads the Le
Yet. There is I hope between You a
do not look for in her those perfections that
Love Your Sister in Spite of many imperfection
another. and must bear the Brothers Burden
imperfections better than You do Yourselves
all. This is the Glory of Humanity that it
pity, and stoops to lift up. and needs also th
to draw the Divine Element descend and l

Great like having to trade off his Horses
seem able to shoot any Game. When unbroken
nts. and the prairies swarming with Cattle and Sheep.
thing, are an Allegory? I Get no Letters at any time
ail to desert the letter. and Get Cannot depend it.
ters and must free myself by an Open avowal of
ky in it. But enough. I am without discretion
Truth must be Discipled that the people may be saved
weak. Men need faith. But Women Cannot live
the Heart. or they are a kind of Monster. Go kids me
th head and heart. a Woman may not. and must
e comes readily. Some how are not Yet done Brown
You must be pleased that the faculty of Belief
a Phenomenon. This plasticity is the source of his
regret this. You are the more likely when
and to wait, it takes a long apprenticeship to make
Cannot This in the race unless You obey the Laws
Horse. Any man who Contends outside of the
it cannot be restored upon him. Because he runs
the Laws of the Empires. Besides, he who is willing
reached the Goal. May 22d. I have been again
how felt it must accompanied with heaviness,
thing, to day feel better and must finish this
letter

Letter All received. We need to Make ourselves
Glad more And more for Have you not got Home from there yet? do not You Think
desire, and ought to be thankfull for since
I have been Home. So, I feel it is well that You are
I think, the rest of the Family are as usual. As
Should to Anticipate Misfortune is to double the
enough inevitably daily. Yet I am Afraid
to be the Biggest in the Puddle is a poor way to find
Heaven Worth. and Greatness is sure to Con
as it has reputed. true Greatness is no Pro
product Room Wilts. Nothing is lasting in
be in any Hurry to Get up. Rather Rest to fit
I look for a Letter on Saturday from You. and
"Moses" teach our School at a Salary of 40
in our School is Plagued sick Now. No United B
Our Thurston promises to preach once a Month a
Course Enquired after You all. I Went over
Confess They were difficult to accept. Sr Trimmed
School Lessons in the National Series being
Expositions of Jacob & Esau. I told them that they

Clarissa

Mary Ann Hamlet
Glad to hear from
Home and
Family.

May 14th 1873.

Rapidan. May 22d 1873

My Dear [Daughter Dalgh. Christie]
I will not receive

Your promised letter from you. I presume Sandy have said You had better not write one more, for Sandy is very Considerate I am pleased You have a Situation in house. However Small the Salary it will pay Your Coats anyway. Your reasons for leaving Lancaster probably were sufficient. I hope You are not to severely as to when You sent me that note. Now tell me how You like Lovale. I am desirous You should come up at Vacation as You promised and Sandy Unto You. as I wish to see You All together again once more. You know Jno and Connie with Baby are Coming. and I desire to much to have You all once More around me for however short or Long a Time. Sandy has not said he was coming Yet at all this Year. But I wish him to Come Also. He would be of much use to You here, if You intended to stay with us for a Time he could introduce You around and might Get You a School. My Health is Now in Quite a precarious Condition. I am very dyspeptic and diseased all over. Yet my head keeps clear and I see as Solemnly in a Mental View as ever, and more clearly in a Moral and Spiritual View than ever before. But I have Gotten to the dregs in the Cup of my Life, and they taste very bitter so much so that after having tasted I refuse to drink. But every one must do this for self. You know, My Dear Child take Care to shake up daily the Cup of Your Life and pray God to purge it for You that no dregs may remain. So that the last drops may taste sweet as the first in those daily fruitful days of innocence and peace when the Light of God shone full in the Heart of Childhood. I now look back with sorrow

and terrible regrets across the Desert of Sin to the
to the Beautiful Faith I followed in Early Youth.
to Rest Quiet time When the Sunshine of the invisible
Visions of Us around me, and Lighted up the Way of the
Child of Poverty. Then there was no fearfull Looking forward
no Reminiscences of ill Behind. But every dawn brought
Gladness and Every Evening the Calm Sleep of Peace. Whispering
Can never be restored. But I look forward in Hope to be in a calleer
and a reillemination of Glory to fill my Soul. With that Soft
Light Which descends in Love Streams from the Eternal
Sun of Righteousness, and This is no Dream, nor any distorted
Vision. But the Sober Simple fact. The permanent Condition
of all Those to Whom the Lord Shall Speak Peace. That peace
Which all Have forfeited. and Which Can only be regained as the
Gift of God. Let us then look up in Hope. Seeking in an Earnest and
Carefule Obedience to become the Commiseration of God. Who sometimes
sends a flash of This Blessed Light across the Soul as an Encouragement
for us to persevere. Who also Gives Hope to Lighten up the Soul in its Weary
and Dim days in the Earth.

We have Very rainy times here. But more
about Home. Just Now This is the Paradise of Waterfowl. The Quack
of the Wild duck. The Boom of the Stake driver. The Whistle of the plover
and Call of the Curlew Keeps awake the Echoes Through the day. and the
Piping Croak of the frog makes Merry the Ear. Corn floats in the Grass
Small Grains as Yet Looks Well and We Expect to have a Harvest in Time
The Family Generally are in their usual Health. Little Jamie active
and Busy as a Bee and as fond of Insects and Liberty.
I Wish You Could to try and stop if Possible Sandy's Study. He is too
much in Earnest about those things, that are only to be used a little
Moderation is the Salt of Life Preserving the Even Balance of all the Functions
of the Body and the Soul. and what is the Gain? if a man Shall Get a
little Eclat and lose his own Health? That Gone. All the Pleasures
of Life Go with it. and are replaced by Pain and Weariness. Health is the
Gift of God and Should be cared for. The Greatest of Earthly Blessings

Monday 26th May. I received a letter from Sandy on Saturday and Will
reply when able. I must thank You for the Independent and Tribune. an Occasional
Article of the Pi-i Worth reading But it is not What it was before Sutton was Wrecked and became
a Wrecker. The Tribune is the Paper for the Million and I fancy I see Horace Still
Superintending its Editorial. Standing beside the Editor in the Old Sanctum. Suggesting
and restraining. Anxious for its Power and influence to be cast for Guidance to the People.
I also Get the Congregationalist from Tom. it is very Orthodox. Very Staid. and Very
Sensible. Yet it Wants Something in the Way of Liberality Methinks. I detest too strongly of
Clerical Conservatism. and is decidedly Sectarian. Which is What I hate.

Tell Sandy that Mr Dodge died in an Epileptic Fit on Saturday in Gordon City and that
David and Joe are Gone this Morning to the funeral. I do hope You Will Write an Occasional
Letter from Lowell, tell me News of Clyman. Great irregularity in our Mail. Rivers bigger
now than When the Snow went out. Rain. Still frequent and heavy. I cannot get out
doors scarcely. and time hangs heavily. I cannot read much. nor Write. Send me a few Letters
I Remain My Dear Sarah With Unaltered Affection Yours Father James Christie

I Look forward With Hope to Summer
once more Gilbert Dick Has Life and
More Energy of Quantity to be Sure all full
Leaves by many Caterpillars and Mosquitoes
upon Trees and Shrubs in the Lakes of Dutch

Rockdale May 27th 1873

My Dear Son and Daughter

Your Letter of the 16 March has remained very long unnoticed to. I have been quite unwell for a long time and feared myself unable to write. Yes I tried often and spoiled many sheets in my various attempts it almost seems as if our Correspondence were closed by Letter, as you here not time and I no ability. I am glad always to hear of your welfare, to hear of Carrie and the Baby, and am glad in the hope that I may see you all in early July, which is now very near. I entirely endorse your views in regard to your Convictions, as being more fitted for a Teacher than a Pastor. and had written largely on that topic in some of my previous attempts to answer your Letter. I truly believe that You are Guided providentially. and God teaches You in these your inward Convictions, and Guides You by the Opening and Shutting of the Doors of Circumstance before You. He knows the Hearts, and proves all, doing the best for us in view of our Capabilities. I think the Office of the pastor nevertheless is the highest requiring Many Qualifications not needed by the Teacher. But Yet it requires no small Ability and much Patience and devotion of purpose to fill the place of Preceptor in the Literature of Hebrew. the Greek and the Roman. it is indeed a Great piece of work to Infiltrate Christianity of the Young with the profound Truths of these Writers to Fully Grasp them the Languages they were conceived in. the work is not done under the one Year with the other. these Languages are Cut Lumber, unless they are imbued with the thoughts that fill them, the Hebrew is the Envelope of the Universal Mysteries Containing all Ancient Philosophy. Including the roots of all the Modern development of Thought. I am fully Convinced that in the pentateuch alone is Included in its History. Geography. Economic and Moral Law all of the Development of Christianity and the True Philosophy of the Universal Microcosm. in its Beautiful and Simple Stories the profoundest Statement of Truth. All the Wisdom of the Egyptians. and all that may be known of God by Man. But all this aside. the mere Literalities of Hebrew is a profound Study. and the Strange and Supernatural History of the Jews, the most Astonishing in time. Being Entirely Unique. a people whose character has shaped Mentally by Supernatural Means for a Special purpose. whose thoughts they did not frame to Comprehend nor indeed approved. this Idea of Divinity intended. the Jews. (and by this Name I mean rather the Natural descendants of Abraham in Contradistinction to the Hebrew the true Spiritual Seed) inspite Nominally the past 2 M.Y. of the Human Family. Looking with Contempt upon his Brethren of the World. became Selfish, Avaricious, Greedy, Unscrupulous by his own Sacred Book as if

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Lastly was the Jews. Not so the Greek. He a more fully developed man. excelling in all department of human Effort. impressible, Versatile, Ductile as Gold. Brilliant as Silver Plastic as fine Porcelain. Needing only a little more Iron mixed with his Clay to have become Everlasting. if his inferior Genius did not excite as high as the Jew's. Yet he was more obedient to it. and became not so high and more human was more fully moulded by it. The Greek the Universal Man of his day. the disciple of all Civilizations. who learned as he Conquered. at the same time the leader and the learner. Combining in his person the powers of the Genius of all Nations as he collected our stores and the fruits of his reasonings in intellect and in his Cultures of Taste. has been the Paladium of the entire race since

Sanctifying. All of his dealings with his Gentiles. he became the Elder Child of the Human Family. and when they Patriotized and persecuted him in turn. despised and Caricatured him even as a Slave. while Missionaries stand in his own Prophets. he continues to believe that he will Reign to All the riches of the Nations of the Earth. that they would finally hasten upon him all their Gods Redemptorial. Bring their stocks. their Watch and their Wit for Merchandize. and let him Enjoy himself as Head of the World amidst the Lamentations of Fallen Man's Education was instilled into them, by all of their Mis appropriations of their real and purpose in Human History. Of which of seventy was really not interested, they had understood their own History or the Significance of the Scriptures which they took care of it would have all been Quite different with them. The Completeness of their Blindness is truly Amazing if Viewed as proceeding from Natural Causes. But it did not, and was apparently brought out in a Miraculous Manner. Natural Instrumentalities are used by the Heavens in working out their purposes in the Earth. and the Jews become what he is from his Original Constitution and the Circumstances he was placed in by Providential purpose. but the History of the Jews is not yet Completed, and until the Second Advent of Christ Jesus which was taken up the Jews. his office in the Progress of Man race. the Significance of his Sacred Books the Sublimity Infinitude and Simplicity of their Teaching. While neither of them be fully understood. until that time shall anticipate the Veil in Gold and Silver Babylonish and other Old Governments and remain as Always Misunderstood by themselves and others. Yet the Jew do the more all Greatness in our Conceptions of God and Creation All that has been presented to us to of the Beliefs of those Earlier Churches which passed away before he came on the Stage. All that is true of the Divine Being in Attribute, and all that is Eternal in Morals.

Rapidan, June 29th 1873.

My Dear Alex = [Christe]

This Sun-day Mooning I feel drawn to pen a few words for you. I am not in good health, nor do I ever expect to be so anymore. Nor do I think I have the right to enjoy health not having regarded the rights of the Wonderfull Organism in which I dwell. I have not done unto it those things which it allways treied to do unto me. That is, a just and reasonable service. But through an ill regulated life I have made it serve me against its own Good as well as my own, in short having Lorded over it against the Law of its Well being. it has succumbed to the ill usage. Broken down it is now unable to perform a reasonable service. I accept the inevitable, for the Vindication of Nature's Laws

Despite the impaired Powers, however. I still have some Gratifications in those Objects Amidst which I stand. The Beauty of this Mooning inspires me with a feeling of the Boundless Generosity of God. How Miraculous the Ever Lasting Wonder of Mooning, the sun rise of Life Greets as the first Mooning after Chaos. Flashes his Glorious Life over the Eastern Woods, and the Green prairie, as if for the first dawn of the World the Marvellous flood pours along, Bathes Numberless Myriads with New Vivacity, Equable, Vital Laboratories He throws down this Burning Life to all. How Miraculous the Continuous Wonder! How Suggestive, Symbolic of the Invisible Sun, whose Light is the Life of men

A Week ago I received the "State Journal of Education" and looked over the results of your intellectual sweat. I looked over it indeed, for I cannot look into such things, they talk of peering into Millstones. But I could see through a Granite Mountain as easily as see into these problems You have been wrestling with. That is not my "Forte". Yet I understand the Joyfull feeling you must have in unravelling these Mathematical Kinks in unlocking the doors and peering into the "Chief Arcane" to me such Work looks Titanic, Heavy. You Gentlemen of the Compass & Square are Legion. I cannot Stand in the Certificate. No further I for want of the Mathematical Key. I know however that the foundations were laid According to the principles of Your Knowledge, that the Cornerstone were Laid Accordingly to their Rule. But I no Builder, only a Beholder. Once Burdened I afraid to Ask "How were the Walls?" How Cut inside the door. I stand Amazed at the Grandeur of the Temple, drinking in its Beauty Astonished at the "Just Ensemble". Incapable, I shrink from such Investigations

I Would as soon Think of dissecting my Bosom Friend in Order to Love him the more, as take Your Method of Looking at the Foundations of God's Universe, You talk to Lay bare the Bones. I admire the Courage Man, Content Without Seeing the Skeleton as I know it Lay Your Reason What it Does is Admirable, You Again retort upon me, That I also seek by other Methods to Investigate the Secret things, I do not. They come unsought further than that, that Loving Truth I Glory in finding it. Whether Centre or Circumference I know not. Do I do Simple if on Bended Knee them they themselves tell me their Secrets? Do I commit Sacrilege if when Looking around me I take in the Essential Meaning of the things I see? Let them Guard their Treasure. dispensing it alone to those who need it. I disclose my Manners of Light, as unfitting my position in this World of Twilight. These fitfull flashes of Light if they do for an instant reveal my position. Causes the thick darkness in which we all wander to seem more profound, and I become confused Searching for the Right Path. I pray to be Locked out from the Precincts, and Yet Behold! the outer walls are Covered With Their Heavenly Forth. Those who merely read of the Law? or Why written There? We are indeed Allowed to read them But Welcome the Caution Emblazoned on the Gate." Let Him that Readeth Understand" There it is Written in the Book. Yes it is Always Enigmatical. and as You read so Will it be to You. like the Egg. an Egg if You See it as such Nutrient. Sustaining, nothing more. A Scorpion if You Will have it so. Tormenting Deadly by the Sting of its Tail inciting the Flesh to the destruction of the Spirit, or the Symbol of Crucified Lusts and Emancipation to the Spirit. the power of Love destroying Earthly Passion All this and Much More. to every one What he seeks, Yet Always the Essential idea is in all cases, destruction of Something, Self Effected. and Above all, its highest Significance is, That reliance on Self Help is Always Self destruction in Spiritual things. Because the Natural Man Excited internally. Scorpion like must Strike himself With his own Life poisoning Sting, But I am no Cheerful Cheat, deceptive Champollion like for Your Self. Most Yet ever to me There Given the Keys of the Kingdom of Science (Figure & Mundane) to Bind or Loose. to say What true or What False is most Above. I must accept the decision of these the priests of Nature, these, My Mediators through Whom I receive What I Get. and I accept Without demonstration, it is a Theory process however to follow them, as their latest demonstration is always but the first Step in

is a mere Hypothesis. The depth is Infinite, and how Can they Get to the Bottom, Make a truce to it. Your discourse on Financial Matters is Good and true. I much admire its Perpendicularity. That is my true Way to Keep the Heavens from falling upon us. Yet I cannot agree With You in thinking that Tom Should have accepted the Chair of Finance. It would have been Sacrificing all his past Effort and all his future use of himself to the immediate Cry of the Creditors When the last Accounts Shall be Made up. My Will have a Much larger Set off against these things in the Way he has chosen, Mathematics Would have cried him out the Shelf, insupportable anymore for this small Affair of 200£. I think he did Well, and My Dear Dandy if You fill the Gap, and Lay down Your Life in This Thermopylae of Honest Freedom You also Will gain the Crown. Let all of us Accept our position and Wherever, in Them do Manfully. if need be Let us die in the Defence Union. You and dress your Hair. Join the Battle long With Leonidas and if the Creditor flanks You by crossing the Mountains, Whose the less Glorious the defence of the pass. Why Should he be Kept from Going forward? he is in the path let him on to the Goal, beside he is doing so much towards Liquidation. Honest also, but terribly Ambitious. Yet it is a Good Ambition I cannot Agree With You either in Your Estimation of the Idea of Worship out and praying for all our woes. the thing is impossible. The Atonement Idea is not Quite the erroneous Thing You imagine it to be, if We have a dollar, We may Cancel and pay up. This Cannot be done With the Great Majority of human sins. Being by their very nature infinite in their evil Consequence, inexplicable for us. Because passing beyond our Effort to arrest them in the Continuous propagation of ill effect. Hence the penalty to be exacted of us it would lead to Eternal Anguish. Because of the Eternal Evil effect beyond our Control. It is God alone Who can make out of this illimitable fullness, all this to be as if it had never been. By bestowing upon the injured the fullness of His own Blessedness, and restoring ~~to~~ to us Also his own innocence, and so Wiping away tears from all Eyes. He alone Can make all wills Ours. You know that I Love You. Yes You Cannot Know How much, and My Wish for You is That You were not only Almost, but Altogether Like Him. only there Bonds.

The Grasshoppers are 6 miles South West of Gordon City. Elder Saunders is swept bare and George Carr and many more. Hoppers from ten to thirty miles Wide. Generally travelling a North East Course, although somewhat Erratic. Depending on the direction of the Wind. if they continue on I think they will pass to the North of us the poor Settlers on the frontier are ruined. just Now our Grain look about 16 Bushells per Acre. Corn poor owing to late Severe planting. potatoes Good and the big Working. although not much. Daniel offered Lowe Nelt Asthma has sold the Black horses for 180$ and a Big. Smart. Good Yoke of Cattle the money payable in 14 days Same on a Note. Peter McGrath. said to be a Strictly honest Man. Lives East of the Big Cobble. Emma has Got a Bureau and some Chairs. a Rag Carpet. the house been papered, Whitewashed Roof. and We look more Clean and decent. all this on the horses. it turns Reids Hand and will Enable him to Get through easier. these horses could be spared Especially with the Cattle, —

There an occasional Visit from Elder Thurston. Has Given me the Woman to call, he enquires Kindly of you, and tells him You are doing Well. Showed him the Journal Enquiries if You are Coming to see us this Fall, and Said not Unless home to Succour. He is a Well Meaning Good Man. who does not by a long Way say all he thinks. Mr Ponton is Enquiries him, Called Mrs Dyer Sam told has taken Asthma, Grants Still Letting at Carlyles Rent. the most Unhappy of Mortals. is Yet Letting Some what to a tune of Whiskey it is said, and Beer. Spite his position and State. Eberhart the same Vein Praying. Gossiping Man. as Ever go. A Good Man. Gone Away Town and thinking to be Thought all this. Pharisaical Prattler. Sherp as a Sickle and Cutting as close. Clark the same. Looking like a Lion. Yet really a true Ass between the Mare and the Ass, with a dash of the Hot thrown in. Joe Derby is now Post Master. Bit by Lamps at Redwood with the Smith in the Land Office. The Grasp is Spreading here, Clark Emigrant Amongst them. Grange documents lie round thick as Leaves in Vallambrosa.

I counts the days Now until Tom Comes. I sometimes have given up Hopes of seeing You on Earth. What think You? I Would like a Letter from Sarah much, and where is Your Photograph? Send it on Quick, I can look at all the Family here any day only Sandy is not. little Jamie is a nice Trust Fellow running round Barefoot. Just for Want of shoes, he Bothers and Pleases me, a Boy present trouble in time of need. God Bless the Child. I could Kiss him. "Now Mind as a parting Caution." "Nothing too much" Impress upon Sarah the necessity of Writing at least a little to me. My heart Life Goes out All round to You, and Home When I have Letters Left. Letter is Dear to me. Yet, as if my Last Breath God Bless You All

Affectionate

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Northfield, Minn., July 2nd 1873.

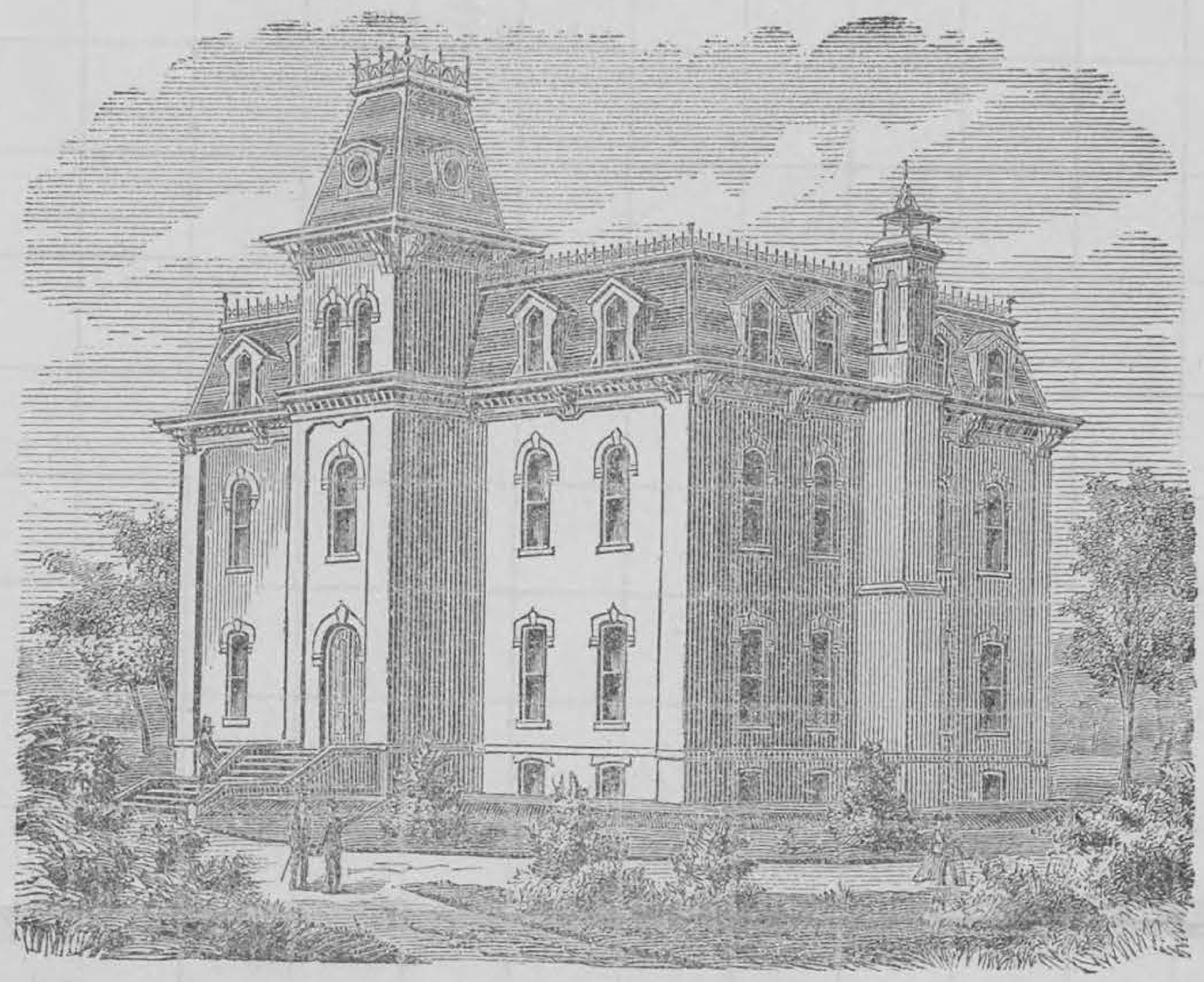
Pro. Alex J. Christie

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 30th ult. permit me to say that with the exception of Preceptress, our corps of teachers for the next year is now full. We do not expect to wish any additional instructor in mathematics.

Very truly Yours

Jas. W. Strong.



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Miss Sarah J. Christie

My Dear Madam

Your letter of the 4th inst reached me this morning and I reply at once. - I cannot too strongly express my approval of the spirit you manifest. Your letter not only pleased but deeply touched me, and were I to consult my feelings alone, the position would be offered to you at once. It would give me special pleasure in any way to aid in finding a position of usefulness, one so willing and earnest as you are. - But I fear you cannot meet the requirements of the one vacancy to be filled. We wish a Preceptress, - a woman of culture and of character of clear head and warm heart, - who will command respect and win love, - who can both teach and control, - who has executive

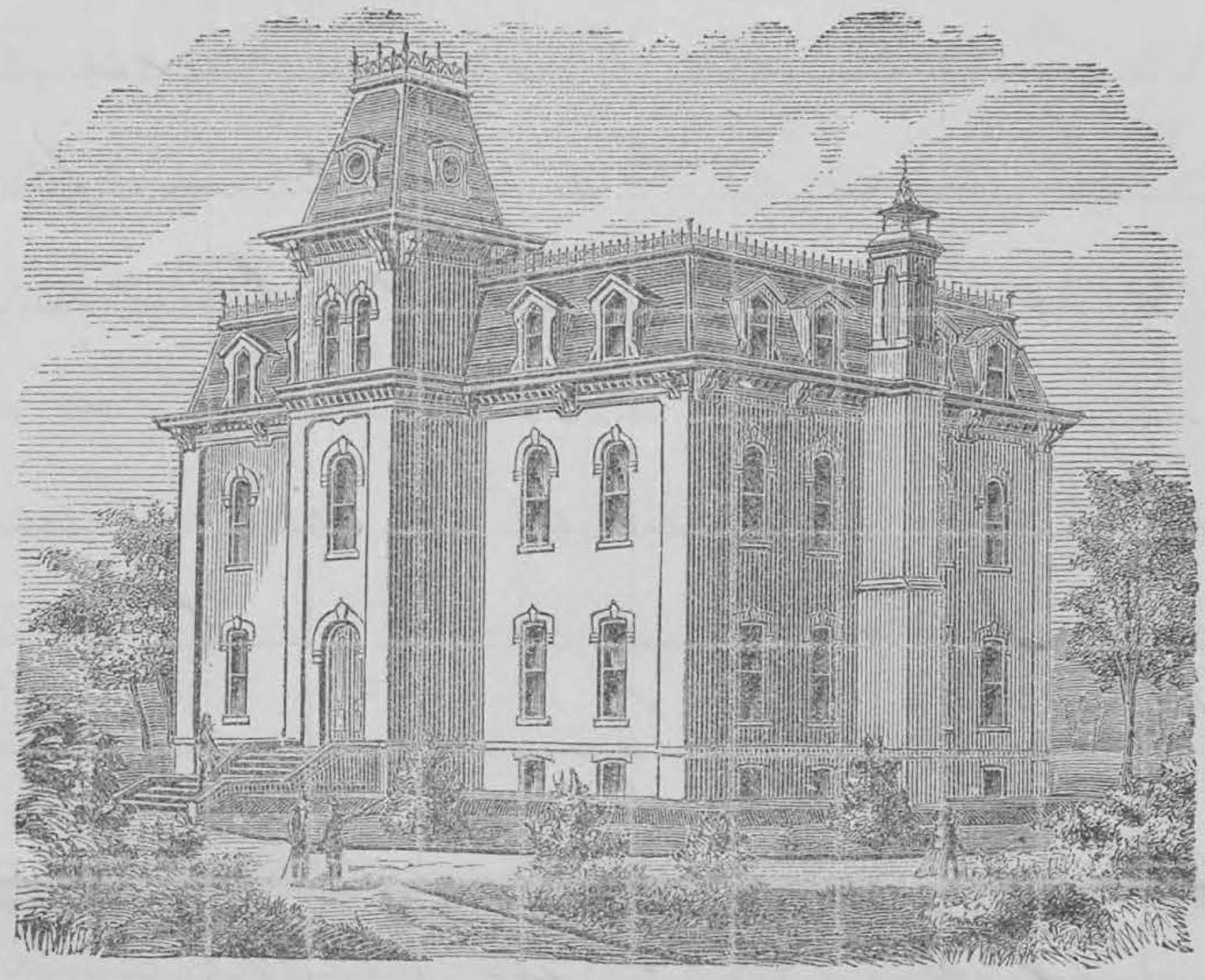
ability and fine social qualities and who in addition to all the rest is an earnest Christian. - This is not simply an Academy - it aims to be a true Christian College, of high standard of scholarship, and the position named is one which no ordinary teacher can fill satisfactorily. We do not care to have our Preceptress teach Latin or Greek, - but we wish her to understand Botany, French and German. Your letter proves to me that you have some of the needed qualifications, but I do not know about the others. - Are you able to teach the last named branches, or either of them? How about Algebra or Geometry, or Physiology? - How far have your studies been carried? - Do you feel that you are fitted to stand at the head of our Ladies' Department, and be responsible for its management? Of course it would be a mistake, both for yourself and for us, to put you there unless there is reasonable prospect of your success. - I expect to go to Chicago the last of next week (via D. & Chicago & Milton Junction) and to return about the 2d of Oct. If it seems to be best I can meet you at some point near the close of the month. - Unless you are coming to the State this summer in any case, - I would not have you be at the expense of a visit to Northfield. Moreover I shall be here quite irregularly.

I sincerely hope your highest aspirations may be realized, and that you may find a position of usefulness suited to you, and in which you can do a true woman's work. - There is no nobler work than that. If you are the woman for this place, and this is made manifest, - you will have a most cordial welcome. - There are several applicants for the situation, and I wish, if possible, to secure the very best one, - every thing considered. A decision will be reached as soon as possible. - A brief but pleasant acquaintance with your brother leads me to esteem him highly. Expecting to hear from you soon, I remain,

With sincere esteem

Very truly Yours

Jas. H. Strong.



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Miss E. J. Christie

Dear Madam:

Your letter of yesterday finds me in the midst of preparations to start for Chicago to-morrow morning and so busy that I must be very brief.

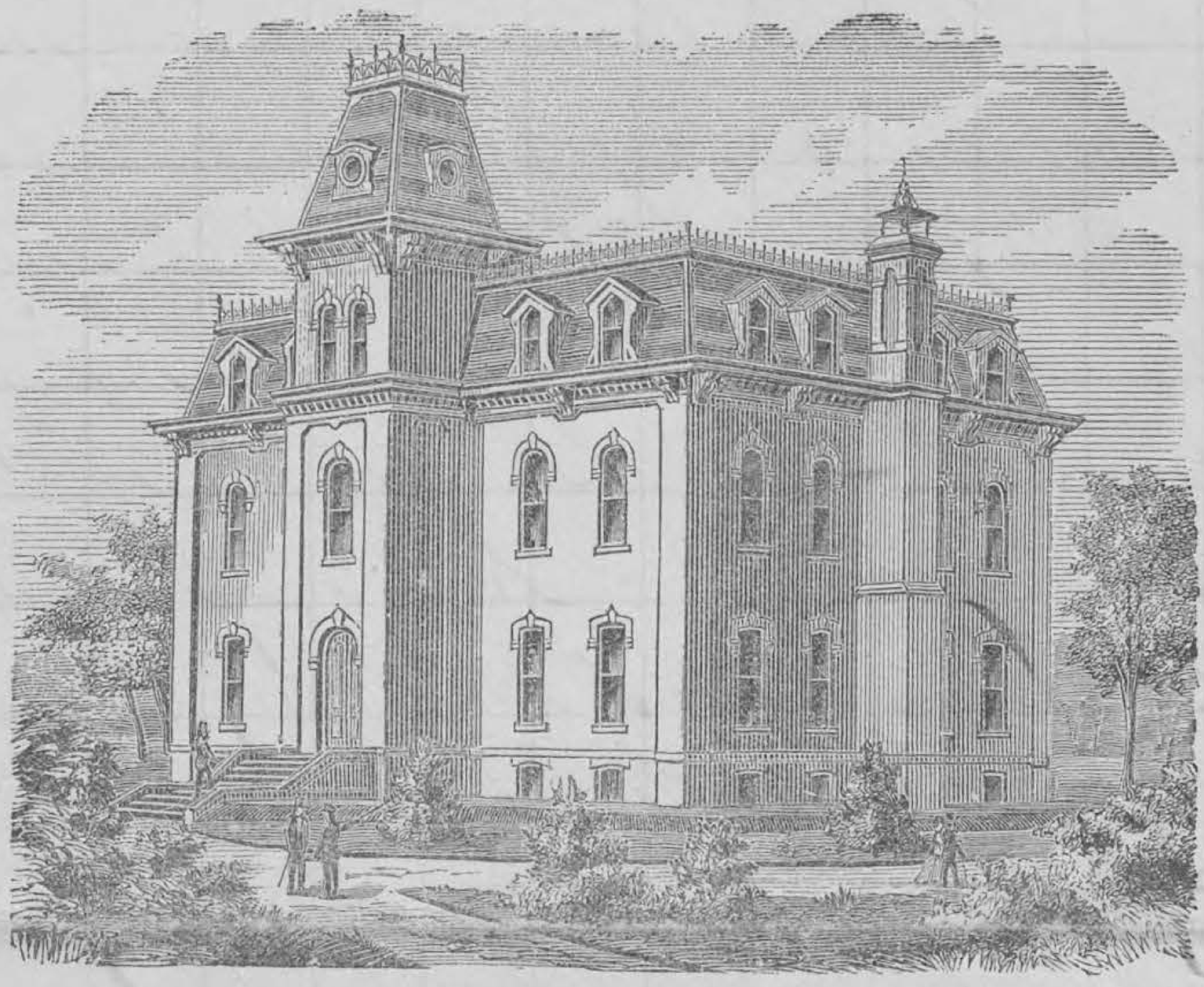
I am confident that a lady of your spirit and earnestness will be successful in almost any position, and I have decided to give you an opportunity to prove yourself what I really believe you to be. - I accept then your proposition, provided only that a personal interview, or further inquiries shall not prove my present judgment of you incorrect. - I shall not be willing to pay you so small a salary as you name, if you meet my expectations. - Our Executive Committee may think me quite unwise to employ a teacher upon her own representations only, and so

I would like to have you give me one or two references. - If convenient, send me your photograph. - Please tell me where Lowell is. Perhaps I will visit you next week, - or ask you to meet me at some point. - You may address me at Chicago - Care of W.B. Strong Esq. Supt. C.B. & Q Ry Cor. Randolph St. & Mich Av. - provided your letter can reach me there by Tuesday morning. After that until Friday my address will be Beloit. I shall probably return to Northfield one week from next Tuesday - but go to C. again the last of that week. When we meet I will say much that cannot now be written, relating to your proposed work here, - your duties &c - A catalogue is inclosed with this. -

In haste

Very truly Yours

Jos. V. Strong.



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Rotterdam, July 21st 1873.

Sandy & Sarah. This Beautiful Morning

I find Myself impelled by duty no less than by Love to Write to You Both. I am really far from able to do that which is My Continual desire to do. That is, to Keep up a regular interchange of Mutual Thought and Expression of My Earnest Work for Your Welfare. My Dear Children, Words are entirely inadequate to Convey to You My intense desire for Your Everlasting Good It is impossible But to God. Beside, My frail Tenement of Body Breaks down under the intensity of the Spirit. And I endeavor to Thank and to feel in such Moderation as Will not Call forth a penalty I cannot bear. Thomas and family have been here about a Week He is an indefatigable Worker. He Organized again our Sabbath School, Yesterday, persuading Henry Dyer to Superintend. Had Quite a Large Audience Gathered on the Occasion and delivered them a stirring Address on the Necessity and Advantage of Keeping up the Institution I did not go down, Elder Thurston and family were there, and Henry introduced Miss Hattie of Gorinchem etc. to Tom. Connie and he Go to day to visit at Hanes. Phil Desperandum My Dear Lambs. Tom Was delighted With Some folks and very freely Expressed his Admiration Once to Home, Besides, Henry had been telling Tom of such things as Would much please You to hear. I think it is probable Tom Will Write to You Seriously. However from What I can Gather You May not Expect that there is One True Heart Yet Left in Rotterdam. Heart-Heart-Heart! there is a Letter World than You think, there is the delightfull Romance of Life Gone from You Yet. "Oh, its Bride You Yet, and, its Bride You Yet. You dimmed Him What'll Betide You Yet"

The Good, Sweet and Fair

Will Yet fall to Your Share

and You Should be happy in the Thinking of it

(Excuse my Alterations of the Old Adage)

Sandy is most busy Work. Has the Auction of Stock. Garden is Stock. Gentlemen Visits, and Ornaments Yours Above

I think the Deil's in me this Morning for the very thought kindles all the Ancient Romance of the Glittering days of Auld Lang Syne. And the Old Holy Love of the Heart, the Dream of all Earth happiness descends upon me. There is no need for You to Bury yourself in Mathematics, like a stricken Deer in the Glades, & Pythagoras take Care of his Hypothenuse, and the Jew Apostles (Solemn What he like! Call Make Human Heart, and a Foretaste of the Heaven Thou brought into Man, in the Gift of Mutual Love. Holy and Exalting. The Nursing Mother to the Love of the Blessed.

Well, Enough. I do not know But the true Cause of this Ebullition is the Beautiful Morning. I am not yet dead to the Glory of those Objects Amidst which I stand, despite the decay of my dwelling. The Beauty of this Morning inspires me with a feeling of the Benevolent Generosity of God. How Miraculous this Everlasting Wonder of the Ever renewed Morning! The Sun full of Life. Bursts as in the first dawn after Chaos flashes his Glories up on the Eastern Woods & The Marvellous flood pours down, Bathing Flowers & Physicals in Mere Existence. Equable, Without Favouritism he throws down his Burning Life to All. Those Miraculous the Continuous Wonder, those Suggestive, Symbolic of the Invisible Sun. Whose Light is the Life of Men.

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you Go forward, Boldly measuring and weighing. Impervious to the Question and the Sneer Profane. Unprejudiced to Gaze upon the "Shekinah" and to Speculate upon the Source of its Effulgence While I Content with Appearance and Believing, I know Nothing and Trusting the Dictum of You Priests of Nature. Well, I may Subscribe the demonstrations, Ah it would be a Weary Journey for me to follow you, for you are too fast Men. (Proved Proposition) is but the first step in a Long Hypothesis. Your discourse on Science appears is Good and true. I much admire its Perpendicularity "Fiat Justitia, Ruat Coelum" Sir, I am devoted to Justice that the Heaven could fall through the Crime of Justice, Therefore that the Universe to demonstrate the Impossibility of it. Yet I cannot agree with You that You would have accepted the Proffered Position That Would have been to throw aside the Experience and Sorrow Not Bear the Fruit for him, Language is his "Forte", in him the Mathematical Faculty is Lost in Embryo, A Talent of Theirs should be Hope Lent, Left Incubated for the Small price of 200 $, Nor could he Make at the Work Well, Whereas in his present position, the Good done in One Way Will be a full Compensation for the deficit in the other, I think He did Well, he Attempted I think and Overcame, He is time to Knowledge Saved him, Thermopylae & Termessus & Leonidas & He will Never risk his Life in the Gap. He may Marshall the Greeks, and Harangue them on the Glories of the War, May even Lead them into Battle and Also fight Manfully But he delights in the Leaders Life, Here Rests his Test in the Light of the Laurel Crown. This is a Weakness. Yet he also is a Good Soldier and true, But My Dear Lawdy You have Chosen Also Your Position. You have thrown Yourself into that Workspace of Honest Freedom. Excuse of Fate, Your Nature and the Circumstance induced You to Thrust Yourself Between Family Honour and and the Fears of Hopefull Creditors, and the Just All do Manfully in the places appointed for us, And the Greatest Sufferer, is he who Lives Mainly for Another, You the Crown, Another You then, and Wears Your Hair, Dies the Battle long With Leonidas, and Commander

(Enclosed) is my Card Engraved Woman of a Good Family & Position in Love Lives with Husband & Children & Cat & Dog & Parrot & Canary & Monkey & Rabbit & Guinea Pig & Tortoise & Squirrel & Mouse & Rat & Hedgehog & Ferret & Weasel & Stoat & Badger & Fox & Wolf & Bear & Lion & Tiger & Elephant & Rhinoceros & Hippopotamus & Giraffe & Zebra & Camel & Dromedary & Llama & Alpaca & Vicuña & Guanaco & Kangaroo & Wallaby & Koala & Platypus & Echidna & Dingo & Tasmanian Devil & Wombat & Numbat & Quokka & Quoll & Bilby & Bandicoot & Potoroo & Bettong & Pademelon & Tree-kangaroo & Musky Rat-kangaroo & Rufous Rat-kangaroo & Long-nosed Potoroo & Northern Bettong & Woylie & Boodie & Burrowing Bettong & Desert Bettong & Rufous Bettong & Tasmanian Bettong & Brush-tailed Bettong & Northern Brush-tailed Bettong & Southern Brush-tailed Bettong & Tasmanian Brush-tailed Bettong & Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat & Southern Hairy-nosed Wombat & Common Wombat & Tasmanian Wombat & Northern Quoll & Eastern Quoll & Western Quoll & Tasmanian Devil & Thylacine & Fat-tailed Dunnart & Kowari & Crest-tailed Mulgara & Brush-tailed Mulgara & Sandhill Dunnart & Ooldea Dunnart & Stripe-faced Dunnart

Short although Your positions may be flanked, that Grace
does not enslaved by the persons, but Some Stern Go
forward in his own way, his honour is Yours, and Yours
is his. May God Give all of You power to do that which
is Honest, and that is the Honourable. And may You Love one
another as indeed You do. But the Address must enter in
a Letter, I must to be finally and fully Cast out Never more to enter.

Quel Amen My Dear You do not feel as if I have Offended You because
I am opposed to some of your present ideas, I am much older than You
and I have Considered many things from a more advanced position than
You could have done, therefor I speak to that I think / knowing that You
will probably not agree with me. But I appeal from You as You must one
to your self When You have had more time pass over You.

I cannot agree with You then in Your Extension of the paying up
principle to all of our Moral Errors. if One does a dollar of Course
it is possible that he may Earn one and Liquidate the Obligation. But
this will not Apply to many things, which he daily do. it is simply
impossible. Because they are Very often infinite in their Evil Consequences
Entirely ineradicable for us, Because passing beyond our Efforts to Arrest
them in their Retrogative ill Effect. the penalty would be Eternal Evil
and Eternal Anguish. Because Beyond remedy, It is God alone Without of
his illimitable fulness and power, Can make all these things to be as
they had not been. by Grace Given to the injured his own Blessedness
and to the injurer his own innocence, thus filling up the Needs
of All with his own fullness of Joyous Life. and Makes all Wells. even.
The Christ Theory is not baseless, Nay its foundations deep
in the very Nature of Things. But by that is done, I had intended
to have sent You Little Item of Neighborhood News, and also to have
Written Some for Sarah. Pardon my Poverty. I shall try soon to take
You these things. Tom has taken Snapsack and Shot Gun, and gone away to
the frontier. Chippeway and Lake west of us, making a true Location of it from
personal and Domestic affairs alike. Tom knows Beans.

and now let me hear from You: if not able to Write much, I am still able to read
Your Letters. I have read Stanley, and am pleased at its Coming as an appreciation
of Your Earnest Labours for the Poors. Remains Yours, In Christ

8 Pasadena, Monday Jeely 28th 1873

My Dear Sarah.

[Christian]

Yours Very Agreeable
Present of the Volume Before, have Received
and I take Especial much Pleasure from their
Perusal. to Complete in their Scientific Demonstrations
so Many Varied Subjects. They are a real Gratifica-
-tion to the reasoning Faculties, displaying such an
incarnation of Logic in things, such an adaptation of
means to ends that besides Satisfying the intellect
they improve and Stimulate the Heart. Filling the
Mind as they do with a deep and Satisfying Conscio-
-usness of the Wise and Good Being Who made and
Upholds all things by His Voice and Good Will.

Science has made Vast Steps Since I
used to read its Accounts of Nature, and Wonderfull
is it to See How. the further it Goes, the more Clear
is the Demonstration of the Incomprehensible Being
Who Has Veil his Personality Behind His Works
Who alone reveals Himself to us by What He has done.
Because of our incapacity to See Him Directly and Get Certain
our Independently. and how Great is the revelation!
and Yet as Christ Says The Also Can.

Reveal ourselves only by our Works. As the Demonstration
of ourselves lies in the Mind of our Hearing, and in the

Manner of it. Certainly are the Oracle in the Image of Him. It is Alone the Bigot and the Blind who is afraid of Science. "I am the truth" Said Jesus. And from this enunciation it is easy to see that the nearer we approach to Absolute the nearer we must come to Him. It only needs the Descent of the Spirit to fill All of these Natural truths with a Supernal Life. Turning this Water of Natural Truth into Wine, the Wine of the Kingdome of God. But this is but the Third Hour of the day and therefore the Wine of the Consummation is not yet come. I surely anticipate that When in the revolution of the Great Cycle. The 4th Hour shall strike. Then shall begin that outpouring which shall lift all this Accession of Natural Truth into a Transfiguration and the Glories of the Supernal shall be read in these Shadows of them which we see in the Natural. Look at Sandy about the Great Cycles of the Sun as expressed in the Precession of the Equinoxes, and how the Chronology of the formation of the Church had its Beginning in James. and how it passed through that and Acts (When Moses instituted the Sacrifice of the Paschal Lamb) it is now in prices and within One hundred Years shall pass into Aquarius. The Water Bearer, or Another the Wine Bearer. When you shall see the 4th Hour of the Great Cycle shall strike.

as we ascend in the Evolution it shall be seen that it become higher and richer in Accordance with the drinking at the Marriage of Cana (Where was shown the Union and Identity of the Natural and the Spiritual) Where He had kept the best wine till now. Every Manifestation of truth is but a Clearer revelation of Love. (See that you understand) New Great them must be New Revelations When we shall see, and not through a Smoked Glass as we do now!

A Thousand Crowding ideas Come around me in dim Vision and I fear. for why should I be carried away in Imagination for I be pronounced a fool for at Court? Mysterious Which is the Mystery. I must tell You of our daily Life.

And I am true to it. This Continued

Rosiecan, Jeely 28th 1873

My Dear Sarah. [Christie]

Your Very Agreeable Journal of
the Tribune Lectures arrived. I have derived much pleasure
from their Perusal. So Complete in their demonstration of so
many Subjects, Thus is allways a real Gratification to the Curious
Reader. These Lectures display the Incarnation of Logic in
things, and such an Assistance of Means to Ends, that
it is impossible not to see that their Source is a perfect
Intelligence, and not only so, but also infinately so as Their a
Great and Wise. Their Scientific Exploration of Nature
turn our Hearts Godward, Satisfying it also with
a deep Consciousness of the Benevolent Purpose of that Good
Being Who made and upholds All. Immense discoveries
have been made since my Early Life I read Scientific Books.
and so full of delight and Content is the thought, that the fuller the
Exploration the more Clear and Certain the demonstration of the power
the Wisdom and Goodness of that incomprehensible Being whose
Personality is hidden behind His Work. In Love and Mercy
to us, He reveals Himself. Alone by what He has done, Keeping His
Personality unseen in Order to save Us, Giving His Life
away to His Creatures in such an Abandonment of Self that
We are not Conscious of the Gift. Unless through Exploring

And We Also Make in His Image. reveal ourselves by our doings. the kind and Quality of our hidden personality being Clearly seen only by what we do. Nothing is More True than this. this the demonstration of our Existence and its Quality. I have now no more, a Wish to reach Science. I am Satisfyied to know no more than I now know. because I need no more, to me that revelation is Completed I have all my days been seeking to know Truth and God in Nature. looking Outside of myself, and am now satisfied that the Finger of Nature points Allways unmistakably to Her Great Author. Her Universal Voice proclaims only Him. She, His Exponent. I allways reverence the Truth, receive it Gladly. Yet not Allways able to obey it and I more particularly seek now that My Heart may be moulded by its dictate. the Truth is Allways the Manifestation of God. of His Will, and therefore Obedience is our prime necessity. for which the Holy Spirit is Given unto Man that they may be Lifted into Obedience —

It is the Weak and the Blind who are afraid of Science, Did not the Lord Jesus say "I am the Truth" ? from this Enunciation We may not assume that the nearer the Approach Him. It must be by Truth. Every false interpretation of Nature lead away from Him. for Nature is only the Copy of that which is Super-Nature, and Man is the Head of Nature and the perfected Man that is God. to whom belongs all power. in Humanity then, We see the Type of Divinity, this is but another Statement of that which is said in Genesis. that God made man in his own Image.

I had Written thus far When I received a Note from Sandy telling me that You are to be in Northfield and that you are coming our Way to Spend your Vacation. I shall be very Glad to See You, and trust that You Soon will be here. Let us know by Letter When you will be in Manhatto, and So save Costs, as We will Come in for You. I could have wished that Sandy had seen fit to Come Home. He is much needed here, and I think could save Quite as much out of his pay here at 40$ as he can there at 60$, But this cannot be helped now. We cannot have all things as We Wish them and I am pleased that You are all Qualified to do Good in the Way & Lines You have Chosen, in Whatever Place. I would here suggest to You ~~just now~~, that You should bring With You all your things, and keep them here with us Not leaving What You may have Scattered around. it is a Matter of Piety to be careful. in My own Case I did not attend to such things, and Conceit in that.

I suppose Northfield is some 40 Mile from us and You will therefore be able to See us in Your Vacations, trusting You will be able to give Satisfaction there I anticipate You will remain near to us. I should think You will feel some pain in parting With Sandy. He is a Great help, in time of need, allways ready at Whatever Sacrifice to assist and be present the needy

does he not in this do also for himself?
If these read the Scriptures aright & this
is preeminently the function of the Orchon
of Society, to do Good. This Unkindly is the
resultant of a Celtic Intellect unsanctified
With Spiritual Perception, it is not irremediable
But Must Yield to a Larger Personal Experience
and a Closer Examination of the facts in the case
He is Very able to make a true inductive after
having Sacrificed all the Schemements. the last
is where is the fails. No Philosophical Council Can fail
to Determine, if admitted the facts, and they are
sufficiently abundant even in these days to prove
that there is a Supernatural Power Continually
Existing itself to Exalt and to purify Humanity
the implication consequent upon the facts also
is that this power is personal. This much the
Man who uses his Natural faculties Merely,
May Learn. The Child of Faith needs no such
demonstration. But Surely is part of that
Inheritage.

I await Your Coming
Now With some impatience. in Order to Compare
Notes and to Enjoy Your Society for a Time
While You Not Call also upon Mary and Willie
You While find all Here ready to
Welcome You With pleasure. Do Will in particular
With Love Yours Always. Holmden

Lowell, Mass.-

Monday, July 28th 1873.

My Dear Father, [James Christie]

Alex. has written to you, I believe, of my prospects for next year - I exchanged two letters with Dr. Durant - Thing I Carleton College, & then went to Beloit - last - Wednesday to meet him. Without recommendation from anyone, not - even a certificate - I decided to help from Beloit Professors - I did not - ask it - I told him frankly & honestly what I could do & what I couldn't - & I am engaged to assist - in the

College next year & if satisfactory for life if I choose to make it so I will tell you everything about it when I see you. I started starting for Winona, one week from today. but will go by way of Madison & Lancaster to get books & bedding left there last spring. Then up to Winona from Prairie du Chien. I do not think however I will stop at Willis for it will be harvest time & I would not want to ask him to leave his work to go to St Charles for me and then he would have to take me back too. But I will drop you a line again to notify when to expect me in Mankato. Felix remains in Lowell next year again at $60. per month and is to help Will Jr in harvest. begin tomorrow. had a letter from home telling of his trip west. wish he were at home for I would like his advice in connection with what I am to teach. Give my love to Mother & Carrie. Dave & Emma & hoping to see you soon. I must stop. I hope Bessie is well & Jimmie. As I said before, Father have faith in me. I will prove not unworthy in the future. I am grateful to God for this opportunity. With love to yourself I remain, Your Affectionately

Isaac.

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Northfield, Minn., July 30. 1873

Miss Sarah J. Christie,
Lowell, Wisconsin

Mrs. Strong asks me to send you a few lines which will serve, as part answer, at least, to your very reasonable request respecting the work you should be asked to take at the opening of the next College term. She asks respecting classes, their size, text-books, and such other things as teacher should know. I think we shall be pleased to have you take charge of the English Gr. classes, (probably two) one beginning, the other passing over ~~during the term~~ last half of the text-book during the term. Text-book previously used is Kerl's Common School Gr. Also U. S. History class beginning, which probably advance to Constitutional

Period during term. Quackenbos, the author used. There may be a beginning German class. think it quite probable. Otto is the author formerly we use here. There may be a class in American Literature though that is very improbable. No work chosen for Text-book.

See my slip. There are more classes than I can well manage. Where my help is to come from we have not yet decided. Those in respect to which I have been assisted before, have been the Higher Arithmetic (Robinson's) and the Ele. Algebra, same author. If some of the above classes should not form you might be asked to assist me in these or some others that come to me in the fall terms of the three courses which you can readily determine by examining Catalogues here-with sent you. I speak thus indefinitely of my classes because I do not know but that you may have choice in respect to them.

If you think it not too much considering books, nature of teaching &c, &c. to take about 5 classes that I think will be limit solicited of you. I have had 6. or 7 classes nearly all the time. It is too hard—too much! for faithful, conscientious, solid work; and want to aim at nothing less.

Permit me, my friend, to express to you my great gratification in knowing of the excellent spirit which you manifest in assuming the duties of a place with us. Mrs. Strong has told me all. Our hearts are already open to receive you. You will find many Christian friends who will warmly greet you. Trust fully in our good Father & this little horizon will soon brighten around you with His Smiles.—Do not expect too much of us In seeing our beloved Mrs. S. you see our best side. Very cordially yours W.H. Payne

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CALENDAR.

Wednesday, Sept. 11th, Fall Term of 15 weeks begins.
Vacation of two weeks.
Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 1873, Winter Term of 13 weeks begins.
Vacation of one week.
Wednesday, April 16th, Spring Term of 11 weeks begins.
June 30th and July 1st, Anniversary Exercises.
Vacation of ten weeks.
Wednesday, Sept. 10th, Fall Term of 15 weeks begins.

Rosedene July 30th, 1873

My Dear Son. [Olof]

Your letter

25th received last night. I shall be very glad
to see Sarah. Why not? Who is to Blame?
We have all erred. or no one has. I most sincerely
believe that our Characters are formed for us
at least as much as by us. and the Scripture, by
inference declares as Also. Sarah is Alone Welcome
to Me than if She had been at all times perfect.
I really have less fellowe feeling with the "Unco Guide"
Than with the Erring Many. Reverence arises for
the one and Love (or pity, which is sister to Love) for
the other. I also feel Quite pleased at her success
and believe She will overcome her over-
sufficiency that to be again Overcome. But I Love
Sarah independent of all Philosophical Considerations
although in allowing that philosophy has any power
We move in some Heads Then all else.
She shall receive a heart Welcome from me
that door stands always open for her. Further
I assess too much that which is right to have any ill

feeling. or at least if she has Ubile subject it,
(David and Emma Ubile be glad to see her
I Ubile take Care of Carrie and her.

Tom has Gone away to the
West. to the Chippeway and bej Stone Lake and the
Pipe Stone Quarries of the ~~Lioux~~, heard from him
at Red Wood. Like the Emasculated Gent he read of
he "Goes on his Way rejoicing". also Geologising
having an Eye to all things both of this World
and that Which is to Come". and I would say to
You by any means Buy a Copy of Dana's Manual
of Geology." published by Theodore Bliss & Co Philad
elphia. it is Certainly the Best Work of its Kind I have
seen. and it Ubile make you "Apt pait" amongst the ecks
Because more to Get this Work and Get posted,
first You know things Carnal then that Which is
Something Else. I told You I believe Tom had received
elected our Sabbath school and he has again Got
me into it. Yet I do not feel Satisfied because of
the Literal Method, at the very first Lesson last Sunday
in the National Series in use in the schools. although I did
not see the printed Exposition. I was disgusted Ubith
the Seeming absurdities of the Lesson literally. Where in
Matt 4.V^th is the Temptation. the Devil Sets him on a
Pinnacle of the Temple. Where no man could stand and bids

him Cast himself down from a place He never could have
Got up to. he Lies. there they Go on Ubith Table as if fact
and Explain it as such. Whereas it is simply a parabolic
Method of teaching us. that being in an Exalted State
Morally. We are not to Ubilfully degrade ourselves
and Anticipate at the same time that Infernal power Ubill
be Exerted to save us from degradation. Which is truly
a reverse method of temptation Supernatural Assistance
to rescue us altogether. Again the Exceeding high Mountain
and the panorama of the Kingdoms. Which is also Literally
absurd. and they suppose a Miraculous Sight to
Reveal the Vision. Yet if that Were necessary at all, there
Was no use in Going up hill about it. But just here
increased the Vision a little further at the foot of the Hill
I need not Go on Explaining all these things however.
The Whole Book is Ubritten on the same Principle from
beginning to End. a Correspondential Prosopopeia.
None in My reading of these things there is Something
Worth Knowing. But besides all this. When those Boys
begin to think, and to talk with thinkers. they Ubile begin
to doubt. it is inevitable in the Supposition that they
may not think Something. and so even in these Sunday
Schools do they lay the foundation for Unbelief.
in those Countries Where the Bible is best known for this
Cause are the people most Abhorrently Sceptical
It is the Bible unexplained they Create Infidels
Your Uncle Ubilliam. Quite Logical Naturally has
been by just such Methods made to doubt even
his own Existence. and You may read this to him
if You like. Now I wish they Would see truth is
at all times Susceptible to Ubable. these are Cunningly
devised Fables. Which I presume the immaculate Peter
meant when He said "they were not Cunningly devised
Fables. Yet. if My Method is followed their Religious

Philosophy Will be transmuted into a philosophical
Religion, and Will this do for the Multitudes I
Whether or not I cannot say. But of this I am sure. this
is the Colour it must come to before long, or it Will
Geographically die out at the one End While Growing
at the other. The Book Proceeds I think on this very
Prof. Positivism. as Containing within itself a principle
of Evolution adaptable to all Conditions of Mental
Enlightenment. But more Enough.
Our Honest is Lepers. Daniel. Barney, and Joe
and Daniel is not Well. the Asthma troubles him much
some days Quite free Of it the next Day Each.
But he bears it like a Hero as he is, in all things
Physical,
I do not know what to say
by Reference to Your Recent Payment. it is Good pay. but
how much more You are needed here. and how much
We desire to have You. You are not however Relinquishes
and at Least another Year We cannot Expect Your here
I believe I am duel Write to You. and I blathered some
on the same Paper is my Last to You. forgive me
I see that Your face is set as if You were Going to
Jerusalem - that is. away from matrimony.
I am pleased Also to hear of Willie's having
Received so Good a Salary. and that he is Worthy of it
Much more pleased. Give my Respects and Good Will
to Brother Williams and Family. I should. and should
and Could, not. Write to him this long time. But will
try. Good Wishes Every Where. I am not Well and these
Long hot days, increase all my troubles. Yet I rejoice
that so many things look Hopefull. Minnie and I
Get along Well. She is a nice young Woman. but
Physically defective. too slight. Jonn is a Lucky rogue
a Good crop. Grasshoppers came Several times down to the
Blue Earth and did not Cross it. We hear they have cleaned
out the Kirks'. Good Morning. J. Christie

Lancaster Dec

Friday Morning.-

Aug 8th 1873.

My Dear Brother. [deceased]

I start - from here
to- day Boscobel
at - noon today; will take the
night - train for Prairie du Chien
so as to get - into Mankato Saturday
night - attended the Institute here
yesterday - Mrs Parker is with
us listening to - our packing now
& in a hurry - also tried -
will drop note from Mankato -

Affectionately

Sarah.

Castle Jordan

Thurs. Aug. 28 / 73

My Dear Bookie. [Alex]

We are
all well excepting little
Jimmie who has an attack
of diarrhea - I have chance
to send note + picture of
Jimmie - Tom came home
a week ago yesterday - for
loafs a homestead on the
Chippewa - He and C left
for Beloit last Monday bra
PI - Paul + Minnehaha fall
I go out - now to Sand handle
on the Slacks - so I must quit

Dave is still better than
when I came - I have
driven reaper & gathered
bundles ever since I came
so I have had no time to
write - They are stacking
now - Dake has hired
another man to come tom-
orrow & I quit work today
I will write at more length
when I have had time to de-
velop - That picture is ex-
actly like Jimmie - Look
at it with a microscope or
your stereoscope -

In haste -

Sarah -

Sat. Sept 13.

My Dear Sister. [Jane Christie]

I do not know what to say to you, for I am hardly settled here yet. I arrived Monday evening at 4.30 — Miss. Strong + Miss. Payne both met one at the depot kind + cordial — Rode up to Ladies Hall" as it is called, where I was met at the door by Mrs Bowie (the Matron + Principess) + Miss Dow. - both warm-hearted kind women - They all have been very kind to me. — The next day, I got settled in my room - a nice sitting-room with bedroom opening from it. both overlooking the Square looking to the South. - They have furnished me with three chairs a table, a stand, a small bureau, + a washstand, two of the students helped me hang my

Have your friends home from Abby's. Will you write me a letter. I am terribly homesick too. One of the girls came in to see me last night & carried my trunk up stairs for me. I am home again & glad to be. Did you have a good time. Your healthy. I will send circulars in my next.

picture, & then put up the large parlor stove in my sitting-room. But I was taken with diarrhea in the night after coming. & have been quite unwell in that way, ever since, until today. & I think I am decidedly better. It has been an anxious, harassing, exciting week for me — Wednesday was spent in organizing classes, assigning work to the teachers &c — I have a large class of 33 beginning Higher Arithmetic, two classes of about 20 each, in Eng. Grammar, one class of same number in U.S. History, & the Senior College Class in English Literature. There are only 3 in that class the two Seniors, and a Sophomore who wished to join. So that I have five classes, as each of the other teachers have. That is considered full work. — I study late & early, & will have to do so all the time. — One of my duties is, to blow out the lights, in the two upper halls at 10 o'clock, so I do not go to bed any night until 10.30 & I am up at 4 o'clock prompt, in the morning, to study. — Being sure I am too, and all the strain of ruling my large classes of young men & young women, with the study, it is all hard on me. I am terribly homesick too, when I give myself time to think of you all, & of little Jimmie especially. I dreamed of him on Tuesday night, & think it was. Let me know of him. how he is. The dear little boy. I didn't know my heart could get so bound up in a little child in so short a time. Tell Dave & Emma to get him some flannel at once, do not delay it. For there are cold nights & mornings & he ought to have flannel dresses & panties. I tell you what it is, Father if it were not for those debts, I would quit the struggle, give up the battle, go home & stay, working with Dave on the farm, make garden &c. teaching in the district schools. but

I cannot, unless it is a failure here I cannot determine yet, whether it will be so or not. - If I succeed it will be a grand good thing & a life-work for me. & I may be the means of doing good to others - In the years that are to come & I live, Instead who knows to little purpose, & that thought is a pleasure to me - This letter is for you & mother Dave & Emma but not for them only in a general way. - Have that understood - I want nothing said about my studying to anyone outside hand, or anything of that kind - I wrote to Mrs Shipton today - You write to me soon! Father, & let me know where you write & if you hear anything of Estella coming here. - I hope she will, & that she will come soon. Fry love to mother, Dave & Emma - Tell Joe I want him to save some walnuts & butternuts, for me to eat Christmas. - & tell him to remember the bargain. I hope Dave has tried Peter - Let me know - Do write to me soon father no matter how short the letter - Have you had threshing yet? Has Dave & Barney made all their hay? They have any name on

Saratoga, Sept 14, 73

[James Christie]

Dear Father I have not the least doubt but that you were at least wondering why you have not had a letter from me long before this but when I tell you Mary and me has taken off our 40 acres of grain alone you will see we have had a very good excuse for not being more in a writting mood. It is true I have had to incur a debt of $. 235 for the purchase of a mare harness but I could not dispense about it, and indeed I do not think I have done anything that the right in buying. I have been busy out various times ever after for and laboring hard myself to get off my crops and has always been working more or less each season in the operations this year wages were 20 high

ranging from 350 to 400, Sunday,
that that I could not have had
my crop cared for in less than
three day and to have got it safe clear
it would have taken five men
besides myself three days to have
shocked it besides I would have
paid out one dollar an acre to
have had it cut. the least I could
have had it cut for was 250 per acre
and shocked. by a mark harvester
which would have been just one
hundred dollars, now this fall I
pay Nineteight dollars interest
— my interest on my harvester
ninety next year, and fifty the
next, it is not likely you will
think much of my way of doing, but
I could see no better way, nor Mary
either, I expected the threshers
last friday, but it will probably
be friday before they come yet,
I was up in St Charles yesterday
with David having a Rupture
reduced it is on the right side
we can see no cause for it,
unless it was caused by him trying
to lift Willie on his back
I am some such way his is in
robust health, and is very active
Wheat was selling at 84¢
Mary has been saying the reason you
were not writing, was because you
were going to come down on us, now
if that is so just wait until after
the Thrash and then come on as
soon as you like we will make you
happy as possible and do all we can
for you, had a heavy frost last
night and corn fodder is short
some, would like to cut mine
before it is any worse give my
love to all,

Yours truthfully
Wm L Thrasher

Rapidan, Sept. 17th 1873

My Dear Sarah. [Christie]

Yours of the 13th received yesterday. and I received a sorrowful feeling from it. first You are You say unwell. You are doubtfull of being able to retain your situation, and it is plain that You do not consider yourself Qualified for it. it is Grievious to me to think of this. Why did you ask such a place if Conscious You Could not do Your duty in it? But it is possible that You are able, Especially with the kind and Lenient feelings of the Precedent towards You, and that he may bear with Your present inefficiency out of kindness to You. Your present feelings no doubt partly Originate in Your heaviness to the place. I understand that You have Quite an Ability to Govern Well, and keep in Good Order any School You here been in. this is a Great power in a teacher, and much otherwise not Quite so Well may be Overlooked in Consequence of this.

Take Courage, make what You do Sure and that You are Clear in, take effect, and be assiduous in all those duties Which Your Nature fits You for Especially. Kindness of Manner Combined With firmness and Evenness of Mood, in short a Genuine Love for and interest in the Moral Welfare of Your Pupils. Win their Hearts, as You Will and must from the display of those Natural Affections Which are in You. Also let me Warn You against too much of this Morning Study. just note the distinctive and prominent points in Your Study, fix them in Your mind and all Else Will be Well. But do not Attempt to retain all the Minutia. Such Work is Enervating, and takes away from You the power of using that Which You do know to the best advantage for Your self and pupils. Keep Cool and take all of it easy. that is do not let Your own Consciousness of any defect, Rob You of the power of using that Which You do have, Your Object is Good. You seek to do your Duty in Love to All and God Will sustain You, Do not fear.

Cast aside the Cares of the day. the Moment the School Close, there is
imporatake for You, be Cheerfull because of Righteousness
of intention. Knowing that Providence Will Assist You
Let Cheerfullness reign in Your School just so much as is in
accord With Order. Good Will Will produce Good Will.

Love is the Conqueror Every where. that is Certain.
But We does not necessarily Know all the Mathematics, Joy and Get
through that department however Under His influence Also, it Will
make the Will of Scime much easier Climbed for all of You.

Take Courage, time itself Will smooth Your Way
and if Your intentions and Heart are right You Will be protected.

Besides, My Dear Sarah Consider the new Responsibility
You have brought Your Brother into on Your account, Nerve Yourself
to succeed there is only to Lift that Burden off him at the proper time
for He is Without that, Overburdened Already With previous Liabilities
and has the awfule Burden of Disease to Hinder him,

You Must Make all Endeavour to Succeed. Compatible With possibility
Yet do as I have told You Above. Because that is the Way to Succeed,
it is not by fears, by Watchings and loss of Sleep. but by Calmness
Cheerfullness, Care of the Health. Reliance upon God's assistance
Combined With a determination to do all duties in Love for
Righteousness Sake. I trust We Shall not See You Until
Christmas, and that We Shall all meet at that time, Conscious of
having Fought at least to do right.

I Should be Glad of Your Company all the
time, and regret that it Cannot be so. Let us so Live My Dear
Child as that We may meet in Happiness. Life's Cares, and danger
past, in a World Where there are no tears, Because We Shall See
the Reason and Necessity of all The Way Gone Through here. Now We
know not What He doeth, But then, We Shall

Pen Goes How to Town and I Close Sincerely

Good by

Your Father. J. Bluster

Lowell Wisc - Evening. Sept. 19th 73.

(My Dear Father: [James Christie]

Rather more than a month since hearing from any but Sarah. Supposed you got up a "Bee" and sent me a line.

In old Dodge Co. you see, and divil a one of my kith or kin with me. But "O. D. B."

Three weeks of school and all well so far. 55 above, 47 below. Had a Sunday school picnic in Webster's grove near Columbus last Saturday. I ran the sings and swings.

Democrats have nominated Johnny Flavin for County Superintendent. His competitors in Convention were Chiefly Tom Carroll, Woodward of Deseville, and John Grace of Pickwood. Grace was the best man: though none of them is fit. If I were a Republican, I would figure for a nomination and try Johnny a tilt.

Dennis Cowling died of inflammation of the bowells, and was buried two weeks ago.

Miss Daffy also died lately, of Consumption.

Mrs. Colwell too died lately.

I would like to hear from you.
My health is good and my Conscience tolerably clear, have 17 cents in my pocket, and am measureably happy.
Tomorrow I begin study. Have been taking the world easy for a few weeks.

Could write plenty of scandal, but what is the use. People will say one thing and do another. Professions are nothing. Babies tell the story.
Tell all the folks you see who enquire after me, that I am robust.

Yours &c.
J Landy.

Carleton College

Northfield Minn

Sat. Sept. 20th 1873.

Dear Dear Father. [Mr. James Christie]

I am very sorry I made you that letter. it is all different now. I am doing happy as any mark & making friends fast. there is no doubt of my success. The President & Pro Bois both have expressed to me their pleasure & at what they were pleased to learn my perfect success. The President is very much delighted. He says my success with the students is so manifest that they express it. their liking me as a teacher. Pro Bois came to me yesterday & told me that she heard on all sides. from the Faculty & from the students words of commendation for me.

she said there was no mistake as to the place I was taking in the estimation of all. said how very much pleased the Faculty were with me.-

it is all very gratifying to me & ful happy - it was entirely unexpected to me, so that all the time that I was in darkness & suspense about the result - under the cloud - all this was being worked out for me - I am very thankful - I cannot express how much so - I am really happy for my footing here, is now sure, long as I care to stay - I know that is so from what the President has said to me.-

Your advice in the letter could not be excelled - You seem to appreciate exactly all the circumstances of the place & situation same as if you were here personally - I do not understand how you can do so.- You give me the same advice in some part of it, almost word for word that the good President did in a private conference after I came.- But I am very sorry over that I burdened you with that letter - I was feeling very despondent & downhearted - it was a dark time - but it is all over forever, I ful assured - & I am grateful.

Some very pleasant little things have occurred here in meeting with some individuals - for instance - a student came last week - & was admitted to the Sophomore class - a small young man - Norwegian - He came up to me after his one evening saying that he had been wanting to speak to me - it was such a pleasure to him to see my face, among all the rest that were strange to him - he had known Tom quite well in Beloit two years ago - & had seen me there often - He was in college there & left for Olivet College Ohio, where he has been since - & changes again

to be near his Norwegian friends in Minnesota - Every face was strange to him & he seemed very happy to see me & I was quite delighted to find him - He is one of my good friends - sits near me at table & we talk a great deal - He is very intelligent & good. -
Then there is Eugene Rolfe - a nephew of Pres. Strong - They lived just across the fence from us on Beloit - not very well off - & when his sister Clara was sick there - I did a great deal for her - walked with her nights &c - He too was very glad to see me - & it was a pleasure for me. - But one of the strangest things - I heard of a student by the name of Batson - & was told he was a married man - a Baptist minister & originally from Wisconsin - I had hope pointed out & saw that - I knew him - He attended Fox Lake - part of a time while I did - although I was not acquainted with him - I knew his sister Thamy Batson well. - the afternoon married one of the Lindsay boys - & one New Years I went out to Batson's visiting with the Lindsays & another girl besides myself from the College - The first opportunity I had - I spoke to him - and he was very much surprised, & glad to see me. - He had forgotten all about me - He told me a great many more items about the place there & people of Fox Lake, very interesting to me. - So he is another friend. - Then yesterday the new music-teacher came - a Miss Lee from Beloit. - I had heard of her, but had never met her - & she is well

how this health is - neither did you answer my other questions - all of which I hope you will do very soon in a letter to me - Tell me too if you have heard from Alex. and Tom + about Estella Stephens - I must close now - I write to them today - My love to Mother + Emma Dave + Yourself - + dear little Jimmie don't let him forget me -

Affectionately -

Sarah -

P.S. Mail has just arrived with Ellis for me from Mrs Stephens - he is to be here next Tuesday - I am very glad - He can tell you something of how I live here +c -

Please address all letters neatly - Ellis, as my mail with the rest - passes through the hands of one of the students who brings it up from the Office and also through his Boss' hands. - I happen to think - I will be 29 years I age on next Thursday - I am getting old - I wish you would write me a letter on that day - so I will have it - to - look?

acquainted with - some of my best friends
there - she came, as I did, fearful I
would - & I have tried to be her friend
since she came among ~~friends~~ strangers
here. - Her room was not prepared for
her - was cold & churlish - & I have taken
her in with me until her own is fixed
up better - She brings me "love" from
many friends there & tells me something
that pleased me - a week or two
ago she says - someone inserted in the
Beloit paper a notice of my appointment
here - it speaking of my work in Beloit as
a teacher & of the pleasure it afforded
my friends there to know of my having
been appointed here - also their best wishes
for my success, &c - all of these things
are pleasant to me. - Now my dear
Father, do not fret any more on my
account - I am happy & working with
all my heart for the young people here
& now, not even are my own mind, is
there any doubt of my success here -
- the highest success - I was thoughtless
to trouble you with that letter but
really I couldn't help it - I was feeling
so terribly. - I suppose you were so taken
up with any trouble that anything else
was shut out, for you did not even
mention our dear little man - Jimmie -
to tell me what - I crave to know badly.

Rogersville, Apr 20th 1873

My Dear Sandy

It is a long time since I wrote to you, and very long since I received any letter from you. I have many valid excuses for my silence my usual miserable Conditions, the least send hurry & worry at home of the Laborer Come on me Excuses me nevertheless, and besides this dear Visitors have been a Visitation, they are now all Gone each on their several ways, I have become sufficiently Quieted in Mind and Body to say a few words to you. A few days ago I wrote to Uncle Wallace as I have long been in his debt at least a letter for long time. My Conversation with Tom was very Limited. He was away a Month up in the Chuckatuck Country, I presume Sarah has told you the particulars of his Visit. or he may have done it Himself.

He remained some 3 days after returning preaching in our School House the Lord's day before he Left. I went to hear him by his Invitation, I would not otherwise have Gone, thinking that my presence might not be agreeable either him or me. But it did not. It certainly caused me many Reflections to hear him preach. many a thought of thankfulness to the Good God who has watched over us all, and so far kept some of us out of the mire, how unanticipated a thing it is that I should come to see a Son of mine in Earnest public Effort Calling men to Christ and Virtue, and doing it Well too,

His delivery was free and unconstrained like. Rather Rapid But Vigorous and Earnest. The subject matter being "For the Joy of the Lord is your Strength".

He was Clear, Cogent, Logical. But not full, the root Idea not sufficiently developed. Illustrations by Simile or otherwise take an Exposition of the principle contained in the text, with Citations of other forms of its Statement in Scripture, This subject was capable of immense Amplification, and indeed for those who have not Experienced this particular Joy. needing a Great deal of Explanation to enable them to have any Conception of it. His treatment was but the Skeleton of what he will probably be able to fill up some day to its full proportions. Called Mrs Ramsay thought it a Good Sermon. Dwayne said the best he have heard in Accomac, there saying, I incidentally heard. they thought it did Good. Tom's life has been very active. and since he Entered College to redeem up in Acquisitions. Now he has not had time to think Enough on any topic. I have not heard from him since he left, Expect a letter soon.

I have seen Cornie, heard her speak. shaken hands with her. Quarreled with her. and found she is like all of us has some Good Qualities and some not so Good. and the less I say now the better perhaps She has not used Sarah Wade. and I think that it is just possible Tom has used Sarah as a Scape Goat to Carry away some of his Errors out of sight. for she has all laid upon her. But mind You, not by Tom to me. and from this also I judge he has but tacitly let much blame fall on her. in which he had a share. allowed other people to judge so. that I think is the head and front of his Offending in this matter.

Sarah away to North Field, not in Good health or Spirits

I wrote a letter to her in a few days after she left. in which I tried to cheer her Spirits and Give her Courage. indeed to Comfort her. for she needs it. What if she has not done much that was right in the Conduct of her financial affairs? Who is without fault? Let them that are throw the first stone at her. the fault principally with her

thus she has too little of the retentive power. Gives away too much. and yet cannot do without that which she gives away. has no very clear feeling of "Meum. Et tuum". Sarah knows the right. Yet scarcely has the power of doing it. This is a common fault with all. and her special weakness is specially detested in these things. because all are so selfish. Her sin is one which Gives. You see. to judgement before. Some peoples sins will only come into judgement after these. I sincerely pity poor Sarah. She carries a greater Cross than many and suffers deeply from its Burden. such tendencies in our natures are laid on us by hereditary descent. like all else. and they who bear them are not the most in Blame. They who despise and speak evil of such sufferers sin greatly if knowing these things. and if they know Christ it certainly is very superficially. such Conduct will Yet cause much pain to those who are Guilty of it. It has been Ordained in the very Nature of things that the Son of Man shall bear our Iniquities. Shall be Scourged for our transgressions they are laid upon him. and Return away even from his own sins. and think he is punished for his own sins. it is not so. Your Voluntary Carrying of your Sisters Cross will to all Eternity do you Good. Your Sacrifice fills the Room with its Odour. and facilitates the Coming of Peace to Yourself.

I beg of You my dear Son not to be Weary of well doing. Your superior Nature Causes You to assume the sins of others and the Reflex's power Rebel and keep You ill at ease. You are in a Great Work. do not let the Devil Rob you of peace. You can have no ease unless You can see light enough to meet sins Get between You. where he ought to be. it being his true place

Do not object to this talk. it puts in true shape the Confused Emotions which disturb us. and Enables us to discover our true position and this is Always well.

How things is Going on here. it does not turn out well. Some sheep as low as 12 per acre & the highest 17. however when we thresh I expect about 900 Bushells. David has had much trouble with Asthma, but is now pretty well, for him. Little Jamie is now well again and Lewis Did You Get his picture lately? Do Write. You are not well or You should have written to us before. If one feels shy one like to tell of it. let me hear from you at any rate. I can now become well acquainted with it. hear to look trouble in the face. having

2 days ago. I had Caught a March harrier and by Stout Tie and Nancy had taken off all their Corp. and sold the tale the $106 by it. paying nearly one half of his Machine. He invites me to Come and see him. I would like to Go. and may perhaps Get. Tell me about your own affairs. how You spend the time how You feel. and let it be an Unvarnished tale. do not dress it up for My perusal. David speaks of writing to You. and he will tell you of all I forget, Crops as usual. Every one thinks all round. the Maple and Blue Earth Hills running down hill. the prairies Look Green. Cattle Breedy. fences poor the Churches Empty. Saloons full. Yet the World moves steadily and slowly We whirl round at the rate of a Thousand Miles an hour and are not sensible of it. Yet." Je Muovo" said Galileo. We will not know how far we have Gone until we Get to the End of the Journey. Mother is Well. We are all just so.

It is not necessary that we should be happy. But that we ought to be right. and we are all Trying. Yours in affection Your Father. Johnston

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Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, Sept 25 1873

My Dear Alex

Yours of 25th is at hand and somewhat surprises me. In the first place - supposing You got the Nomination and was Elected, would it pay? And secondly I think Your Chances of being Nominated) would be rather slim for the reason that in a measure You are unknown (although perhaps that would be all the better so far as being Elected is concerned) I think that for a Man to get Nominated for any thing of that Kind has, as the saying is, "to be in the Ring" and be identified with the Party, unless there was no one that Cared about Sacrificing themselves by Accepting the Nomination - and then they would be willing ~~that~~ to take up any available Party who might offer themselves. And supposing You got the Nomination - You would be Expected to pay Your Share of Expenses of the Canvass - besides Going around all the different Towns in the

District to see the leading men - paying Expenses of Travel and) Making Arrangements with Parties in the different Sections to get teams to bring out Voters in Case it should be a stormy day &c which all Costs money whether You are Elected or not. Now Taking all these things into Consideration is there Money Enough in it to pay all that?

I saw Col McCoy our P.M. last Evg and asked him if there was any prominent Candidates for that Position and he said no. but the Talk was to try and get Lorenzo Merrill of Burnett to accept as it is thought he would be a strong man and a hard worker - besides being Thoroughly Conversant with the Business both of Electioneering and the duties of Co. Supt. he having occupied the Position once or twice before. I showed McCoy Your letter he seemed to be pleased and rather liked Your Style - but the first Question was: is he known? and is he a good worker? &c but said for You to Keep Cool till the Convention and see what might turn up. of Course if You think any thing about following it up - You had better try and get some delegates in Your interest who will ~~not~~ would at least bring Your name before the Convention. Now This is just how the matter stands - and as for my advice - it would be for You to have nothing to do with it. because You would have to partially break up Your School this fall looking after it - and then might fail - and I think You will make more money teaching than You will get this - I only mention these few things - so that You may think of them. Yours Truly O. St Battin

Lowell Wis. Thursday Evening Sept 25th 73.

My Dear Sister: [Miss S. J. Christ]

I have not written you yet, hoping to hear from you at Carleton College. No word from anyone since your last from home. I'm left out in the cold by everybody. Rec'd circular from Geo. M. of the Wisn. Teacher – he is an old acquaintance, I may say. Don't think much of him.

Tomorrow finishes the fourth week of this term. 56 up stairs, 47 below. Everything going off pretty well. New, additional blackboards, 12-inch globe, Kelton's Outline Maps, and Chapman's Sect. Map of Wis. Miss. Devine (unnecessary to say she is Irish Cath.) doing fair by the Dept. of Infantry.

Victor Millen sold out to John Coleman of Beaver Dam – brother of Abram Coleman of this district. Desperate state of affairs with Millen. He will be tried tomorrow for God-knows-what – the girl who has been living there for several years – you probably saw her – Martha Grund. Desperate affair and two church members mixed up in it – participes criminis – one of them Mrs Hillikin.

Bad World — Some good folks left. Nil desperandum.

Everything else 20-20.

Johnny Slavin nominated by Democrats for Superintendent. His opponents in Convention were Tom Carroll, John Grace of Richwood and Steve Woodward of Reesville.

My friends here urge me to get into the field. Wrote to Clark C. the thing I should not try. The Rep "sing" are looking toward Merrill. "Good worker", etc.

"C.B. says it risky to pay my share of campaign expenses. Guess it is. Will see.

Getting along well at Benson's. "Gr. looks poorly. "Can't think he will last many years. Fremont has finished Harkness' First Book and is now reading "Roman History." Cousin Jennie at Josie's and coming to school. I am giving her three lessons per week evenings in Grammar. She had the refusal of the Webb school. Thought best not to take it. — two months at $25.

Jim will teach Fischer's school 4 mos. at $50.

I am working principally at Geography.

"Dennis Bowling died three weeks ago of inflammation of bowels in overwork stacking.

"Drop me a short note. "Do you find things as you expected? Hope they are not sick at home.

Your brother

Alex.

[S. J. Christie] Rapidan, Sept. 25th 1873

My Dear Sister, Yours of the 20th Received. and its Cheerful words Cheer Quite a Burden from Me. Because Your trouble is mine Also. But the Cloud have Lifted, and the Light again Shines on your path. and Enlightens my Way Also. I am Glad to see that you have found friends, and what is Equally necessary to the Kindly affections the finding of those to whom you could be friendly. as needing assistance and Sympathy. I judge that the Kindness shewn to you is Genuine Because of its Effect upon you. Simulated Love seldome reaches the Heart. Because it does not come from it,

Septembers 30th My Dear Sarah, I formed on trying to write to You on Your Birth day that I was unable, and laid this little sheet away expecting to fill it at another time, Yesterday the Anniversary of My own Entrance into this World of Care I thought of Essaying again to write You! But it would not do. I am Quite Sensible of a Rapid decay of My Power of Thought. and a want of Connectiveness in What I do say. and this Simple act of Writing wearies me much.

All of us here are in the usual way. Dr Gibson has left Monticello and Gone to Monte Video. (Davie could not raise the 175$ he owed him. and this troubled us much, as We knew he was in need of it. over Everything is not Yet done, and the Money could not be had in Town. because of the Sudden Stringency in Monetary Matters. Little Jamie is in Good health apparently. pulling me, seem by the finger to accomplish all his little purposes for him: just such a little trouble as helps me to forget many of the Cares of Life. and fills up the Vacancy of My Heavy days. it Gives me much pleasure that I can do him Good, there are so many I desire to do that for. Who will not heed me, While here none of My Advice! and Who in their own ignorance pursue those paths which I can see lead directly to Sorrow. following Objects that are Worthless. Idols whose pay will be punishment. (Jamie, may the Lord help him pursue a better course to himself in My Continual Prayer.) Jamie does me Good, and probably teaches me More than I can teach him. I believe that the Exercise of all the forms of Love which are our Natural inheritance are the Nursing of that Higher Love which is Supernatural, or if not so, they by their effect on us prepare the way for our reception of it. by keeping open the Heart to Emotions which have their foundation in the Love of others besides Self. Society and not Seclusion is the place to Grow in.

P.S. You must not think Me Unkind because I do not write. My Children are my Heart strings. I Love them as I do my own Life.

Sunday Morning Oct 12th

I have not been able to write to you. We have received a letter from Lonely to David in which he speaks of Trying to Get the Nominations for Superintendent. I have received no letter from Tom since he left here he has sent a/portal Card to David last mail day. Whether he is displeased with me or not I cannot tell. nor indeed whether his Wife has told him of our Quarrel even. But let me tell you I have not been the same Man since. I received such a sudden and terrible Shock to my Nervous System on that Morning, it so Excited me, it Caused such a revulsion of feeling. I was so suddenly undeceived in regard to her Character that I think I Will never again be the same. I was indeed anxious to think Well of her. and Would have been happy in thinking so. I am now very sorry for Tom. She is intensely Religious. ~~Such a Spirit~~. Bold and Cruel, and all under the Garb of Hypocritical Sanctity, and also to think that all this is a Ministerial Product. Bigotted and Educated in Superstition. Bah. there is Something rotten in much of this Modern Religion. Much Cant. Much Seeming, Great Cry and Little Wool, as in Theirs Days. But I need not have been deceived the Set of her Jaws and teeth Might have told me. it is my Opinion that the mark on the poor Baby is because of this Cruelly Religious Character of the Mother. that Mark is situated just where Anger Gathers the Brows and Swells the Vein and Arteries. a pre Natal Stigmata telling those who can read the tale of hate. God help us. How dreadful to think of the Children bearing the sins of the parents! But it is so.

I Pass Quite two Months, and Letter last from Lonely, in which he announced Tom's Leaving Boston. I Wrote.