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My dear Miss Christie

Your letter made me glad - It gives me great pleasure to answer your letter - the questions - let me see if I can - as you ask - and tell - as I myself foresee - it - is a very fine foundation on which to build up the ~~profession~~ business - al the bar - but - many young men are crowding in to the profession who are half-half prepared - It is sad - the pity who reach the finish - there are plain evidences of that here - I often heard it - more I see it - The is the cry - Lead and choose may however -

Now let me assume by rule.
"How is your health" good but
my friends tell me I look
thin I do not feel as strong
as I should like. but how can
quit well since I came here-
"Have you commenced practice"
Yes- nailed a piece of tin on
to the side of a brick

comes from the higher walks
of the profession- those higher
walks I am ambitious
to attain- But who can en-
ter the profession thinking that
it is a life of ease- will be sadly
disappointed as he should be-
The demand now is on ti-
mes for a higher or-
der of talent- a partial ed
ucation- as I myself possess-
ed- is a very poor foundation
on which to build up dis-
~~tinction~~ tinction at the bar- how-
many young men are
crowding in to the pro-
fession who are half-half
prepared- It is sad the
few who reach the finish- there
are plain evidences of that
here- I often heard it- now
I see it- This is the county
seat and shows many lawyers-

"are you working hard" "As hard as I can. for Hooper a lawyer here and whose friendship I am proud to- any I enjoy- Says I apply myself and confine myself [illegible] close I should- he says in future years I will be an old man- may be down east- as useful as my health as I should be- While I should take a little more of the Lake air- I shut- my self in Behind- was to- busy hours in the World's office- I should have accomplished more by reading but- Lots hours- That- is- to- Began work= The time I spent- in that office I remember with Some Sadness- but Suppose it was to be one of my experiences- There Experiences are all Part Laudmarks of our deficiencies- We are

Made by the Blunders and
Crimes & And these Blunders
we call our experiences - &
change & say Love call them
Good - If it is good to be Clot-
hed then they are good - the
Weakness and Simpleness
& mankind bear them
Honours for their knife - and
then their philosophy Lays it's
Good - What worked me do
without the philosophy - the
feelin me have - me offer-by
charity and philosophy - we
are ingenious - or rather God
is good to man -

Yes Yes and a little
in Locality - maybe much-
more than I did in Belief:
The Locality here is much

different- than at Belfast- a good deal of the dancing order- It seemed to me very gay- I think it is- The young ladies are admirable dancers. some ridiculed it to a fine art- They are very agreeable also- The people are hospitable here- very I should say. I have a plenty to do with- I have been very kindly received and many had attended- of politicians extended town- They are very democratic here as regards Locality- I have not got out up into circles as yet- ~~and~~ as one will see in most places- Belfast for instance- If there is a party made all are invited (i.e.) a grand part- How long there will be no one knows

It is not a subject of discussion- You are not asked who your father was- and it dont make any difference who he was- Do for as the attentions to you individually are concerned- to at least it appears- It is one of the hardest places in the world to get on "civil" in- observation- I hope not- experience" though I am proud-

Your dream interested me deeply- NO I have not that dread disease consumption and I hope I never may have why should you dream that- I hope it was only the "night mare" or the wrong- shine of your thoughts- but one part of your dream was true I was sad and in trouble- or rather in mourn-

-ning - we soon lost another
one of our number - Brother
Stephen was buried at Beau-
fort - South Carolina thirteenth
February - a short illness -
fever - died at Columbia
was then on business. His
wife died not yet there
in time to see him - two hours
too late: the last forty hours
of this sickness were more
severe - they said he was in
reason of life - a man
of his energy was of course
like a crank of life - and then
he was young - only 33 - A man
a man who made him
self necessary to the society
in which he lived so for
as that can be said of anyone

His poor wife is heart-broken —
We are heart-broken too- I
think my Mother feels it
more than any one of us-
He always had Lunch a deep
and tender affection for her-
He endeavored as much as
he could to make
her life happy - and she on her
part- put herself in unison with
him and the great work he
had on hand- Mother visit-
Louth- deepened their affection
for each other- She was ex-
ceedingly speaking of her beauty-
- for he certainly was very hand-
some- And as doubtless his
generous impulses touched
her heart- as it did all
who came in contact

with him - all this was in addition to the fact that he was her Son - She began to feel and feel a little the pride a mother takes in her children I say "feel a little" - because Stephen had finished his R. Road - and he was finished his "work" forever - He needed him he was really the head of the family - we could not spare him - we only must spare him - we like him without him he came we have to - love him - But - we are all lone-ly - Besides being to me as dear as below - it hurts my pride - may be I should not say it - but I can not bear to think of a great family being crushed under the wheels of death - I think mean-

was made to conquer not
to be conquered - when we are old
we count - resist - but - do not
we have our youth in which
to fight - and to triumph - Oh
what - we do things - we are -
How things - death - and how
ignoble - how glorious - ge-
nious - but - of what - short -
duration - but - I am saying
you - You make mention of
the Church and Dr DeKoven
the house lord - our Bishop - and
are trying to steal another - the
world a very disgraceful show
lor Reb - in Milwaukee in the attempt
and failed besides - Dr DeKoven
is a great - and good man
but - In the culmen motions will

defeat him for a Bishop if it should. The Church dont Lower him any such thing. Dr D. comes out in a pamphlet saying to defend himself. he brings forword for that purpose acts and writings of individual men. The church allows many things, because the could help it, but that does not make them acts the voice of the church. Situation and what the word for the Methodist would a Methodist Bishop. We want to build up the church but situation would break us down. I can not write further on this subject my letter is already bulky. I do not suppose you would find them changed much the old texts. You should have a picture some time when I get one. When I would to furnish you with one. Mother & Daisy are on the farm so is James and children. That is all for me. Thank you many times for writing your letter. I could you out of my friends and the friendship of a noble woman is of great price. Mrs. Park is our pastor she labors unceasingly. I have not announced your beautiful letter read. Stop.

Your Friend
D. C. Mallett.

Daniel C. Millett.

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

81 Main Street.

OSHKOSH, WIS.

May 9th 1874

Dear Miss Christie. [Sarah]

Having taken up my "Abode" on the prairies and being settled for the season, if one so constitutionally unsettled as my self can think themselves composed in any degree; in short, having come to a breathing place, I will try to write you some kind of a letter. I don't suppose you expect any thing very superior from me, so I may as well scratch away at my usual rate, or to attempt something unusual, for if I should succeed it would only cause you disappointment.

There is nothing like spending the summer months in the country, especially when one is in search of "means" and can find nothing better to do. Had I known it soon enough, I could have had a school at Plainview which would have been pleasanter in some respects, but I now have just the pleasantest

boarding place I could have.
Before I write any more I will answer that letter which you did not write. The books came just the night before I started for this place, so I have not looked to see if I could find the price of the books within them. I had thought nothing about them for some time and consequently had exhaust=ed my present funds but shall have more perhaps by the time I find out what they cost. If you ever mean to write to me, or rather, if you can ever find the time, I shall hope to be informed with regard to them.

I am writing to you for my morning repast, for I am cutting my wisdom teeth and can't eat. Either of these circumstances are so remarkable that I think they deserve mentioning. Hannah Pratt was quite well and her mother comfortable, when she wrote last; although she was tired from caring for her mother and the house. I hope to hear from her soon.

I must tell you Miss Christie, that I wrote to Thirza the other day for I found a note from her which she must have written long ago; and she is sorry for some things. I am sure she and others know better what they are than I; for I never heard many of the things she said; I knew more instinctively than any other way. I thought you might know and think strange that I should write to her. Time does wonders. I told you I thought she felt differently toward the close of the term did I not? I got over my dread of being with her and she seemed to be a little more like herself. She has had great temptation to do all she has done and I might have been worse in her place.

Jennie B. has been unwell I hear. How does she get along with school duties now? I wish I could show her my experience in school matters and bear affairs &c — She would make good use of these years I think.

How do you enjoy this term? or is that not a proper question. I might ask what "Old Common" as we called him, used to ask those who taught in our schools here, "How goes the battle today" only to appreciate it fully you must lisp on the word "goes". I wonder if Mrs Lee is there again! I may hear through some one, I dont expect you will write very soon. Can't ee what business you have to find out that Mrs Bunker came to Red Wing. He was a very foolish boy and was very poorly repaid for his trouble I assure you. How does he conduct himself? With as much propriety as usual, I hope. I sometimes think him insane, and think it fortunate that we are so far apart

I shall think of one or two things to say after I have sealed my letter, at last, I should like to have you think I meant to say something to you. My Address is Red Wing, there being no Office here! School of twenty pupils and one the increase. Ever your friend Nettie Smith

Lowell Wisconsin.
Eveng. May 13' 1874

My Dear Father — [James Christie]

This wk. I have no school, and may not have any next. Either, as the measles are raging here at a rate altogether unprecedented, even in the experience of the "oldest inhabitant." Just think of 50 cases in the village at one time, and more coming down. Seven in one house, six in another, five in several, and even a few grown young men and women going the way of all the children. Some are quite ill, but none dangerously. As I write, Allie Benson is coughing vigorously in the next room, and they expect "Maymie" — two and a half yrs. old — to come down next. I am like Othello — my occupation is gone: but I kill time most effectually with Chemistry, Physiology, tracts on measles, and going about from house to house, consoling those who "have 'Em," and giving 'Em to them who haven't.

Nearly all have the cough bad, and some suffer very much - especially those who have lungs predisposed to affections of an inflammatory character. Now, why doesn't a wise and merciful "All-Father" permit that agonizing hacking cough to be transferred from Allie's weak lungs to mine - as I have wished again and again today - and let me dispose of it in an hour or two? I see beautiful adaptations in this world; but there are a few lacking, which a being - a big being with human benevolence big - would be apt to interpolate on this soulless, unfeeling programme. Let the mathematics go out of Chemistry, and Conics out of the universe; but life should not go out of the breast, nor joy vanish from the human soul.

As you have probably not read much on physiological chemistry since leaving Ireland, I may state that the views of Liebig regarding animal heat have been exploded by more recent investigations. Lavoisier's theory was, that the oxygen of inspiration combined directly with the carbon, and hydrogen of the venous blood in the pulmonary vesicles, giving rise to carbonic acid, water, and heat - as a concomitant. It having been known that even more carbonic acid and water arrive in the lungs by the pulmonary arteries than is eliminated - which forestals Lavoisier's process in the lungs - and that the oxygen is taken in solution ~~as~~ / and carried by the pulmonary veins to the left auricle, and by the Arteries throughout the body as free oxygen; Liebig, as you remember, simply transferred the combustion from the air cells to the Arteries and Capillaries.

The heat still arising from the direct oxidation of the carbon and hydrogen of the "combustible" "hydro-carbon" or "respiratory" elements, such as sugar, starch, and oil,

By methods which I cannot here detail, this theory has given place with the majority of Physiological Chemists. to another, which, in brief, is just this:— The oxygen taken in at the lungs, as in the food, is assimilated by the tissues: the disintegration of tissue gives rise to carbonic acid and water as two of the products, and a good share of these go out as a good share of the oxygen came in — And pass the latter — through the lungs; the carbonic acid and water of the lungs bearing no closer relation to the oxygen of the lungs, than the urates do to the food — a chain of changes existing between. And, furthermore, heat is a concomitant of nearly, if not quite all, the various Chemical changes going on in connection with the nutritive and excretive processes.

The scientists are in their laboratories and at their desks. and wise men are in their libraries. — perhaps in their beds by this time. Good Night. Ally.

Northfield

May 15th

Miss Christie

Dear friend

You will no
doubt be surprised that I should
take this means when I have
the privilege of talking with you
but there are some things I wish
to tell you that I can write better
than speak. You know that I
do not doubt your friendship and
your interest in us: I will

try and tell you why I am so desirous of the friendship of Miss Jennie or some one whom I feel I can trust. All that I am or expect to be I owe to woman; I am more alone in the world than any one in this place knows any thing about. I left my home against the will of my parents and have had little encouragement from them to stay here. it is true I am encouraged and helped by the faculty and teachers. yet they do nothing to drive away the gloom that sometimes settles down upon my heart as if it would crush out all the hope and desire for anything good and true, that may be there. Oh, yes I have friends that help me in other ways. but when my heart seems almost bursting, when I can neither read nor study for that terrible choking

that will come with thoughts of home and friends, then it is that a kind word or look is so helpfull. Those who see me day after day know nothing of the "sorrow that burdens my soul" sorrow for sin known only to God. I have tried to live without friends but it has proved a failure; God can pardon and forget, but I cannot blot from my memmory the acts of my past life. it is my surroundings that help me to do that; the kind words of friends, though they know nothing of the sadness that comes over me, help me to forget for the time that I am alone in the world more alone than any orphan. no I cannot live without some friends. It is as you say one lady is enough I receive all the attention and love and there should be no desire for another. but if that one is absent-

the sad heart may be just as
true, and still feel lonely and
friendless. Do not think that Miss
Jennie is acquainted with any of my
troubles only as she knows when I
am homesick; which is the name
that answers, as well as any, to my
feelings. Then a sympathizing word,
even if does come from one so much
younger, dispels the sadness and
gloom. Those little nothings which
some think foolish and trivial
are just what makes me forget.
Oh if that forget was only lasting!

I know I am selfish in this
yet sometimes I too can act the
part of sympathizer and friend.
I know that I should not make
others suffer that I may be benefited.
and the idea that it may grow to be

more than friendship is something that did not trouble me. If there is danger of causing pain to any one I would gladly give up all the pleasure of my friend, and live as I have in the past. for though I may have one who is much dearer than a friend that one cannot be near; while I am at school.

Yes I can do as I have done in the past. But it will be hard since I have learned the meaning of, friend.

But I will not admit that it is all selfishness in me, for there are traits of character in Miss Bunker that are worthy of those much her superior in intellectual attainments. I have had as much conversation on topics of a serious and thoughtful nature as with any of the older ladies and they

would not be flattered by the
comparison that - I would make,
and I feel confident - that - in time
Miss Jennie will compare favorably
with any of her school mates. for I
have learned that - books do not make
the man or woman. a highly
educated head and a cold selfish
heart - are - not desirable qulifications
in any one.

After all as I have been the cause
of so much talk I shall try and
shew myself friendly to the end as
you advised me to once. and I
think you would now if you could
see all. but - I fear those who have
time to talk of what - we say and do
don't - use care in reporting the stories.
(especially the younger ones) and
jealousy can easily make a mountain
from a mole hill.

I thank you for the interest - you
have taken in Miss Jennie and
myself and hope you will always be
as frank with me, and if I don't
stop those actions which have caused
so much trouble I will try and be
more guarded if possible. yet - I
was not - conscious that - in the past
two weeks I had done or said anything
that - would be noticed.

Now Miss Christi I have told you
some things or hinted some things
that - no one in this town has ever
heard and I trust - you will be
secret. I cannot - tell you all
but - do not think that - because
I am young and sometimes
cheerful I have not known
trouble. I want - you to burn this
note as soon as you have read it;
for some one might by accident -
read it and I have written for
your eyes alone

Now that this term is so near its close and Miss Jennie will probably not return I cannot feel that any injury can result from our friendship

I cannot see why we are accused of flirting that meanest of all things that could be said of us. I thought that it was bad enough when I was said to be in love in real earnest for that is nothing to be ashamed of, but you know I would scorn to make sport of the noblest and purest feelings of the heart. Is true friendship so rare that it is not recognized?

If I do not call on you, you must call me when you have anything to say, for I hope to class you among my truest and best friend Miss Jennie not excepted

Sincerely Yours

Walter

At Home Thursday May 16— 178

Bish S. F. Christie I
intend to go to Mankato
next Saturday and return
the same day if you
wish to go you can
just as well as not
if you intend to go that
day or if you go before
and wish to come back
with me please let
me know by the bearer
Frances

Yours Very Respectfully
H. L. Stevens

Carleton College -
May 20th 1924.

Dear Father -

[James Christie] I had let- aside last- evening to write to you, but- unfortunately a student- called to talk about- his oration for Commencement + stayed all the evening - He wanted me to choose a subject - for him, so I finally sent - him away with the subject - "The Power of Positive Belief" He- was the subject - of Charlie Morgan's oration when he graduated-

Look in my trunk of books + send one the - Beloit - paper containing an account - of the Commencement - Exercises when I was graduated, Perhaps I can get - some ideas for him then - Please be sure + do that - for me. - Then when disappointed

about - writing last - night - I thought - I would visit afternoon - but - had an unusual amount - of extra work to do - so thought - I write only a little note again, as there are unstudied lessons waiting for me. - I am pretty well - one ought - to be - blessed with - this beautiful weather. pure air + warm sunshine - the girls make up magnificent - bouquets of plum blossoms - violets - cow-slops + dandelions - It gladdens my heart to see summer again - I think of long ago - the little red - headed girl galloping bare footed + bare legged through the marshes - galloping so the snakes might - hear + glide away in fear. or if not, - to go so fast - as not - to see them The has a horror of them yet; - The summer always brings thoughts of the past. I was wishing today, as I looked out - of the window that - I might - go back. I hope you two are enjoying the sunshine with Jamie - Bless his little heart - how I landed he will get. - As the warm weather comes, he will have a wider range + so the more danger I fear that - will, + the the horses, for him, I am afraid he will get - terribly hurt - some day - You must - all watch him I send love to all. I sent - two dollars to Dave the other day that - I owed him + I want - him to write - at - once + let - me know if he has received it = I inclose

Lowell May 22d 74.

My Dear Father, [James Christie]

As I lay aside my book
to write, I hear Fircumb down stairs
playing Sweet Home on a Burdett organ.
And that makes me think not only of
my home - for unlike John Howard Paine,
I have one - but of 20 yrs. ago. That
first morning at school in the "new
schoolhouse" (it has waxed wonderfully
old since then) and my first sight
of the new teacher - the teacher who
- so unlike Weatherby - played ball
with the boys and girls. He was sitting
by the desk, his head and half stovepipe
well to larboard, a german flute un-
derneath his nose, and that peculiar
'tubicinal' expression - is it concentrative-
ness? - on his face, as he alternated

"Sweet Home" with the "Devil's Dream" or something of like character. You remember he was counting them. Well, he is gray as a rat now, the old flute is laid aside, and his boy – who is as tall as his father lacking half an inch, and is sparking one of my school girls – thrums the same old airs on a #225 music box, without saying or once acting "thank you" to the man who has earned it all.

How superior the old man to the young! The old man sends his customer away without a cent's worth of medicine, having convinced him that he doesn't need it: and ~~the boy~~ takes a dose of downright abuse from his boy for not loading the would-be invalid with drugs!

Now for a piece of pleasant news.–

Robert Reid, who was a little boy six years ago, has been brought into court by a dutch girl for being, as she claims, too well acquainted with her. The case will come before circuit court in autumn – bail #400. Now, whether Bobbie is right or she, I do not know, and have no means of knowing; but so far as I can hear, she's not in statu quo, and for half a dozen good reasons who go about laughing at Bob, and discussing whether they should go into court and save him by swearing away her character. Bub is it the deuce?

Will Christie is on the farm this summer, having concluded to let the summer term at Juneau go. He gives me to understand that there was great dissatisfaction with his teaching – and he is sick of the life. Well, it seems strange. There isn't a finer looking specimen of a young man in Dodge County. I feel proud of him every time I see him among men. I think he is mentally rather scotch in some respects – lay in seeming, from his slowness, rather obtuse

and unready. A little of the Irish flash-and-go-out might make him take better with these Americans. In the mean time, he is thinking of telegraphy, and has sent #3. for a small instrument. He may play with it a while. Learning the principles involved; but I doubt his going further.

Osgood Noyes was here this week, Exhibiting his Lantern at the Jillson Sch. house. It rained; and besides, I was not situated to go. He tells me it pays him. His wife — They have no Children — teaches school five miles East of. Sun Prairie.

Maggie again living at Uncle Wm's. I was down there last Sunday. All well, and feeling well towards us all.

My school will begin again Monday. Not one fatal case out of 60 with the measles.

The two wks Cost me about #30. But that's a small matter to mention in this connection.

Yours in the best of health

Ady.

Lowell. May 24 '74.

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

Yours was duly received.

As to science: no one can learn much about scientific matters from those "Science and Religion" books, by whomsoever written. The leading scientists look with supreme contempt on the crude conceptions of Semitic semi-barbarous tribes — nor waste their precious time even trying to find out in Greek what they meant in Hebrew by those rhapsodical strains, much less in trying to co-ordinate their dreamy, under-the-vine-and-fig-tree fancies with the ascertained phenomena of the Cosmos, as brought within the domain of the Indo-European consciousness by Enlightened and Enlightening Empiricism coupled with and supplemented by com-

prehensive induction and cautious deduction. Go to work purely scientific - devoted purely to the matter in hand without reference to or regard for previous conceptions and misconceptions. Besides, do you not know, that many books are calculated admirably for awakening a thirst for knowledge, but not for satisfying the desire? Much as the traveling Electrician may awaken the wondering Elements in the schoolboy by his galvanic tricks, but imparts no real knowledge - would generally be found incapable of doing so.

In Chemistry, sit down quietly to the admirable little work of Youmans', collating with such other works as are available, and Especially with pronouncing dictionaries, so that Educated men may know what we are trying to talk about. Then talk with those who share the name of learning.

studied Chemistry, and learn that one month's faithful, critical study can put you in the front rank of those of ordinary reputations. Mental, as well as physical laziness pervades communities, even extending to the professional students. There is not a disposition to sit up to a table, and go at Critical study, flanked on each hand by wilderness of information. I look with Contempt on the Attorney who has not traced at least his English law back through the feudal ages, through the Pandects of Justinian, to the twelve tables of the pristine Latin law. He is a lazy man, and I despise him. So also the physician who has not acquainted himself with the various views of his profession since the days of Galen, with the minute anatomy and dubious physiology of man, with Chemistry and botany. He is despicable - and indolence makes him so.

Indolence has characterized the divines in every age — Origen and Jerome are admirable as exceptions. I despise the lazy tribe who promulgate hebdomadal heterodoxy from our pulpits — and are absolved from the Law of consequences by the no doubt granted prayer — forgive them: they know not what they do. They are as lazy as the doctrine they preach, — an unearned, unearnable Salvation.

And as to the teacher of carnal Knowledge — if he doesn't know the Essentials of Law, Divinity, and Medicine; if he doesn't add to these an insight into the disposition of Strata, the dynamics of Seas, the growth of plants, the analysis of trajectories; know solvents for all Compounded substances, run his Physics and Astronomy with the Infinitesimal Analysis — and add to all, a supreme contempt for "old wives' fables" — I despise him, as one despicably lazy.

A work devoted to a Latin Grammar

Lexicon will give one more available knowledge of the Tongue than a no. at the End of Webster's Spelling book. So. a yr or two given to Dana, Lyell, Youmans, Silliman, Gray - will increase one's knowledge of Geology, Chemistry, and Botany far more than a Lifetime devoted to a perusal of these Semi-Scientific Works, in whatever in-tercst the Latter may be written.

Well. May we be saved from our acquaintances - our relatives and friends. Tom Reid's Watertown affair is known from Dan to Beersheba: and now Uncle Tom's Robert has been brought into a Court of Justice by a rather disreputable Dutch girl to answer for her mob being in State and, and the case goes into Circuit Court in the Fall Term - bail #400. I don't know anything but what I hear - but Gods! I hear Enough!. Would I

were ab the antipodes with a life-preserver and a bottle of cognac! I'd run my chances of reaching the Australian coast! In Bobbie's affair, it would be worse than invidious to particularize. Suffice it for the present — what may justifyfied the meantime — to say, that his escape from the talons of the law depends on the good will of half a dozen young scamps who can swear away her character if they will. Pluto! Let us cut loose from all the bonds of consanguinity, get away from all our bloody relations! Who will trade us a South Sea Island for our worldly Effects and defects? "Oh that I had the wings of an owl, that I might flee noiselessly away, and be snugly at roost, Elsewhere!"

Write me occasionally. For two weeks have had no school. Begin tomorrow. 60 cases of measles - several of wh. cough and the mumps. — No deaths. Uncle Wm's folks as usual. Ete Yours Affy.

Carleton College May 27. /74.
Sunday P. M.

My Dear Father [James Christie]

I am going to write you another of my little notes - inclosed is a photograph for Dave + Emma - I am well today - dreamed all last night about you all - I think it was a good dream - it left me with a good impression - We had a hail-storm yesterday afternoon - for about 15 minutes then a thunder-storm - the first of the season - rained all last night - accompanied with much thunder + lightning + wind - + nearly all day today. - I wonder if you have had the same storm? The trees + fields are beautiful. How is the garden doing? You must not let that fall through - There is

to be much change in the Faculty here for next year - A new Preceptress, who will teach both French & German - a Miss Evans who has been Preceptress for some years in Appleton University, Wis. - Miss Dow, the Latin teacher, here, has resigned, to be succeeded by an eastern graduate, as tutor - Mrs Lee has resigned to take a position with higher salary in Kansas - her place to be filled by a man - Prof. of Music - if they can find the right one - So there are to be three new ones to begin next year. - Mrs Boise remains as Matron only - The President & his wife are still firm friends to me - So you have nothing to fear for me - & I am re-engaged as I told you before, I think, for next year - I feel grateful as I look back on all I have come through, & see where I stand - Truth is stranger than fiction, at times - When I think of my stinted opportunities - of my life teaching among the Dish - of the company & work in that - detailed dress-maker's shop in Walnutown - of the days of utter suffering in Beloit - going out sewing for people - teaching out in the country - four miles - walking out & in during the hot July days - only one dress to wear - & that a black one, hot - & foot-sore - then teaching the terrible vicious little Arabs on the west side - & so on - here - tied all the time - Yes - I am grateful to God - What I am astonished at is, that in all my weariness, suffering & discouragement that I didn't - turn aside & marry for a rest: a home - as so many poor women do - But somehow I have been saved from that - & am especially thankful. - I remember once only was I tempted (I had more than one opportunity - but - was tempted but once)

A proposition was made to me, & I was to give the answer the next day -

my good Angel put-it-into my heart-
to ask for the delay - I went-to-sleep
with my mind sort-of desperately
made up to do it - to marry him -
but - I dreamed that - my mother came
to me in great-grief & told me not-to.
For the morning, there was no temptation
for me in it - I decided & gave the
answer - not - as I would have done the
night-before - Am I not-cured for?
I have felt-it-all along my journey -
Hoping you are all well - that - Dave
got-the money - & that-I will hear from
you soon - I remain -

Yours affectionately -

Sarah.

Rajpiden, May 24th 1874.

My Dear Sarah,

Your little note to hand, I Learned much for it to Come, the Theme you Gave Your Student is a Good one. But C Morgan Had Quite another Topic, and I cannot find anything in the paper about it. Your picture is Good it is true, Now let me say a Word or two about these things. You Should direct Your Attention to the Symetry of Your Head. it is Wide, and You Should so arrange Your Hair in Head dressing in Such Manner as to add to its Height below the Eyes. Your Features are long. long nose long upper lip and Pointed Chin. Therfore Add another Story to Your Hair Braids, and in Some Style Left ups the Hair on the Top of Your forhead instead of the Smoothness of its present Style. None of all this in anyway deceptive, But for the Sake of Good taste and Symetry. You will Still be Faced as Now. But Such Harmonies. the Curls on the Shoulder are in keeping With the Head I suggest.

Your Eyes look Weary, although You seem to be Joyous,

David receives Part Bruny. Why do you Style Lord's Life as Comedy?

It is a Tragedy. You never dare to Comedy. I think at least I have never seen one in America. Jemmie is all right only he requires me to carry him too much on my Shoulder. But I say Snake him. Theories and When he take a Walk he take me by the Leg, and say "Grandpa, on Your Shoulder." and What Can I do but take him up? Oh, the Children, Some Old Fogy Others! Born to the Horrible trouble, Unlucky that I am Should be Sorry Could become a parent? and Yet it is certain that Scripture to make it, Excuse me, and forgive me for this Jest I Said this Morning. Yes I remember of the little Girl who ran from the Snake. They are numerous enough in her path Yet. Let us resist them and they will flee from us, And Yet Some of them have followed the Wicked Ways Like the Snake of Hercules are not to be Killed by ordinary Methods. Be Watchful. Good Morning to You. Your Father
D. Thwertee

Beloit, May 25. 1874.
Monday Morning.

My Dear Father: [James Christie]

Among Scotchmen
named Bathgate, from Galashiels,
got acquainted with me two years
ago, when I was travelling for the
College. A University graduate &
having studied at an Independent
Theo. Sem. at Glasgow; he was looking
for a Church. I helped him to one
in Racine Co. where he stayed awhile,
but he was as preacher: his manner
too quiet; a good thinker, but terribly
dry as a speaker to American Ears
which require more "gush," of which
he had none. A very fine fellow,
and spent some time in teaching
the Classics in Janesville and in
Cleveland Ohio, after his preaching

Experience in this. He lent me many of his books when he went to Ohio, and a few weeks ago wrote me that he was going back to Scotland, not to return, asking me to send him a valuable Eng.-Lat. Dictionary, and to keep the other books to remember him by. Among them are two Vols. of Maunder, with which I know you will be pleased. I therefore send one of them today - the pencillings in it are his — and if you are well pleased with it shall send the other.

I have enjoyed very much his discussion of Tertullian, and the harmony of Paul's and James' doctrines.

I wrote you in vacation, sending an Essay on Wordsworth; I suppose the Spring work has hindered your writing: Should be glad to have your criticisms on it. The Spring opens most beautifully with us: Apple trees in full bloom, the willows, poplars & maples in summer dress, and the hills on either side of the Rock valley all of a delicate fawn color from the young foliage of the oaks. The birds build their nests all around the College building in which we live, and give us a chorus every morning. This is always to me the most delightful season of the year; the best type of the Resurrection.

I tramped down to Roscoe yesterday - 7 miles - and preached in Cong. Ch. the pastor being sick; am going next Sunday again. The walk down the valley of the Rock is most delightful, the wayside lined with violets and other flowers. Carrie and the precious Bessie are at Clinton for a few days, visiting friends.

C. has shown all good wifely qualities through the year. We are poor, and have

saved every penny possible for payment
of debt. Her brother & James Reid boarding
with us, yet she would take no help: did
all the work herself, and nursed that
great 20 pounder until within two
weeks, when we thought it high time
to change Bessie's diet, as she is now
15 months old. Carrie resembles
Mary in these qualities of self-sacrifice
and conscientious faithfulness in the
performance of duty. Indeed, there
are many points of resemblance between
the Scotch and the Puritans, as there
should be. Bessie is never so happy
as when permitted to run out doors
over the grass & through the grove of the
College Campus. She is a great favorite
with all the young men: her mother has
twice found her half-way up the stairs
of another building, laboriously making
her way to the room of one of her ad-
mirers. We often think of Jamie,
and wonder what he must be like
now. Do not let David work too hard

this summer. The prairie must be beautiful. Had letter from Sandy a few days ago; he is deep in Free-masonry, which I regret, knowing that there is no Christ in it. The Christian Ch. is the true Brotherhood; these secret orders are spurious imitations of it, and cheating men with the semblance draws them away from the reality.

Nothing from Sarah, though I have written her of the importunities of her creditors here. Carpenter wrote her again & again, receiving no answer, and as I have made up my mind to pay no more milliner bills, Carpenter wrote to Sandy, who promises by 30, June 1st. But this is villainous: She will not even write, but lets the burden fall on poor Sandy: She may talk as she pleases, She has no heart and no conscience.

What is being done with the large sal-aries She and Annie Murphy are now Earning? She owes our pastor, Mr. Bush-nell - $50. She owes Mrs. Kinney. The

millinery $30, She owes for dry goods at Abbotts some $50, I think, besides this $30, at Carpenters. This besides what I am responsible for, and what I have paid. and besides what Sandy has already paid to Abbott and Carpenter.

I have made up my mind to do nothing more on these bills, and I would that Sandy might come to the same determination.

There is something better for us to do in this world than to follow up a spendthrift like her with our scanty Earnings: we might better throw our money into the well, for nothing seems to teach her either Conscience or gratitude.

The thought of these things spoils Even the Spring joys and hopes for me, and I see I have let them spoil a pleasant letter for you: but you ought to know the truth. My love to David and Emma, and to Mother,

Ever Your loving Son, Thomas D. Christie.

Sussgo City, Minn., May 25th 74.

Miss S. J. Christie

Preceptress of Modern Languages

at Carleton College.

Dear Madam:-

By telling me whether you will start a class in German, and what text-books you use, next fall, you will greatly oblige me as I have no catalogue to refer to.

I left a photo for you at the gallery, but suppose you never called for it as I forgot to tell you before I left. Inclosed, therefore, you will please find one according to promise. Hope to receive the one you promised to have taken during vacation for me. No news of special importance, except that I have a large school, and as good attendance as any one might expect in a country school. By complying with my request you will greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully

J. C. Swenson

Rapidan. May 26th 1874

My Dear Sandy"

I have received two letter from you since writing any to you. You last told me of your enjoyable vacation & my illness. I think I never heard of so Great a number of Cases of prostration to Populators before. I trust you have again spent Sabbath and some of your Scholars there taken away with the disease We are here as usual. The Spring has been late & cold. But at present date the prop Fields, having had a few days ago, a Great rain With Thunder Storm. Horses and Cows now Get the pastures filled With Grass. The Milk pails are better filled. The Grass for the Cows Bread in this district Looks indeed as we are apt to Envy the Lucerne of it Looks as 20 Inches High. David is now putting on the New Rails all round the place. The Derby Ram has not as yet Made any signs of putting down his portion of fence on our line. His Lazy Checkmated by us. We intend Continuing our fence on the North line East to the Corner Road Near Jeffersons & to the South of the ponds and Hedge, and fencing them out. and so Working at the point Where our share of the Part fence terminates. We is therefore Compelled to "toe the Mark" or Go Open to the inroads of the Bovines and other Quadrupeds. It is Distressing him unfairly to do this. I forewarned him. He Ploughed up 2 5/4 acres Wheat. 11 5/8 Oats. 8 5/8 Corn and potatoes. and as the Law so shall the reap. Had a letter from Willie in Lexington lately, filled With a Piteous Cry for Help. Wanting 50 dollars to enable him to pay Fees and interest for his School Lands. Papa cannot help him. I cannot help him. Nor Can Tom or Sarah. I also told him You were the Only one of the Family Who was not in debt on Your own Account. All the rest Seem Like Mimely. But Now I did not believe You had any money as You had assumed the debts of Other enough to use up Your Spare Cash. Yet I told him to try You, if You Could not Borrow for him, forgive me for this. I really did not know how to Shut up every door of hope against him. A Neat Tax Law this Year Compells all to pay in June, or have their Land Sold. and Deed given to the party buying. But I suggested to him to try and raise the

in St Charles on his own Note. Giving as Collateral Security
this precious Policy on his Life. I see his Understanding
also that it was Expected every one would help himself
as all alike were Struggling in the same Slough of Debt.

I really do not know why Willie is always in such trouble. I am
sorry ever I became a father, almost. And I would like to know how
long it take my Children to find out the necessity of using what
they have of their own or Mentes. If Mother preach Your furnish its
own force it is the Mentis to blame. and I think it is right that
I should by Reflection from them suffer for my Moral Stupidity.
I take it all home to myself and feel their Misery on the Bonds in
which they are held. I call them on to Him in being instrumental
to their being here. I consider every Mans Guilty of sin who does
not Rise to that Station Whom he Calls into Being is not furnished
with an Organization that will Enable him to Go through this life
Without sin, and Sorrow from this sin, the shortest Way to the
Complete regeneration of the World is Celibacy, and I therefore believe
with St Paul and Jesus. "It is not Good for a man to touch
a Woman" It is probably Evident that if Adam had Eaten a little
more of the "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil" he would have
procured a Divorce from the old Lady and kept Batches for
Ever more, living on nuts and Water a life of Contemplation, and
Ease of Mind and Body, that is the True Drink Which Gordias
Died the Yoke with, and which the "Melpor of men" Cut with the Sword
of the Spirit. Do not take this to Every Body, this is an Unbelieving
age. "Conjugium" "Conjuges" and we are all in the "Jugum"
and as Lawson Said if the Devil not Foreseen with his Keeper One
Could not have Solved the Riddle. There is more in this than You
Will Credit. But take my Word for it it is a hard Business even after
the Knot is cut, for each has to find out for himself how to Conquer
his own Asia. ("Asia" the muddy place.) Which Alex did not Do-
it is indeed so very few are able for. And You went and
paid a Visit to Uncle William. I am pleased to hear it. You should
often. Uncle William is a Genius in his Way, besides being a Good
man Master Gunsmith. How much larger and better a man he
would have been if he had been so Constituted as to have Accepted
as to Here a Spiritual Christianity with all its Divine Help
and Hopes. In all time since it became a power in the
South (How many individual lives is not yet seen above
Ground!!) How many Barbarian, has it not Excited
into the Human form Spiritually! Made more & more Devout,
The truly Human, is Divine. Real Christianity is that which is
dead to the Appearances of Transfiguration. Where Humanity is
Glorified. Where is Eastwood the Vale the Dawn of Light, Fitting
Emblems of the Birthday of Creative Beings.

I had a letter from Helen lately. A very curious production indeed
nothing in it however reprehensible. It is Generally difficult to dispute
Understand a Woman. They are so Sensitive, Seeking always to think
the Object they have in View justifies the Means of its Accomplishment.
I do not Condemn. She was telling me of Sarah's Mistake in thinking
Anne that she (Helen) had a design upon Her Mothers Property. Especially telling
me She never had the least regard for him or it. In the Letter she
began to Complain personalities. Came down upon Lizzie Smith in the
Continual Joyousness and Sweetness of his Character their Letter
Journey, and How she (Helen) found So Many Resemblances between
You and Her. So that then She began to tickle me in One of my Weak
Spots. So much She said like an old Greek Philosopher We and those
Nearest to have me Come in Again and Talk with her Father in the old
Way. How much She is indebted to Me and mine. Why I took the Whole
thing Kindly, for I See Him, half Amused all the while, & Half Respecting.
Spite Helen. She has a true Insight into deep things
Her mental Powers and Genius both, and by Circumstance Small Range
Universalle. And if I know these, should Make Due Allowance, if I did not
Know that Responsibility is really not Always the Highest Good.
indeed is in our Spiritually Imperfect Condition very Welcome to.
Although it is the Ultimate Object of our Creation, and Different
probations here We are Cast forth into this World full of Selfishness
Fire, and our Life and Effort should be Concerned in transmuting
that into Heavenly Light. You know the Imponderable are transmutable.
and indeed is Not Every the Imponderable are first the Weightier Matter.

May 29th I had a Letter from Tom last night. A pleasant one
only he spoiled it all for me. By thanking me again & again for Sarah.
Telling me of her Letter in Paris. Then are indeed Thankful.

And Yourself and do file us With proclamations, But do not
let us forget for One hour the Heaviest Burden, terrible
it was While Yet he to her. The Great Cross laid upon Her.
Do not talk to me, She is not responsible in the Eye of the
Omniscient for the Great fault. are not these Characteristic
Flaws laid upon us? They are the result of Ancestral sin.
~~and the sin of Our Being, and the fact is it is not in the~~
Justification to Reason for Unlimited forgiveness. Christs plea
at the Bar of Mosaic Justice for poor Humanity. Oh, God Help us.
When Philosophy Lee Shall not Condemnation, but pity, in our true
Attitude towards the Sinner. The Long procession of Christs Lord in
the Temple of the Body. in the form of the Corp of the Head. is so much
in advance of the Rest of Mine. Let Christ be Foremost
Always Reckon His Ground of Worth. Christ Given his own,
Let us Imitate Him. Be the Truest / Be the Best //
You are Justified for Your Holiness by Christ. You have,
and are, Laying up treasure in Heaven. But that You are Trying
to put Self in Your Debt. But You are, and He will Delight
to Honor Your Craft. Dreadful indeed to the Wrong doer is the
Sense of Justice in the Universe. It will have it's Own / and those
to the Continuance of its Law. But there is a Higher Law, a Larger
Circle Circumscribed Around all these / the Conscious Moralities
The Circle of Love Generated from the Center of All Ethics, Moves
the Bonds of these and fuses them in a Unity in its Universal
Embrace. these May be for time and Eternity. But that for
Everlasting as being the Source of them All. Without Logging of Life
a End of days. Let us Love One another, Bear one anothers Burdens,
and so fulfill the Law of Christ. My Dear Lordy / feel
Assured You are no You one. When the Jews Clamour for Blood
You Step in and Offer Them Your Own. Do not faint. Your
Labour While not be Lost. if it Can, There is the Goal. You
May believe. Now Much / encourage You. to Take no Comfort upon
the Foundation of Gods Truth. I feel Some Apology now must be
My plea for While after What You told me, forgive me, I did not
Know how much, or how Often You need to Stop the Breach. /
If Possible I Would need to Write Many Sheets to have us
Topics all remarked Which I had intended When I began.
Yours, in Christ. J Barnes

June 1st 1874.

Dear Miss Christie [Sarah]

I received a letter from the dead letter office yesterday which I wrote to you about a month ago. I wonder if you want it now. It came about in this way, I suppose I sent the letter home to be mailed, as I have to all letters there being no office here, and when it reach=ed home they thought the writing showed through so plainly that they put another envelope outside the one which was upon it. I don't know whether they forgot the stamps, or whether it was sent away in a hurry and the stamps came off, but it was detained for postage although there was a stamps on the in-side envelope - which I should think might have sent the letter to you.

I would not send the old letter only I want you to see that I thought of you and am very busy. I have my thirty-ninth pupil today. Have not been very well during the past week but am usually quite well and lazy as ever.

I wish I could see you tonight my dear good Miss Christie. I wonder if you have not thought all sorts of hard "thinks" about me because you got no letter. I do not wonder so much if you have as if you have not.

I have been home once since I came. It seems an age since I left school. I wonder if you will remain. I am sure they want you to. Do you think you can? Give my love to Miss Lee and ask her if she did not say she would write to me about Winona folks. I know almost nothing about the school. It is not strange for I know how busy you all are. Still I should like to get a word so much. I wonder if my letter to Hannah Platt went to the Dead Letter Office too, for I get no answer. I've looked and looked for one. I presume if I write again our letter will meet, for I generally get here just after mine has gone on its way Iowa-ward.

I am — well, you know what teachers are at night. I did not sit down once in school today. I was so busy that I forgot it until I saw that my chair was not in its usual place. I have all grades and kinds, and no aids except a blackboard and what we furnish. You will forgive this hastily written sheet, and know that if this get to you that I shall hope to hear again some day that you

still live. and you may hope
for another if you wish. I will
leave this page blank so that
there will be no more blunders
because of thin envelopes.

Good by and love to Myra.

[To Miss S. J. Christie
Carleton College
Northfield
Minn.]

Lowell. June 5th 74.

My Dear Sarah:

Yours with photograph received. I think you are looking quite well, and I am glad you are able to retain the situation another yr.

In this world, it is death to be candid and honest. One should outgrow the virtues. There is a time for them - and that time is youth, the age for Sabbath schools, maternal smiles, approving conscience, etc.

In manhood and womanhood we should be politic and feather our nests. Vote with the Faculty - agree with Jove, and be wise.

I have blurted out my mind for the last time; - it makes enemies.

Nearly all town is mad at me. I told

them my secret thoughts of them, and the meditations of my heart were not acceptable. 3/4 of the men live a low frog-shop life - and I said so. 3/4 of the men are dis-pleas-ed. 3/4 of the Church-members ought to Enlist a decent Church on probation or go to the penitentiary, - so said I, and so says conscience: 3/4 of the Church-members are dis-pleas-ed.

But thanks to something high and potent, so long as I sub in my time and get my money Equivalent, I care not what they think nor whom they lend to my school. The wind is blowing off the shore, the tide Ebbs and flows twice in 24 hrs. and when I get my plunder all aboard, and give them in Exchange a little more of the same old cargo & judicial but injudicious opinions — not them,

and not till then will I sail away. But in future, I shall do as do the Romans, or leave Rome.

Do you the same, and "put money in yr. purse."

Folks in Clyman as usual. I have been in Uncle Wm's once since New year. Clyman is a low place and I propose to say quits.

I send you the receipt in full of Carpenter & Baumes. This cheats him out of the int. - his own proposition - but probably he cheated you enough on the goods to balance it.

What about Ex-Gov. Dewey's affair?

Your bro.

Alf.

Rafe Ware. June 14th 1874

My Dear Sarah. [Christe]

I hope you

are Well this Morning. and my hope is Allways that

You Shall be Well in All Ways. Working in Patience

and Hope towards the Crown of Righteousness.

Not painting. But being crowned from the Spirit

by which You persevere, that Manner of perfect the

Path in Which You travel. there, in the End, Victory

awaits all the Faithfull of Hope. We necessarily

from our Antecedent Conditions of Life. Must Expect

to be Burdened by the Manacles of the Ancient

Slavery from which the one Escaping. Became Emancipated.

Must ever begin While in Bondage. nor Need We

Expect to Enjoy the perfect Liberty of the Children

of God Unless We have been trained in the School

of Such Endeavour. fighting against Adversity in

Many forms. I Know My Dear Sarah that

You sometimes are like to faint, Burdened as You

are by the Intolerable Claiments. Who with Blind

Justice as their Guide and Authority. Where You

fear their Sword of Work. it is theirs, and they Must

Get it. But they Must Answer for it. and will be

Reguisell under their own Law to pay for every unnecessary pang they may have cost You. They cannot escape the Rigidest Eye of Love which while also Rules them to their Bond.

God Judgeth the Hearts. Let us then Cry and in His Grace keep our Hearts justified before Him in our Reliance on Him. He justifieth the Loving Heart and Giveth Peace to all who have His Love Within. If We Love all. We will seek to Give all their own. Because Love Necessarily Excells Justice, Restoring Where it does not owe, how much more Will it seek to Give Where it does. Love also is self denying, taking care of all its resources, in order to have the more to Bestow. Paying even that it owes, not under the Auspices of Justice, But in the Good Will of its own heart. from Love of the Recipient

But my Dear Sarah there is no use in Going any further into the Transcendentalisms of Love. That is the Highest in this Universe. and Carries us perforce into the Infinite. in Which there Will for us if We also dwell. I was much interested in your dream which you told me in your last. I do not think that it is superstitious to believe that We receive instruction and warning from those in the Love as in that ~~it is that~~ to us invisible World.

for all this Apostle says "are they not all ministering Spirits sent forth to minister unto them who shall be Heirs of Salvation?" and who indeed if permitted would be more likely to Warn You than Your Mother? What more natural than that She should? How indeed it should encrease our Aspirations to become worthy. How natural our inclinations to anything wrong in itself. Always to Honour her that there who have Gone before and who are in the Light beholding us in all our Thoughts. Perceive our Emotions. for our Souls are Visible to them. I am sorry that I was brought up in utter ignorance of these things. to my loss. I should much rather Excell in Believing too much. than not to Believe those things that are, to say the least, so Congenial to the Whole Spirit of Christianity. Protestantism in its protest did not exclude nor protest against these things. But Having protested against abuse of many Good and true things. protested With such force that it has until this day been averse in the reactions to Give a very Low place to many very important Matters of Belief. indeed introduced the Wedge of human reason to split that which should not have been divided. and to unite things which should have been kept Seperate. I had a letter recently from Dora. in which he pronounced very strongly against You.

Giving me a detail of many of your Debts in Beloit. altogether making me sorry for you, but most of all telling me that you are even not now paying any Debt, this, if it there true would be more terrible to me to think of. than your first Contraction of them. at that time you did not seem to know what you were doing. had no Clear conception of the Great sin you there Committing. nor any just perception of the fearful punishment attending such course as you there then following. But I do not believe it possible you are not now endeavouring to liquidate these obligations. to be so deceived in you would almost take my life. as it is, I am filled with such a pity for you that I can not describe but I believe better and more worthy things of you

And I told him in my reply. that I did not believe him. He besides said that Surely and he had more worthy objects to pursue than following you up to pay your debts. I feel Great pleasure to-day in knowing that Surely does assist you along in your efforts to recover your Honest place before God and Men. And you will recover it yet. no fear. God will assist you if your heart is right towards him. He will raise you up friends. will provide you positions and opportunity to do justice to all.

He never has turned his back upon any who turned their face to him. His delight is to see all his Children walking in Rectitude. and when the conscience and memory have lost the way, and do lost themselves, if they cry to him. He does not that his Ear.

Thos of Israel. God has no favorite Ambitions like men. But he has permitted individual interests to oppose one another amongst us to keep us in the Way. to learn us into the Way of Life. the Way of Love. Getting Justice as the Necessary in His Solace, to bring us to Him.

My Dear Sarah I here not been carried away by any representations of any, to love my Love for You, or to Love You less than any. You may in any affliction confide in My Sympathy Why should I cease to not to Love You Knowing as I do that God does. For indeed You have His Sympathy, and His Help, or You could not have Gone so far towards accomplishing of Your Moral Life. Besides, My reason teaches me that Corporeal Constitution and the Circumstances You have been placed in have given You the Natural Character You possess. And that You bear a Cross laid upon You by the Original Ancestral Sin. Therefore I blame You not. and the revelations of the Scripture proceeds upon this Same Rational Basis. The Pharisaical Righteous think they are Righteous because of their own Will. whereas their Righteousness before men, is to them a Gift derived from God. an Inheritance from their Fathers. Longsuffering in His Grace to them. But instead of thanking Him. they felicitate themselves that they have conjectured it. I do not Blame them either, they live in an error of both head and heart unconscious of it. and Jesus the Christ spent many a weary day trying to undeceive them.

But besides all these Considerations My Dear Child I Love You because I inherit the same defects and carry the same Crosses as Your self. Staggering under the same burden. borne down by the same Original defect. And the Love which is from Above fills my heart with a Great Pity for both You and myself. and I cry aloud to God for His Grace to lift us all away from our Low nature up into His all Embracing Love. that is my Love Unto the Source of Love to one Another. in Which all Defect is Pardoned. in Whom We seek to impart the important Gift. to become One in the Impossible

I see my Dear Sarah in the Kind Considerations of the Worthy President towards You that God Gives You the Opportunity to do that Which You seek to do. and I smile in the presidents Kindness to You Abundant Evidence of His Christian Heart. I thank God in My own and Your Behalf for His Mercy to us. for What could Give more Greater Comfort than the Knowledge that You in a true Penitence are Endeavouring to recover Your position before the face of the Unerring Law. Suffering to bring forth Work meet for Repentance.

Time much reason also do we have for thanks that Sandy is moved to assist You so. You had a private Ambition and a worthy one. besides he has ever at his side one Who is Ambitious also, so much so. I fear that Christian Charity is sometimes borne down by it. an Ambition Which in Providence towards all Who seem to have Pardoned in anyway its Object. these things are also pitiable, and I do not Condemn. in another more recent letter from You he tells me of his Going to Andover after this College Year is out. and asking the Gift or Loan of $100 from Daniel or me. to clear off Debt in Beloit Which he cannot pay while Leave unpaid. telling us over again how much he has paid for You. of Which he says he does not Complain. & But We cannot let him have anything. Daniel some how is also much involved and cannot go deeper into debt. how I am Quite Bereft I cannot tell, Love to What he needs. if in my power I would do it so Willingly. But my poverty Parents. I have nothing. depend for my daily Bread on the Labour of another.

I am Quite Sure that I cannot help but
This object is very Worthy. and I am Supposed
to ~~have~~ the pleasure of Contributing to the Good
of purpose. But God knows my heart
and although I may be judged of men as
acting basely. I feel there is Confidence that
God will not judge me so. For I sincerely
regret my inability to assist this cause.

We were also Compelled to refuse
Uncle the Loan of 50 $ recently to pay his taxes
and interest. This would have been what I also would
have wished to have done for him. But the candle
shot. Daniel is poor, and also in poor health
of Late. he is Getting better again however. and is
now Breaking more positive. Emma Viola Rose
is Confined. Jamie is Quite Sick. Mother
and I about usual. I long much to see You
and know that You Cannot write much more
Your Coming to Winston's of College Year
requires all the time for preparation. Get if possible
write me a note on receipt of this.

I here make this a disagreeable Letter
to You. Excuse me in Consideration of the important
affair. In hope that all will yet be well
I remain in All Good affections
towards You. Helen note

Roperdan, Saturday June 27th 1874

My Dear Sookie [Christie]

(Dobie is Gone

into Texon to day. and I take He opportunity

to tele You to Be sure and bring Hetta's

trunkey home with You. or Express

them to Mrs Stearns. I have heard from

Her Had Written three ti to You to send

them. and Had received No Reply.

We are all in the usual

State of Health. Hurtings to see You

Also Nell, in a few days.

I scribble this in a

hurry. Grandfather Obstructs

Republican, June 28th 1874

My Dear Sir, [Alexander]

Yours of

"Rossiter" received, yours Thurs not come yet. You seem fond these Days, deprived of explanations. The field of Love and Truth in which they originate has not yet been all surveyed. The unseen Agent in these Phenomena is that "potent" the read of, assuming many Shapes and acquiring many Names, his personality is Entirely unknown. The being only acquainted with under his Varied disguises. The distinguished Scientific Merit of our Time being awarded to the Man who first suggested that all his Appearances were but deceptions of his hidden personality. I really do not know but He is Identical with the Devil, as that Personage was once Known as Lightening falling from Heaven. Modern Scientists have declared that Heat, Some Lights, Electricity, Force, Magnetism, Magic, and so on. Certainly of this that he comes out from the Invisible Sea of Life and performs all the Work in Nature, the Laws that regulate his Actions under his Various disguises have been noted, and the Power acquired to make them Change his Shape, that is the Sum of Human Knowledge in reference to them. Beside, there is a Power at Work that Has the May yet be made to perform all Human Labour. Just in proper Harness and kept at it. I believe it, and that it will be accomplished when the proper time Comes, The Adhesive only Knows who he is. He only Controls them. and His Control is always Beneficent. Physical Science goes no deeper than the Modes of things. Their Essential Natures, and root is beyond its power. This Power is often forgotten and the young Neophyte sometimes does not discern between the mere mode and the Entity. Metal in all it forms of Mineral. Grass and Herb being always in his Hands and before his Eyes. He manifests fully His Life some of it into his Eye and so loses all Clear Sight while nearly concludes that there is Nothing but Mud,

Do you not think that it is Unwise in a Man to follow such a Business as Rossiter's subjecting himself to these Agents in an Abnormal Manner. There is Nothing like Growing up in a Natural Way in the simple Country Innocence about the Mysteries. They are all in a Good Hand let us avoid the taking them into ours by force of Will. lest the Should find us rather than we them.

I Hypothesize in "Rossetter" Case in this way. When you think of the place and the object hidden a magnetic Ray proceeds from your Consciousness to the place and as you mentally perceive it, and the Ray your own way to it along that line. The line is direct from your Organ of Vocality. But as you cannot pass through intervening substance as it does You follow around them. Possessed by this preparation of Manipulation Support this ray from the Straight line to the place. and causes it to proceed through Your Arm and hand. and so coming in Contact with it there through his own Magnetic Sphere, follows along this Separated Ray. dragging You after him. as You above Carry the Clue and Unravel this Veil out of the Labyrinth. on the Ray You Project. Another Ray to the Church door which follows the reflection of the first. because he has prepared this Ray for it to run in. You Consciously, and he must Unconsciously also, because he does not hold the beginning of the thread it has never entered his Consciousness, and he does not know where at any time, the Object is placed. But must blindly follow the thread which proceeds from You. All Hypothesis. Nothing Certain in our Knowledge of these things. But we must pass down the "60 Cubits" somewhere, or stand still mentally, in proceeding, and if wrong upon trial Retrace part, We retrace our Steps and take a new departure. Then in all Investigation We proceed. The Scientific Mode of Inquiry is necessarily slow. a patient Gathering of Single Stone Then the Rationale in Cementation. and the Temple of Truth rises, the Similitude of the Eternal in the Heavens. There is another Mode of reaching truth. Subjectively it is Intuition. Objectively it is Revelation a Direct Light of the Temple by Spiritual perception, But until the Natural reason has demonstrated in its own way the Intuitive & Perceived Truth must wait for acceptance. and it does wait in Faith and patience. All Avenues through the Cosmos terminate at the same point. the Center. from which all the Circumference Originates. Let us be in peace as the Ultimation, believing in the Divine. the Benign. Whether We Shall be Called Back to Where We came forth and then, We Will die from the Inside,

I have been endeavouring these last Six Months to find out What You are trying to do in the way of Occupation When Your present engagement at Lincoln is out. Without directly asking You, and have Thought from Your last to David that You mean if possible to try for a Situation higher up. I think the possibilities are all against your succeeding in this, mainly because of Your not being a product of the Schools in the regular way, indeed unless a Special providence has agreed in Your favor it looks highly improbable to me, but You need not to trouble Yourself a Great deal about it, You Can earn an honest living where on a piece of Land. be more Your own Master and owe Man than in the Employment of any person or Institution. We have a perpetual lease of a bit of Gods Earth from Him. if We do not Voluntarily forfeit our right to it by Vicious Conduct. When I made so much effort to Acquire this by Emigration from Europe I had no other idea than to Get rid of the Continual Servitude to others. Bodily and Mental Servitude to other men being as I then thought the Greatest Evil, I may have been wrong in My notion. for My Children seem to think that the right to toil with the Bodily powers is not any Great Boon. I thought also that My Children would Escape from the Servitude which I so much hated. There is no Slavery in working at one's own dictation to supply the necessaries of Life. All men must work whether or not. unless they wish to be smothered in the Heart by the Moral Law. What I sought then was to Get Myself and Children so placed as that the higher work subject to none but God. that is true Liberty. You while there is My idea that it is Capable of a much higher Sense and translation. then I then saw in it. but so far as I shall See at that Time it is the Good and in the right Way. I have since learned that it leads to a much higher Freedom if Honestly followed. freedom of Soul. I state for me My old idea, and daily Yes seek to be free from all other Authority and Masterships but that of the Almighty. I have been fighting it out on that line ever since. in this Service alone do We become Free Men. I state Aspire to a place and Homestead in this long down if it may be that I have not Mortgaged it to Satan, so many do sell their Birth right for a Mess of Green Pease. I have received two letters from Tom lately, in which he has been telling me of Sarah's debts in Beloit. of his own difficulties in their payment. Of Her ingratitude and of her burthens. You with their Liquidation. If this need more of One Hundred dollars to free him from Obligations in Beloit before he leaves for Andover. David would help him if he could. he cannot. and I shall to tell Tom so. I found Great difficulty in telling him. I would have been happy if I could have helped him. But in answer to his first letter I told him that he should not be hard on Sarah and David some

very plain words. such is that, to save our own Lord
than Preaching. and I am afraid he has misunderstood
me. and think may be I feel hard to him. But it is not so.
I might have said much more Especially about how his
Wife persecuted Sarah when they were both in one house together
her Ambition is more selfish than Christian. and her Education
has induced a certain unfeeling Peculiarity of Character.
I said nothing of all this. Not wishing to Wound Him. But mere Particulars
of her Evil Actions of Character in Conduct. one might read in the Pen
of her Lower Jaw and teeth a Vindictiveness and biting Cruelty.
altogether foreign to the teachings of the Meek and Lowly Christ
But enough of this. a parsonage is a Hotbed. and Needs of Character may
be carried there also.

I do not Expect to hear from you
soon that you have received such a situation as you seek. But I do
Expect that you will pass a Good Examination. Beware of Depression
of Spirits if Unsuccessful. take all that comes as the best for you.
and seek to make it so yourself, by more resolutions of obtaining one
Particular a pleasure to God. thus receiving Succour from apparent
defeat. thus plucking the "Flower Safety from the Nettle Danger."
tote me of Events as they occur.

I am Glad of it. I wish it agreed with your purposes that you
might be here Just. I suspect Work here soon.

We have been having very Hot Weather
Mercury at 100° South Winds, Corn Growing Wonderfully. Where look you
in Short all Crops. Davie is Breaking the prairie West between the two
Colepices of Buckeye. thus making it all one from the House to the West Line
Emma will be Confined in a few days again. Quite a Business this,
the Grangers are Coming. No Grass hoppers here Yet. But I counted
17 Snakes one day lately in the Furrows behind the Breaking plough
this last — as if they might be all Gobbled if they did come.

Monday June 29th. Thermometer has fallen 40° in the last
24 hours. David having an Asthmatic attack last night. I am convinced
this disease is as much due to Nervous Exhaustion as to any defect in the Lungs
I can Generally, almost always tell when Dave is to have one of these attacks
because I see the Events that bring it on, and anticipate in my own mind
the trouble from Observations of his Look and Manner of Body. Certain Actions
precede the Way. Quicken the Pulse, and as the Enemy enters on a Whiff of
Cold air. It is a Universal Axiom that the Castle of Jolearum cannot
be defended. and this Axiom I learned one night in my sleep, in a Vision,
revealed in the Spanish Language. I depart it here to you. That you may never
forget it. Write to the Boys. Yours in Care of You always. Your Father J. Christian

Chicago City June 29th 1874.

S. J. Christie

[illegible]

Dear Teacher:-

I recd. your welcome letter with photo enclosed some time ago. and will now make an effort to answer it. I am so busy today that you will recve a poorly written letter. but hope you will overlook that. My school is nearly out. only one week more - and I look forward for a great many visitors on the last day. as I have had a very large school and attendance fully good. Average attendance. about Forty (40) - so you can see by that that my time has been fully occupied ever since I commenced. And then it is entirely different to teach in a country school-house from that of a graded school.

Ours

I have scholars that nearly finish Robinsons Higher & Practical Arithmetic this term. and a very good Grammar class, quite large, which I think a great deal of. as you know I am very fond of Eng. Grammar. & I am afraid that Carleton College sends out as many teachers as any one of the Normal Schools. From what I hear I think the majority of the student that left last spring are teaching. You ask me if I have any Christian privileges. I have. but. We have a nice church, and services every Sunday, and the congregation has lately bought one of the finest church organs in the state. At Saylins Falls a little village on the St. Croix, the Methodist church has had a great revival and still going on to some extent. the celebrated Mrs. Van Cott was present for two weeks and did the heaviest part of the work with help from above. Mr Saturly, the state temperance lecturer has done a noble work, in the "temperance line". He has stirred up the people so - that I do not what will become of the saloons. But those persons that used to patronize them are now zealous Christians. I do not mean to say all but a great many of them). The ladies of F. F. with Mr. Saturly and the Ruchman Family visited two of the saloons and had singing and prayer. They will probably come up to the ladies in Chicago in a short time.

I rec'd my German books the other day. but alone I suppose I can

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do a great deal. Unfortunately for me there are no German scholars in the neighborhood. I like to read the stories and allegories in the reader. I understand the meaning (or at least most of it) but the pronunciation is not of the best kind.

I must draw this to a close for this time. Hoping that you excuse poor writing and great hurry

I am

Yours Respectfully

L. A. Swenson.

P.S. Is it true that Miss Dow is going to resign?

Lowell Mis. June 29' 74.

My Dear Sarah: [Christie]

I inclose a photo-
graph — one of the first I ever
had taken. This was a more pre-
paratory to a clean sweep of every
whisker; so that now I feel as
though I were in my shirt-sleeves
though I have on a moderately
heavy coat.

I go from here the 13th for Mad-
ison to attend Association and
look out for Nat. My after
movements will be directed by
the spirit — & adventure.

Direct to Lowell, and the Post
Master will forward.

Yours &c

Alex. S. Orr

Repidan, July 9th 1874

My Dear Sarah [Christie]

I received your

of 28th June and felt sure a little disappointed to hear you were not Coming Home so soon as We Expected. I anticipate Getting a letter from you tomorrow. (Friday) I write now Especially to tele You that We have received two Postal Cards from the Bank one dated 27th June. the other 1st July notifying You of the Expiration of the Note, (Daniel has been Seriously ill with his Asthmatic Trouble and Was unable to Go to Town. but We Expect You have made that affair all right since the date of the last Notice We received. You should if possible have Written to us for it and let us know When You made it Straight. (Daniel has been very ill, but is now Getting over it at present. Emma is I believe Expecting to be confined very soon. Has a Girl of Blane's doing her Work there last tide Weeks. Jemmie is Quite Well in this Excessive Warm Weather. running round Milk bottling us Last a Slip and Wet. but even a Shirt on. And let me Tele You We have had the Greatest Sport / They have been with us about a Week. Very numerous indeed. I Should Estimate there as about one to each two Stalks of Grain. Yet their ravages are not so Very discernible in the Small Grain as Yet they have Nibbled the Corn Leaves Considerably. But most Pleasant to tele, they all Got up and left our farm. day before Yesterday. While they are Quite numerous only 3/4 of a mile South of us. I Would Willingly believe they Have Will not again Visit us. But also before they Went away they deposited their Eggs in the Ground all about our place, perforating the Ground with small holes the thickness of their Bodies. I saw the Whole process Going on. and watched it With Great Curiosity. Having a Microscope, I observed a small red dust on their Wings, and looking at it through that I saw it Was a parasitical Creature of some Kind attached by one End to the texture of the Wing. Clearly a Benevolent arrangement to check their power. " The Romanies We Will

restrain" is the Enunciation & belief of a General Law indicative of the Continual limitation of Evil, on looking at the Creatures through the Microscope. they appear very formidable. Cased as they are in Armour like plates & with the most Horrid looking mouths imaginable, as they open them, as it were by four Lips. opening at right angles to one another. the Mouths the Colour of Blood Vessels. I am thankful we do not see the insect World with Microscopic Eyes which is also a most Benevolent Rule towards us. I remember reading in the Apocalypse of St John of the ascent of the Locusts from the Pit, and used it with a full conviction of its deep Symbolism of Spiritual Evil, noticing there, the likeness of Horses. the form of the Head of our Grasshopper and the Leaping power. I was much impressed with the Grand and true imagery. Inspiration is Catholic, the Essential idea in all things and so by Physical things. Gives us the Spiritual Conceptions.

I shall Hope to see you while you stay here in Northfield after the end of the Term. Yet if you shall Benefit by it I shall not regret it.

I do feel so Grateful that the president and his Wife are able to Invite to you. God raises up, Friends to us & to represent Him to us in their Love to us. and while we Love them. we are drawn in Love to Him & who Gave them to us. Let us be faithful towards Him and towards them. and then will we feel that we are in His Love. I await with some Anxiety to hear of Dandy and his Examination at Madison. I have no fear but that he will pass a Good Examination and a close But I do not have much hope that he will Get a place to suit him. I advised him to come home if not Invited. and not be depressed by any ill success in Attaining to a place.

I fear I have placed some Bars between You and me by Speaking the truth as it appeared to me in Response to him & his Wife in their Treatment of You. Well I must Reconstitute they see more clearly their own positions. they will Yet Confess I am in the right,

I look for a letter from You to morrow

Think of me with affection. Yours always

Your Father, L. Christie.

Ladies' Hall, Northfield, Mass.
July 10. 1874.

Dear Parker,

Your reply of July 6th came to-hand day before yesterdays - It was a real pleasure to me to hear from you - & I thank you very much. - I am grateful for the assurance you give me - as now I feel at rest - about it, & too I understand you better than I did before - I do not like to be ~~glad I was~~ deceived ~~in those Eyes~~ - & always pleased when I find I am not; ~~You are & have - if a little bit willful~~ - Did I emphasize "selfishness" & "willfulness" much as you would seem to think? I am sorry if I did. - I do think your will is stronger than most people's & it is a splendid thing - grand, good, gift. - Hoffman who ever did anything any of the great things

in the world's history - but was blessed with that - There "clever" people don't annoy to - I might as well say it - if it is slang - "a row of pins" — your Irony will is ~~in the way only~~ an obstacle however, when any of your friends has a point - to gain with you -- If I applied it - that - is why probably. - I do not wish to rouse any slumbering antagonism or I might say something about - "responsibility" in the use of the gift. - But we will let that rest. Let all decisions have a practical bearing on the life. * ~~Remember this~~ "Only the instincts of great lovers & children are right" except by chance & let those predestined sway. All other things correct never "let"

You need no excuse for writing for you got a letter - 'twas but polite to respond only you put it on a selfish basis - say "it would seem rather dreary to be forgotten &c" I believe you are worse than I had any idea of. - I think you slander that - dear boy Rockwood when you insinuate that - I am your only friend in Northfield. — O You may set your heart at rest about being forgotten - You know better - you know well enough that it's in my way at all — I never forget - People that I care for - I had to give Knopic a reprimand on that same head yesterday. Rockwood gave me your photograph. - I think it might be improved on - I like it - however - but you didn't get on your best - ~~Expression~~ x

* As to selfishness, I don't think you are more so, than other people. We are all selfish & it is right to a certain extent I have just as much as you have, it may be more, but ~~exhibited~~ shown in certainty differently perhaps, from the way in which you would exhibit it. - mine more disguised probably. - I see no need however, of your putting your writing to me, on a selfish basis - You say - "it would seem rather dreary to be forgotten &c" - I don't know after all, but that you are worse than I had any idea of. - & too I think you slander that - dear boy Rockwood when you insinuate that - I am your only friend in Northfield O.

X I set it up in my photograph rack between Anna Daily & Miss Pratt - just to enjoy your ~~confusion~~ - confusion - but you

eyed me with such a stern look every time I dared glance in that direction that I was going to take you down & place you with Donaldson & Bunker. I notice you are happier, & look at me quite pleasantly. — so we are friends again.

I am exceedingly troubled to hear of the grasshoppers being in that region — my brother was hoping to be able to do so much this year, & now this will blight all his prospects. Selfishness again! Well, even if they take all it is not so hard as that death should come among us. So let us be thankful still. And even should death come, would still be our duty to be thankful. But it is sometimes hard, not knowing the end, and seeing no deeper than the surface of things.

I am glad for the hope you will come back to Carleton. I think you will enjoy the next year of study here. You must be happy here as well as at home. much as possible.

The world is "gloomy, dreary, & hateful" at times. Very true, & sad as if I would like to get out of it. forever. & then I think of the words let fall by sacred lips. "The kingdom of heaven is within you" and it is so. Be it is, who draw the curtains, shutting out the sunshine & the joy.

I see by the tone of your letter, how happy you are. & I am glad for you. Your mother & sister must enjoy your presence very much indeed. You made me laugh heartily over your mishaps & persecution. very unbecoming in a woman of my years. Perhaps you better postpone the mission to Africa until after you have taken a course in theology. The Hollenbeks would not appreciate your labors, else.

It is hard for me to resist the pressing invitation to "come home with Annie"! but think I can hold out until the middle of August. I will then attend the State Teachers Association at Anaheim. & from there, on to my brothers. That is my plan now.

You must not talk about Emeline in that way. there is a warm place in my heart for her sweet innocent face. & the dear child does the best she can. It isn't her fault if she hasn't good taste in dress. That is something must be cultivated. like all the rest of the adornment. "It isn't the coat but the lining of it" makes the man you know, & so of the woman. There is as much grace & beauty of soul, under homely attire & more in my estimation. than under the more elegant, tastefully arranged toilettes. You ought to beg pardon on bended knee.

P.S. ~~You don't see me in church again to criticise~~ any

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Hudson, Wis. July 13th 1874

Miss. S. J. Christi

Dear Friend:

I have this morning the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your letter with photograph enclosed. For which receive my thanks.

I certainly owe you an apology for the seeming disregard of my promise to send you my photograph and could not have you entertain the idea for a minute that it was in anyway intended for such is by no means the case.

I have in my mind many times of late arriving home and thought to send it but forgot to from time to time and now find myself forcibly reminded of it by your letter and picture before me.

I instructed both Mr. Roberts and Sumniter before leaving to give you one before

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forwarding them to me. but they like myself
are very forgetful of such things. I will
however can arange this by sending you
one, Have not any at present but shall have
soon.

Nothing of any particular importance has
happened in my history since I left
Smithfield last December. I am as you know
studying law and must say I am very
much pleased with it. "Blackstone" is a
little dry at times still on the whole I
consider it very profitable and entertaining
reading. I am now nearly through the
third book for the second time. have
read Kent and am not fully decided
what to take up next.

You speake of writing Lemmi I am
confident he would receive a word
from you although he wrote you
shortly after arriving home and

He thinks it very strange indeed
it is a fact that he has taken up
Canning for his life work although
I had tried many times to have him
abandon it and take a Prof. or something
a little above Canning and I am
confident he could succeed. the discription
Simonton gives of him is probably correct
I should be happy to hear from
you. and will answer your letter.
Should like very mutch to be at
Northfield this Fall. if I thought it
was for my interest, but do not.
We are enoying beautiful mather
at present with a prospect of its
continuance. I am

Yours very truly,

Jas. A Bowes

P.S Please to excuse this
lazy Paper. J.A.B.

Rapidan Thursday 23 [July] 1874

Yours of the 15th received.

Also "Sandys" letter. I also received from a Wisconsin Journal of Education, containing an Article of Sandys. Well written and well put so far as it goes. It is a protest against the plan of making the System of education in Common Schools Academies, High Schools and Colleges a Unit in Aim and mutually Co-relative in function. Against making the Common Schools subservient to the Highest Grades of Learning in any direct manner. The decision rather as so few of the people ever Get further than the Common School, to Give in it such an Education as would Qualify the people for the Common Business of Life, in a more Complete manner than is now done. This as I understand him should be the Aim of the Common School. He Still Sees a nest of Hornets on himself, as I think. Yet. He is right in his views. The Common School Should be the People College as it is in any Native Land. Where in the Priests School of the rural Districts. Geometry, Algebra and Latin is taught to all who Seek for them. But I have no time to notice these things further. I write with one Eye Closed having in pulling weeds in the Cornfield poisoned my Left Eye. it is very troublesome. Nor am I in Good health. if I were, I would make some suggestions to Sandy for a further Article on this Topic. and which the Editor of the Journal also Calls upon him to furnish. although pronouncing himself Adverse to Sandys views. Your young friend Rockwood is in a very common Case. And really needs some Wise and Good man to interest himself in him. I am neither. But I have also been much troubled in the same way he has, and might be able to suggest some thought to you to which have helped myself. In the first place then, Philosophy does not Clear up, many Questions anymore than many Theological Systems they are such as Cannot be answered this Side eternity

dide We know all We Also would be Gods. There are many things
We Can not Comprehend. While Yet We may apprehend these
If therefore We Wait untile We Understand. We Will never Beleive
these things. Which are indispensible to our Compleat Employment
But to be Disciples towards the points You speak of.
Let us then be sure that if God does not Care for Individuals
Neither Can he Care for Aggregates. Because individuals Existence
make up the Totality. General Laws become Specific in Each
Individuall Case by the direction of His Special Providence.
I know not upon What Ground You Can Beleive in Anything
Else than Eternal Punishment. if You suppose the possibility of
Eternal Sin. so long as We Sin. so long must We suffer.
and How Can We Cease from Sin Unless Christ Shall make
us free? By becoming His Disciples We Will be Sanctified
and thus be free from Sin. and so free from Punishment.
God sent His Son into the World that We might Escape from
this Very danger. if We Will not Beleive so. and do not Yield
Ourselves to His Guidance We must take the Consequence of
of that Condition in Which We are in. Because He cannot make
us Better Against our own Consent. He Will Change our Nature
if We are Willing to have it done. And trust to His doing it.
All Souls are equally Weak in Reference to the Acquisition of
Eternal Life. None of themselves Can Acquire it. it is the Gift
of God, (Given to the Disciples of Christ —
Christ Himself Said that "All power is Given unto Me
in Heaven and in Earth" God did not Vacate His Throne to a
Mere Man. But to His Son in Human Nature, Who Will Hereafter
Wield the Power of God untile he has destroyed all Sin and
then Will again Yield it to God the Father. Such are the declarations
of Scripture. And We cannot Go to Limit these declarations
Seeking the Reasons and if not finding them Withholding our
Consent to the Faith. if We do so We cannot be Saved. first
and all the time We must Beleive if need be against our
Reason. or like the Great Tertullian Beleive because it is
unreasonable. But if We do not exercise our faith Steadily
and sometime there indeed but Little of it left because of the
Activity of our Natural Reason. God Will pardon this also. because
to Beleive aright is just as difficult to us as to do aright.

This Question of Belief or Unbelief is a Question always
to the Natural man. But let us distinctly understand
that it is not a Thing of the Head. But of the Heart. it is to
Love God. to Love man and if We Love We Will be saved
God Will not reject the Loving Heart. Salvation does not
depend upon Giving our assent to or Withholding it from certain
Propositions upon Subjects Which We do not Understand. there Would
indeed be very few Conversions if that were the Case. We have
seen People Converted Who have Without Creed. Let us
Beleive that God is Good and Just. that He seeks to make
us so also. that He sent His Son into the World not to Condemn
but to Save. and that through the Mediation of the Son the
Spirit is Now in the World fulfilling the Mission of God the
Father and of Jesus Christ the Son. and thus Salvation may
be had. for God Will Give the Holy Spirit to them that ask it
but again, it is the Heart that must ask. the Heart that hungers
and thirsts after Righteousness, and not the Head. the Intellect
also Will be Satisfied in its peculiar Wants. Yet the Satisfactions
of the Intellect is not Salvation. for We may Know the Truth
and not Give Obedience to it Which if a Continual Condition
would be Damnation. These Continual Attempts of Man
to Understand all things Lead to Continual Trouble in Matters
of Faith. Christ Said "All that the Father Giveth unto Me Will Come
unto Me. and Whosoever Cometh unto Me I Will in no Wise Cast out".
How instead of Staying Where We are doubting Whether We are of the
Number Which the Father has Given to the Son. Let us Go to
the Son in Heart, implicitly trusting His Assertion and then
We Will see that the Father has Given us to Him. It is Unbelief Which damns. Let us in implicit trust in Christ
Go to Him. and so fulfill our Predestinated Salvation.
instead of Staying behind and thus Making it a predestined
Condemnation, if We do not take His promise as true
nor trust Him untile We Know all the Why and Wherefore
there is the end of the matter. Then it seems We are more
anxious for Knowledge than for Salvation.

My Eye, and General debility prevents me from
Writing another Word to day.

Saturday July 25th

Daniel received your
letter this morning this Going to Manhato
and I must close my Script. to day I find the
inflamation is Gone partialy from my Eye. I can postpone
it. and now be to write a little. I received a letter
for you last night from Watertown Wis. Also one for
Sandy emailed from Madison to hear from Cousin Will
This leads me to think Sandy is Prindly on his Way home
I told him of Daniels Conditions of Health if he may call
it so? in my Last to him and probably he thinks of Coming
home. And now Daniel is Getting Letter and has been
doing a little Work. I Shall be Glad to See Sandy if
he should Come, and I do not know he may not
do about as Well in Minnesota as away

I Quite Glad you have been on the
Jurors to make all square in Manhato. You will
have much trouble I know. in Stopping the mouth of
these Gaping Creditors, and must daily feel a portion
of the terrible penalty of Getting into debt. My Dear Sarah
Surely You have had Lesson enough in these affair
to Cause You to be Careful of Your own Means, and
the Awful Necessity lying upon us to Avoid the Thought
of Seeking assistance from Others, Without Clearly Seeing
the Certain Source of Repayment. I know you suffer
Greatly. But take Courage / God and Honest intentions
God Will Sustain. and Will Justify although men who
See not the Heart may Condemn. I could have
Wished You had been Coming here Sooner. Emma
is State around. Having Made Mistakes in Calculations
But she Will be in trouble Some of these days Soon.
She is in Good Health.

I Write all this While Daniel
is Getting out his team to Go into town this Morning

Write Soon to me, I Will Notify You of all incidents
as they occur. Yours Affectionately J. Blunt

Shall off today. Could be on our
Beautiful Depot to me.
Hattie L. Smith.

July 26th 1874

Miss Christie. [Sarah]

My dear friend and
teacher, I am guilty of the very
sin you accuse yourself of so
strongly. so I cantainly can do
no less than excuse you.

I thank you for writing so soon
when you have so many to de-
mand your time. (Ha Ha long enough)

I can think of but little
today, being positively stupid — even
more so than usual. Closed school
on Friday, completed my register
yesterday, packed my "effects"; as
Knoxy would say, and came home
with my brother. I have fun home

only three times since my term began. Once to spend two days: Saturday and Sunday.

Your letter is in my trunk on the farm, where I expect to spend a few days, perhaps weeks; it all depends on whether I am needed there or not. If I do not stay there long, you may expect a letter soon, otherwise I can't say. When I do get time I will answer in my poor way, that good letter of yours. My busy time commenced just as yours closed, if you can say that you are ever more at leisure than when at Dover. You are so habitually industrious.

My dear Miss Christie, I heard that about you from one I love that made me long to see you; to aid you, and as I could do nothing else. I had a good cry over you; while I thanked God there were some self forgetful ones on earth, and that I knew such an one.

My father has been here, and Margarets folks, so it's nearly dark and I've only said a word. I cannot go to that association with you unless circumstances change greatly. I some expect to remain on the farm, the greater part of the vacation as my brother is unable to obtain hired help in the farm-house. He talks of doing the work himself and hiring more men. I shall scarcely consent to that, even if it is possible for him to do such a thing. He is quite capable in some respects, but in others I fear he is not.

I will enclose the money for the books. I would not have written to you today if I could have seen a possible chance for some days to come. I had a letter saying "I believe Miss Christie has gone to Cannon Falls. I suppose you are back again before this!

I did try to be good to the blue eyes and the black and to the grey, too. I find little ones are more easily won than driven. I am more selfish than you my dear, and more exacting I presume. I told you — no I have not written. I had thirty nine enrolled, A fine little school! I too had a dear little class in Sabbath School all summer, too, which I have enjoyed very much. Good night, Miss Christie.

[to Miss S.J. Charlie
Northfield, Minn.]

Hannibal July 26/74

Dear Miss Charlie

I suppose you think I have neglected you - but every time I have started to write something would happen. I have been just swamped until now and then my letter - head is out - but I left after breakfast. Did you ever experience such dry weather, as we've

been having. Farmers in this vicinity are not expecting more than half a crop.

I went with some friends visiting ten miles out on the prairies yesterday - had a very pleasant time and some "choke cherries"

I'll just tell you what it is Miss Olmsted. I don't fancy the idea of you reading my letters to R. He is a good enough boy, but I don't want him spoiled critic to dissect my numerous. I just wish he had sat down as those dear pictures, though - would'nt it have been fun?

I'll answer your questions now. I did not have a talk with P. I taught a few common-place remarks about the country, the weather &c. He was usually silent - I did not ask him whether he was coming back next term or not. I am really rejoiced to hear that he is going to be a better boy. There is certainly room for improvement - I hope he will go away with all his frailties before I see him again. What Parker goods good. I think there must be "babes in Israel" for me". Wonder if I said - join their "auld vaits & dids" league. Let's all join hands and circle to the left."

Wouldn't you like to see Lucile? what a good girl she was - I never knew how to appreciate her until I came to do without her. I wish I could have her for a roommate next year. Do you know where the music teacher is going to room? Mrs. Price said Mrs. wanted him to come. Miss Davis room - and if he did I should have to take Mr. Reed Ames' room. I wonder where she goes.

I will enclose Jody - for note from Ted D. She said it was all she sent with her card if it.

was to late for Miss Nourse to give it to Miss Christie and tell her there is more coming."

You must be content with just one photo for a letter this time - for I have skinned and stuffed and can't write any more. I believe my head has been greasing off of the window just now and this one goes only when it takes a notion - (which it does). I send you a photo of one of Carlson's grandchildren.

Lazily Yours
Hannah A. Kemp

P.S. Hamilton is in Fillmore Co. K.

Owatonna July 28 1874

Miss S. J. Christie.

Northfield:

Dear Friend:-

Your note of inquiry reached me this morning and though I am not settled for the coming year I think I can refer you to some place that are in want of teachers where I shall not be likely to apply-

One of the Minneapolis schools has no Principal or had not last week. Salary $1000. duties, teaching, and supervision of eight under schools. Secretary, V. J. Walker Minn.. Mr. Wilson, State Supt. informs

me through Prof. Dogue that Principals are wanted in Lake City and in Alexandria Minn.. He also suggests that the Teachers Association at Owatonna will be a favorable opportunity to obtain schools. I presume your brother will do well to attend if he is in the State at the time. Aug. 18. 19 + 20 E -

I am looking quite hopefully for the action of the Board at Austin. Shall probably receive their decision within a week. The Salary there is $1000, seven schools -

My anxiety to secure a favorable position has not weighed very heavily upon me as you may know from the fact that I have gained ten pounds in weight since the term closed. I have had an opportunity to read considerable and have improved it.

You may be interested to know what I have been reading. I will mention some of the works: J. R. Lowell's "Among my Books", Winchell on Evolution, Hodge on Darwinism, Greg's "Enigmas of Life", Wordsworth's "Excursion", Shelley's "Adonais", "Hellas", "Epipsychidion" & "Revolt of Islam" - I am now reading Tickner's "History of Spanish Literature" in 3 volumes of about 500 pages each. He one about finished the first vol. It is a very thorough work, and one for which the author had specially fitted himself by study and travel. It is the only work on the subject in the English language that is of any account - I have read a little in French too, just enough to keep my vocabulary fresh - I suppose you are busy

reading and studying. I hope you may spend a pleasant vacation -

I wish you might run over to Winchell on Evolution; I am sure you would enjoy it both for the information it contains and the spirit of candor that pervades it. I can hardly say the same of Hodge's work; Special Pleading seems to take the place of impartial examination -

If I learn anything further that I think would aid your brother I will let you know of it at once.

If you should wish to make any further inquiries of me, my address until the meeting of the Association will be St. Charles. I leave for there tomorrow -

Very Sincerely
Your Friend
James J. Dow

Faribault, Minn.
July 29. '74

My dear Miss Christie

[illegible] I re-
ply to your letter, I will
say I shall be very
glad to find the same
home with you at Owa-
tonna, and this become
better acquainted, if it
can be so arranged.
My sister is going with
me, so we shall not
be able to share the same
room, but if any fam-
ily takes more than two
guests, it would be very
pleasant for us to be

other feeling toward me. Such of all, could I think that you would be so heartless that the remembrance of our walks together should be the cause of pain to you? Let me assure you as to my own regards & friendship, they are all that friendship can be. I feel sure that you will not run from me. I will trust you & feel sure that you will be my friend. Thanks for your kindness to me. I remain Cordially yours, Margaret J. Evans

Hoping to hear from you soon & that you will forgive me for writing to you as I have done, & that you will not think me unkind, I remain Cordially yours, Margaret J. Evans.

together. I hope it can be so arranged. Letters are to be addressed to Rev. G. C Tanner. Co. Supt.

In regard to the other little matter, dear Miss Christie. Im sorry you think me so suspicious, and ready to misconstrue motives. The thought did occur to me, at the time of the conversation in Mrs. B's room that if I did not take the rooms below, you might wish them, but no doubt as to your motives in giving the opinion I asked of you entered my mind, and I am perfectly sure you were honest and sincere in this. I come to the work there from a place where everyone has shown me only kindness for years, and I do not readily believe that any one has any

Mu Little Farm, Mc Gregors, Zimbabwe
and no Clemens Clews

Clayman July 30' 74

My Dear Lida: [Sarah Christie]

Your Cheering letter of 21st at hand: My scrawl was not wholly in Earnest: I have not been in a very desperate frame of mind for nearly a year. I recognize the truth of every word you have written in this long letter: especially what relates to the world and our relations to the world: Gospel truth! And is there not some hope of me when I see the truth? However, I could not lie by. My Exchequer was too low to warrant it. Work is nothing to me. I glory in that kind of tribulation. If there was a spice of pure despair in me last Sunday, it was because I couldn't work. But Monday, I went at it, and kept improving. Tonight, just before

we quit. I took up half he cut - two men's work, just to see what I can do when I wish.

I have sent out about 20 letters, mostly toward the North and N.E: but as yet no returns - hardly time. I shall continue sending four or five per day; for at least one or five will answer. Chandler writes the Board have had one meeting, but felt indisposed to elect teachers yet. They meet again Saturday, and I will hear from him Monday. If there is definite action. I rather count on C. and Sun Prairie. You Bet. on the boarding. I am learning something of this world.

I parted with the Bensons on the best of terms. Mrs. B. actually cried; as did some other grown folks, with host of my scholars. I have some good friends there. But anon. Writes me here. How long I know not, perhaps two days.

Als.

Rapidan July 30th 1874.

Card open to Specific dissections
Think Well of it before you
Commit Yourself
they write Cut York up without mercy
and patterson you. all Selfishness
is really Cannibalism

My Dear Son [Alexander]

Yours dated at Clyman
Received. Also Yours from the "Lakes Home" and the
Journal". I addressed one to you at the Lakes which you have not
received. I judge, "Winchell" I presume Gave you Hits, and He is
a Big Gun. Dan Kirk was telling me he is a Michigan University
Man, famed as a Geologist. David calls in Always and Stays
With me a day When he comes round on his Chief Pedagogical
Tours. do not let the Way I just Hint lead you to think he does up
his travelling afoot. for he has a Buggy and old horse. David
Read Your little Article in the Journal and Says he sees
the same Ideas in relation to the Object of the Schools. for my
part I do not See why the Common School Could not be made
the End all for the Multitude and yet be also Subservient to
the interests of the Higher Classes also. It certainly Should be
the University for the Pleb as are the Parish Schools of
Scotland. Where they are taught Geometry and Latin if they
Will it. But I presume I do not understand the Question
Sufficiently.

We are to Secure this Corps but Very
little Must With Grasshoppers. But they are Boring the Ground
and Jolenting Reed With us and next Years Crop is Quite
doubtful. We must Lay up in Store this Fall for to meet
the Lean Kine of the future. two Men Stayed With us last
night Who told me. That a few miles North of St peters
the hoppers lay Six inches deep in the road for miles. So that
their Buggy Wheels did not touch Ground. Another
Invading Column 200 miles long Last Week Came in
from Northern Dakota and reach from the M. Joseph
Road to Mankato. the Western Range of Towns in our County
have been Cleaned out perfectly of Crops. So I like to tell me
he rode through them, and all the Counties North of us are
Sitto, Somehow they have not Settled heavily upon us
as Yet. I Should send you Bag of Eggs out of the Ground if

Write me if Bower Acts to Continue Office, and if Yes will Come to Clyman and Stay with me, But when you Come to Clyman Remember to Bring your Commission as Notary Public with you

there there no danger in it. But I am all Grasshopper, and no Wonder. They are continually before my Eyes. and the sound of their wings is like the Hum of a Spinning Mill. When you raise them in the path through the Farm. Dirk tells me the Welch Methodists have held special prayer meetings against them. Nevertheless they have switched them out clean. And now you and Uncle William will laugh. Entomology must be studied You see, as well as the prayer Cure. and all of our relations to the General Economy of Gods providence. I cannot Explain all I see on many sides of me. Yet what I do know I am bound to hold on to. Nor, because I do not know and understand All that the Governing personal Intelligence does or does not. should I let Go my belief in his Eternal Vigilance. and direction, from the Upheaval of a Continent to the fall of a Grasshopper. "Coggia" has Gone down. and I am afraid U. V. Rector has also. O Lucifer Son of the Morning How art thou fallen!! or was he all the time only a Meteor? and not one of the Holy ones in the path of the Zodiac? Lord tell it not in Gath! lest the Unbelieving Come out With there Timbrels, Let us consider however that Every thing, (Like the scab.) must come to the surface, and that which is spoken in the Ear in the Parlor will necessarily be shouted from the top of Bunker Hill, and let us Revert to the Wisdom of the Master Who has penetrated to Universal Principle and taught us in there simple and unprovincial Maxims.

David is driving the reaper, a full crew behind him 10 & a day I Guess. But we cannot help it. David is not in Good trim. and the stuff must be Got Off. besides we are afraid of the inevitable Grass — We Let Get them in the Barn as Well as every where else. We Look every day for Emma to be a Bell. This also is a Vanity under the Sun. All is Vanity Saith the preacher, and Dissertations of Christ, But Solomon is a poor Stick to preach on such topics, isn't He? he I think must have interlarded all his Sermons occasionally with "Green Grow the rushes O!"

I received a Note to You from Williams Junior inviting You to the Business You are now at. I need not return it to You But it made us all think that You were coming home. a having sent your letter before You to await Your arrival If You Get the Professorship School. You will have Good pay. and I hope You will walk wisely and take Care of it. I look for Your promised letter to be written on Sunday. Giving particulars, I look Jeremias to Come home near the End of August. and I weary to see her. Tom I suppose is in Andover. Whether he will Write to me or not I cannot say. I should be sorry if he does not. and Would like if You would become Mediator Between us. I need a few plain things to him and may have sent him a little. as Whatever exist to me, I must Speak to that appears to be the truth, between You all. I do not like to see those that are down trampled upon. Nor to see the General sin call upon the Head of one. Who Being in reality Guilty has enough to do to Carry their own burden. Nor Yet to see the Spirit of Phariseeism Evoked from a personage Rule over the Ruins, rough shod. This Holier than thou Spirit is Capable of cruel things. and must be resisted This would be Aristocracy of Superiorness in Holiness. Looking as it does the true Germ of Justice, & his consideration away with it. Away with all Security Arrogance and Exact distributive Sycophancy. It becomes all of us all down together to be tender of one another, Row tenderest to the most Erring as being liable to the most stepping. for Caught is the best of Justice they cannot Get out until they have payed the uttermost farthing.

The railroad is being laid more. and the train will be running from Gardner to Hankoto this fall. They are laying the track in the Big Swamp. Abbott is tugging away at his Harvest alone. Not because he cannot Get help, But because he chose it. there is both Grit and Stamina in Jeremy What ever Else. But he is not Social unless he is allowed to be the Oracle. time will Cure him of that yet. and it is unreasonable to Look fruit from a Tree Which is but rotting away and Exfoliating its Leaves. He Grows Mentally upwards. Yearly.

Little Jamie and I have just been out with a pair of Nets to the Nesters. a very nice morning. With a Gentle northwester blowing. really pleasant harvest Weather. I hope you all have it Good Also in Clyman. But I do not see how you Can work in the hot sun after so long doing no Mannual Labour. You do not use Your Body right in such sudden Changes: it is entirely unnatural and must be a Compulsion of Muscle by Brain.

I have had some Eyes of late. I thought at first by pressing them in pulling some unknown Weeds in the Coon. terribly inflamed Eyelids. I practiced them and now am all nearly right again. I do not think more they were poisoned. but the result of a corrupt state of the Blood Generally and the exceeding hot Weather, and much reading I here been reading "Neander" on the first planting of the Church, and his Antiquities and Review of the Writings of "Tertullian" for all which I suppose You do not Care a fig. Nevertheless very interesting to me. I find in Tertullian much that indicates the Roman forms and superstitions in that Early age. (the latter portions of the Record Entire.) a superabundance of Fanciful without Basis in our Script, I wish much she had anything extant Clearing up the dense mist of the Early Periods. Neander like all the rest is Compelled to deduce all from the Epistles and Book of Acts. he says the second Epistle of Peter is spurious. that Hebrews is not Written by Paul, that the last Chapter of St Johns Gospel is a forgery. these German Critics are close searchers and thinkers. and it is a very small affair that Escapes them. he exhibits the impossibility of the Genuineness of those parts he rejects from internal Evidence of Spuriosity in themselves, a very Erudite. Talented Man. and Without Evangelicism But where can the rest before such searching Criticism? and how can the Church the remainder of the rejected that which has been so long accepted? the portions rejected look as like the Word of God as that which is left. and I know from the Key is of the same stamp. being Correspondentially and written in the Secret Hieroglyph. and I have been to Memphis But I walk over the Coals and must shut up.

Write soon and in full. Give my Respect to Your Uncle William and Genefetha. to all the House. I would have liked to have seen You in Brothers persence. But everyone must fill out his own destiny, in all Good Wishes for Your Welfare. I remain Yours. Johnston

Rapidan July 31st 1874

but even if he could not deceive you, he may induce others to say that he had. and this also is damnation in this world.

Yours Dear Sarah — [Christie]

This morning has begun with a Thunder Storm, it is unlikely there will be any Harvesting done to day. David is stooking the Reaper and has 4 men binding after it, at a cost of from 8 to 10 $ per day, the Crop is rather above an Average one I think, it would need to be, as for binding alone, it will probably cost very near 100 $. It will be secured without any loss from Grasshoppers. Worth Mentioning, They have much increased in Numbers this Week. and are now doing Considerable damage in the Corn. the probability is that next Year they will destroy Corps Generally through the Section of Country. But I can get no reliable information from anyone as to their Habits of Life, I mean their Natural History. further than what I see myself. "Entomology" ought to be Studied in our Common Schools by the Older pupils, and should be made a speciality in Rural Districts in Conjunction with Botany. I find no One of the people Nature to the Country who can tell me anything reliable of the plants or insects which have their Habitat around us. Common School Education on the present system does not Amount to much, it is Costly and inefficient the people Generally and almost Without Exception are Quite uninformed on almost all subjects. Yet they are Quick to Apprehend, and the pity is, they have no instructions. Yet I do not know that knowledge of Entomology would help us much in our troubles with the insect World the perfection of their Organs. their Amazing fecundity. their various transformations. their powers of flight and General Illusory abilities defy man to check them much. Yet such information as could be taught in School about them would be so much of a Natural Basis for a True Theology and

When the Army of U. States goes to take the Field, all things to the Victor. it Confers the Spoils of Victory. "Being All things to all men. is Condemned by the Genius of the Apostle Paul. Yet in the Exercise of the Common Sense of the Christian Man/Woman

Do not be alarmed Yours

would entirely facilitate Moral and intellectual Culture Generally. Altogether it seems very Evident that the Economy of this world is not so much for the Benefit of the physical Welfare of our race as for their Moral Growth. And Culture in Ethic and Esthetic seems to me to be the the Highest Object of our present pilgrimage, Scripture is simply the Essence of the Universal Teaching, which is Given in detail in Universal Nature. and therefore the best introduction to the Study of Scripture would be the Study first of the Chapters and Verses of Nature. for that undoubtedly is the Oldest Testament the Ancient Unique revelation, Containing Both Law and Gospel. Prophecy and Apocalypse. There is no Doctrine taught in our Sacred Book, which is not foreshadowed in the Ancient Book of infinite Leaves, as why not? God first revealed Himself in His Works. which are indeed His Word. "He spoke and it was done." The Common School should be made the University for the Common people there should at least be an introductory Course in Science, more particularly in those simple Sciences which are Convergent with the Objects of Common Observation. and for the few who have means and inclination to follow up this first instruction in Science there are the Higher Institutions. But it is very Evident that the people in mass are neglected. they are really not instructed further than in the use of the instruments.

August 1st. Last night I received your note to Sandy Page. He is full of outrageous Absurdity Whenever things do not come out just as he thinks his little schemes require and imagines that every thing is rushing into Chaos, because in him the Central faculty of the Soul is Weak. the innate Conviction of the Divine personality Governing in all things. In him it is an Organic and Constitutional defect. and is a much Greater loss to him than if he had been born with defective intellect. Every such defect is the result of parental Circumstances and Condition. and seeing such things, Conceive if You Can, how their manifestations in the Children must Excoriate the Hearts of Parents Who have been Guilty of Giving such imperfect Organizations to their Children. /

I am not anxious Sandy should Get this or that place. But am Willing to wait. I believe That there is a Special Care of Each individual and however and whatever is for the best while result in the End. if We shall rely upon this Government. and in Spirit look only for a righteous End, let us not forget what this means nor Who said it, "What I do Thou knowest not now. But Thou shalt know hereafter" now Let us either forget that this was said only to the faithful, To those who Yield to this Guidance and unseen Government, Who Trust in it, nor need We to doubt that this Care will also be bestowed upon those Who know not of it nor believe in it, if We shall Carry them upon our Hearts before the Commiserating Saviour. I bear all of my Children on my Heart Continually before God. all Unworthy as I am. trusting to His Beneficence alone.

I sent a letter to Alex at the "Vilas House", Madison, in which I told him our Condition here, and also Anticipating that he would not succeed in Getting such a School as he asks for, I did what I could to encourage him, and break the force of his disappointment. it is Evident he did not receive that Letter, But I have written another since addressed "Clyman". and when his Words are Well I look to receive an Answer from him. I presume just as full of Self Confidence as ever. just as blind to the Overruling Providence as ever. It is a thing I look for always after any Vain Boasting. to hear of a check to it. I have experience such myself. if I did not hear of such disappointments in Sandy's case I would think that God had left him to himself. But more I see He is not left Alone and that the Retaining Hand is over him to keep him in the Light. But there is much of this Vain Conceit in Sandy's letters and Conversation which Comes from the mere External intellectual Man. The True Spiritual Man in him is Wiser and really regulates his Conduct in Opposition to all this seeming Impiety and Folly. You will observe his Conduct does not agree with his Talk. being indeed always, outwardly Moral and unselfish,

Daniel is just about well enough to see to the Harvest, and cut the grain. When Emmee will get through her affair I cannot Guess. But I write let you know when it happen Lannie is well. Mother & Tole the same. My Eye is more Well and We here Came for Thankfullness. Yet in General act as is usual, pour Long Relist of Ungratefullness and Continual disobedience. It is Chronic in our race, But my Hope is that in Another Condition of Being We shall Go to a School where Righteousness and Peace Gratitude will be the daily task to learn, and under Auspices more favorable to its Acquisition. Disencumbered of this Envelope of Clay We shall not be drawn aside by its Clamorous Will.

Daniel received your postal Card, and Emma has received your package. I do not know by inspection its Contents. Yet know just as well. Some little affair which must be kept under the rose from Men. Rhoda in Womens affairs is always Doorkeeper, as You will find She was where the disciples were Gathered together praying for peter. (Acts XII. 13.) (in the Ancient World the rose was the Symbol of Secretiveness)

Is this not a terrible affair of Beecher's? as a result of the Evidence now before me I am inclined to think H. W. is Guilty of all charged against him. It seems to me some one must Go Crazy before this is Ultimately settled. There is no reliance to be placed on Man. "O Lucifer, Son of the Morning, how art Thou fallen". Mr Beecher if any one was a Light bearer to Thousands, and I feel much hurt in his Descent. Christ alone is Infallible and immaculate! for the assertion of this was it necessary that H. W should be permitted to Go down? This Silton Woman must be a Silly Creature. Let all take Warning. There seems to be some Secret Connection between Christian's Love in Humanity and another Love which is impure, And I for one since in this denouement that the Sisterhood and the Brotherhood of Christian feeling Hate needs the Wall of Separation for the sake of purity. From the time of the sons of Eli all down through the History of the Church the Devil has always come in in the Guise of Christ. When they think they are most walking in the Light as a matter of Course they are nearest to the fire. In physics the one can be Converted into the other, and sometimes the Angel of Light in Spirit is easily transformed into Satan. I say set up the Bars. Lock your State door and keep your neighbour Honest. There is too much pleasure, too many delights in the Society of the Rich. and the Castle of pleasure is difficult of defence. I thank God this day that I am poor and have always been so. to you. I say take care of being protogees amongst the young men. Let your Communion with them be in the Society of others. it is safe. and Cut out also the tongue of Slander. Mind more when I say