


# James C. Christie and Family Papers

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[ca 1876]

I enclose this second letter from Sarah to you. I am not afraid the can influence you to think of there schemes as Legitimate. they remind me of Jumping from a Balloon on fire or burst at top and trusting to a parachute that has been eat Eaten. Sarah is laying snares again. and the dreadful thing is she will be caught in them surely whether the shall endow them or not.

Davie probably will write to you soon. He is place phis steadily. Joe working with him for 2½ months so loved to attend winter school - to do chores also while at school. I have finished plastering the Logs of our house. and whitewashing inside. finished the South siding of Green ary. Robert up Sarahs house left unfinished Etc. pete.. and am sure for ing his Windows and repairing them. I have little time or ability to write. write when you can. inditing the matter as it is. and nothing Extenuating. as I think you are doing

the little Chap is in Good health, speaks considerably now. his mother will soon be to bed and Come of course, Multy. tyed.

Weather very Cloudy. dreary & Giggly and Melancholy. Miserere mei. But I see imaginatively that the Sun shines above it all, and through it all, and seeing it thus of course, is in it all, and thankful at core about it all.

Write When you can and so Goodbye. H. —

P.S. I have kept back the pictures Sent for to send postage

Thursday Morning 18th
[ca 1876]

Dear Father;

Time for only a line.
I have "struck ile", Cambridge lad
of 17 from the High School wants to
catch up with Freshman Class in Engin-
eering and join them in a
month or two (or three).
1.50 per hour. for a week or two 5—
lessons a week. My treat.
Brown - Sequard lectures here 14th
on Special Centres &c. &c.
— must go.

Yours Jubilantly

Alex. J. Christie

Rapidan. Sunday 27th 1876

My Dear Sarah—
[Christe]

Your last received,
in which you speak of being in
Chicago working for the College.
I had not intended writing to
you at this time again, having
seen Mentioned in the Mankato
Paper of your being Elected to a
Teachers place in the public Schools
there., anticipated seeing you here
But now I think you are not
Coming here.

Now Let me tell you of our
Situation here. You know my
Habit of Daniel precaution
Health at all times, in fact he is
seldom able to do much work of any
Kind, and in Consequence almost
all this Work is done by Hired help
at Large Wages, this Altho is a Great
drain upon the resources of the place

at all times.

And this year Linen Threshing has been done the Same all discovered to our Confusions Loss the Whole Crop, Will not much more than pay for the Expenses of the Work done on the farm. Store Bills to pay, Taxes &c Cannot be paid. I speak the simple truth.

And to us this unspeakably depressing. Now here is this dreadfull Debt of Yours lying upon us. With interest at the rate of 24 per Cent per Annum. the Note also due Sometime next Month. What is to be done I cannot think, it deprives me of all rest, or peace, here also is Alex Linen Working all this Year for Daniel has no School as yet. Can get no Ways from Daniel, has not indeed received from him his pay for last Winter's teaching, just think of these things and Circumstances and Consider how it Will be.

I pity Daniel, nor do I Wonder at his depressed Condition. he is over head and Ears in debt, and so far as I see the Only thing that Can Save him or Me Either from Beggary & the Homestead Laws, He might be able to struggle through if not for Your Debts. And to add to the Sorrowful outlook, Hen we have Grasshoppers been Laying Eggs now for at Least one Month Continuously, and there is Little or no hope for any Crop next Year but Grasshoppers, it is truly Enough to drive one distracted.

What is to be done unless You Shall Send money to pay this Debt ~~is~~ I cannot think, I and Fear disgrace and Shame besides on Your and our own account. If You have any Conscience any feelings of Compassion for any of us You Will Certainly do

What you ought to have done long ago. that is, send money to relieve us from this dreadful trouble and disgrace. this is the only possible way in which you can hope to be considered as anything else than the Destroyer of this Whole Family.

I am sure I do not deserve this of you, nor do I think any one of your Brothers. think! Write me of the position in your Mind will in our Estimation!

Mother and I are almost destitute of Clothes and no hope of Getting them in our power, I could take you of many things besides, but what use?

If you do not send that Money soon, You need talk no more to me at least. Your incorrigible selfishness will be demonstrated beyond all Doubt.

In trouble and real sorrow for You. Sharpless

# Song of the class of '76.

1.

The day with its sunshine must close,
And the shadows at last must fall,
As the sweet lines of violet and rose
Grow dim by the garden wall,

2.

But the friendships here nurtured by care
All fresh as the morning dew
Like the song and the morning prayer
Still come to us ever new.

3.

Then know as the echoes grow fainter,
Of foot-steps that pass from this hall,
Though our paths must diverge from this center
'Twill be the heart-home to us all.

4, Class.

"Then hail to our Alma Mater,
All hail to her principles True;
We commend thee to God our Creator,
And sigh as we bid thee adieu."

By a member of the class."

Indissoluble
punctilious exactness behavior

138 miles from Chicago
2 Miss. fast Train run
it in 139 minutes."
(Change)
24 passengers.

January 1st 1876

This certifies that W. L. Stevens, pursuant to a call made on him by me, has performed labor in furnishing material for road to the amount of four dollars, and said amount is to be received in payment of any road tax due from said person to this road district on this or any succeeding year

S. S. Ingram

Path master

Audover, Jan. 2. 1876 +

My Dear Father: [James Christie]

Your letter of many dates came yesterday together with a short one from Alex. I am certainly to blame for neglect of writing: it has troubled my conscience a good deal — which shows I am not altogether hardened.

The time will come some time, I hope, when I shall be the master of myself: as it is now, there are twenty strings fastened to me, and I am jerked this way and that without cessation. I write very slowly, never being able to get through a good letter in less than two hours, and this time seems very precious to me in view of all that I want to do.

But here I must quote against myself the words of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius, who says: "I learned from Alexander the Platonic, not frequently nor without necessity to say to any one, or to write in a letter, that I have no leisure;

nor continually to excuse the neglect of duties required by our relation to those with whom we live, by alleging urgent occupations." I take, then, the blame to myself for these silences, and promise better things in future.

I sat last night by the bedside of a dying man, and besides the other thought that would come at such a time, I considered these: 1, How thankful I am that you have been spared to me and to the rest of us for so long. I thought of the wise talks you used to give me when we sat down to rest under the elms at the west road with our scythes by our side, or when I would come home from a day's work threshing utterly wearied out, or when we used to carpenter together in the building of that little red granary: and of the cheery letters you wrote me in the army — always full of love and hope and wisdom — how much good they did me, and how I grieved when the opening of a new campaign and the ruthless orders to "reduce baggage" compelled me to burn them. Your letters to me in College I have yet, & shall keep them while I live. In all these ways you poured your life into me, and I feel myself the richer for it. Our good Prof. Porter used to say — "we professors cannot preach much ourselves, but then we have seen preaching for us all over the world" — so will you preach in every utterance of mine. I am thankful to you for the firm establishing you gave me in good principles in those early days. You never put Byron into my hands: Cousin Helen told me last summer that her father would give her Byron to read, and that you warned her against Byron and his school, — and she remembers it now with gratitude. You see children

never forget things, and that is why I am Earnest for Sunday school work. There is nothing so permanent as these early impressions. How poor and mean is our faith with regard to this; how neglectful are we of this precious seed-sowing! Yes, I am thankful to you for the past, and I am thankful to God at this New Year season of 1876, that you are still spared to me.

Part of your letter is quite November, but the latter half is out of that mood, and I was glad to see it.

We must cheer up: the days are growing longer already, and to those who believe, there is no such thing as eternal winter. I wish I had half your leisure on my hands! I am trying to find a little time every day in which to commit precious Scriptures to memory, so as to have them sink down deeper into me, that I may taste them in all their sweetness, and

I have been thinking how I should
Enjoy a week or month with you
in that hermitage for this purpose.
What treasures I could quarry of these
shining truths! By the way, you
have never told me just where your
new domicilium, οἶκία, βασίλειον,
בֵּית, —, is situated. Is it North, South,
or west, of David's? Get that math-
ematician to define its position by
axis of ordinates &c, and draw me
a plan of the interior. Where do you
keep him? As near the stars as pos-
sible, I presume; where with young
Milton he sings, surrounded by his
books and globes:

"Or let my lamp, at midnight hour,
Be seen in some high lonely tower,
Where I may oft outwatch the Bear,
With thrice great Hermes, or unsphere
The spirit of Plato, to unfold
What worlds, or what vast regions hold
The immortal mind that hath forsook

Her mansion in this fleshly nook:
And of those demons that are found
In fire, air, flood, or underground,
Whose power hath a true consent,
With planet or with element."

You see I take it for granted that he is still at his Greek.

Got a good letter from Bro. Will the other day, which I must forward you.

As to ourselves, we are happy every day as we can well be. The Lord provides for our external life through many channels: my teaching, and the kindness of friends. Mr. Brewer sends us our butter, and will send some beef soon: a gentleman in Everett, Mass. whom I never saw, sends me $100, this year by quarterly installments: Prof. Park stopped me after lecture the other day and said his wife wanted to see me. When I called, she brought out a magnificent overcoat, one of the finest I ever saw, worth at least $50. Which had been sent to her by a Boston friend and told me to put it on. I remonstrated, told her I had an overcoat, which though old was yet a very good one, and that there must be others in the Seminary needing a new one more than I, — but in vain: she simply said, her eyes twinkling with pleasure, "No, No, I want you to have it, I mean it for you". So you should have seen Carrie's eyes open when I brought it home! And thus are we cared for in one way and another, while health and strength were never better.

The Babies! as you say, "Who does not love them?" Bess climbed out of her crib into our bed this morning at daylight. "Who is that?" "Why, your Bessie." "Where is Bessie going?" "goin' to get into bed wiz Mamma and Papa and Baby." "What is Bessie good for?" "Oh, dood for anysin" (anything) She is a Whopper for size, weight, and activity, but little Anna is our modest, loving

quiet little flower. No contrast could be greater than there is between these two children, and yet there is a wonderful sympathy between them. Bessie somehow, can get nearer to the baby than we can. It is an argument to me for the Incarnation. Bess got a lovely English wax doll, two feet high, with eyes that shut when it is laid down on its back, and open in the most natural manner when it is lifted again, — she got this beautiful present from the Christmas tree of our Riverside Mission last week. She has many ardent admirers among our good English people there. We enjoy very much the sight of young Alexander. He is a fine looking fellow. C says — "not so pretty as Jamie though." I think he looks more like David. May he be a boy spared to all of you.

And now I must tell you of my new field of work in Lawrence. In the same part of the city with our Riverside

they fill our home with music and sunshine. God bless the babes.

Tom does not change much only for the better. He is maturing and growing more steady and regular in the methods of work. His heart is light. hopeful. joyful. impulsive loving and trusting as when last you saw him. The best of a husband and a most tender and affectionate father.

I hope it will not be many years before we can meet you again. Then we should understand each other better and spend many hours together as we should be glad to think of in the future.

You must enjoy your new house, be cozy and quiet as it must be.

Thank you for the picture of little Alex. He is a fine looking lottie. Give him a kiss for me. It is so late I must go to bed.

My love to David & Emma & Gopher.

Believe me your affectionate daughter
Carmelite.

Sabbath Evening.

Jan. 2nd 1876.

Dear Father Christie.

There are so many things I should like to write you and yet so little time, I am at a loss to choose in order to most interest you.

Tom has not been the only one to think of you and long for opportunity to write often. I have been hindered as he has by much to do, for besides the two little ones to care for we have had a young German boarding with us the past few weeks. He is working hard at translation, a fine student, and a pleasant member of our family. We all have excellent health consequently are in the best of spirits, joyous in the present and full of hope for the future. The children are a continual source of delight and pride.

I send us flowers are also dying. I would like to have one of them. I send must do without the good

Mankato Minn. Jan'y 3d 78.

My Dear Sister: [S.J. Christie, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.]

What does this mean? and to what terrible extremities do you mean to drive us? Here am I, turned back from Harvard before getting through this, and nearly starving to death for want of money, before getting home to take our school at the paltry salary of $40; and for lack of money. Have crowded into corners at every turn by the burden upon him. In vain he waits, in vain we all wait for anything of all you promised: and now, at a most critical juncture, another volcano opens at our feet. Here, in the streets of Mankato, Arnold tells us of your treatment of

him in relation to the $35 you got
of him — carrying it away with
you after Dave gave you $25.
We heard by way of Gordon City of
your having written to Parker.
Financially we are ruined already;
but is all honor to be lost?
You must respond. I make this last
appeal as a brother. I am des-
perate. Retrace your steps, no more
of this — or ———

Alex.

Rapidan Jan 9 1876.

[Sarah J. Christie]

Dear Sister we are all in our Usual Good health. But why So long a Silence from you when you know just how Maters Stand. I must confess I do not Like the way you do Buisness. you went away from here with the impression that Arnott was Going to Sign that Note. well he wrote to you he Could not do it. and you never answered his Letter. he never Spoke to me about it. Supposeing you had written to me about it. I Spoke to him when the Note was Due he Said he Could not Sign it again and had written So to you well I had to go and pay the Intrest up which was 36 Dollars. Leave my work right in plowing time haul off 336. bushels of wheat and Store it turning over the wheat checks for Security also Giveing my Note for 300 Dollars at Eighteen percent well I Borowed 25 Dollars for you to go away with which was 26. when Due you also owed me 30. Dollars you Said you would Send it up very Soon you Did not do it I had to pay the 26 Dollars which makes 92 Dollars in Money besides 336. bushels of wheat as Security for Money. you told me time and again that it never would Cost me a cent or Even any Trouble Now I want to know Just what you mean by Such conduct you have Got me into a mess which will Ruin the whole Conserne

I have got Debts to pay now wheat at 85 cents per bushel
besides haveing had to Sell a good Deal in the Fall
Now I want you to Send me that ~~&~~ 92. Dollars as soon
as you get this and Let me know what you can do
about the other when Due now do not put this off Sarah
but write at once and Let me know all about it
The Baby is quite well and has got 11 teeth now
we have had a very fine winter but it is very Cold to night
Now Sarah write as Soon as you get this
from your afectionate Brother
D D Christie

that I may have said things which I you may not have wished me to say Even to your friend— though I say again that I have never said anything of which I thought you would disapprove. If you have anything against me will you tell me— Miss Ohiddie, I hope your life will be a happy one, free from all suffering.

Goodnight—

Florence Stuart. Monday Eve— Jan. 10, 1876

My dearest, dearest Friend—

I write to you tonight with my eyes full of tears and with a heart-ache that I cannot ease. O my friend, I have loved you dutifully; I have given you an homage that was almost adoration. And I did not think my love upon you, Miss Ohiddie you drew me to yourself, you seemed to like me— I thought it was a strong liking; you placed some confidence in me, you indicated to me in many ways your regard. And I thought you would love me always

I was very happy in the belief that you loved me and would help me and would let me help you when I could.

You went away.— You did not tell me you were not coming back— and I,— I never dreamed— I supposed you were so much prized in the school that they would not <u>let</u> you go. And I stood in your room that Sunday afternoon, sorry indeed that I must part with you, but glad in the thought that after vacation I should meet you again and bask in your love day after day. Ever since you kissed me the first time I have been trying to be a better, truer woman so as to be more worthy of your esteem. How I have failed in my endeavors ~~know~~ no one knows better than I myself; but I have <u>tried</u>; no one knows how earnestly I have <u>prayed</u>, what despairing tears I have shed because I could not be good— but— day after day and hour after hour I thought of you and your goodness and sweetness of character. And I think of them yet,— but to what avail? Miss Christie I did wrong— very wrong— I have acknowledged it in both my other letters, I have told you the reasons why I did not write and I have begged you to forgive; but you send me no word, you are as silent as though you had died. Now and then I hear faint rumors about you— that you are winning "golden opinions" in your new field of labor— and— they sound like messages from the land of Spirits.

I have feared that you think I have said something about you which I ought not; that I have betrayed your confidence or something of the kind. I don't know of any earthly reason why you should think so for I have never <u>spoken</u> of you except to those who were your sincere friends

and I have never, knowingly, abused your trust in the smallest degree. And I am willing to you again; I did not think I should do so, for I did not wish to trouble you — but tonight my heart has cried out for you as never before; and it will not be silenced. O Miss Christie, Miss Christie! if you have had any love for me, if you did mean anything by the kindness which you showed me I beg, I pray you - to write to me now - quickly. I will not trouble you with letters; if you wish it I will never speak of your letter to any living soul — only write to me. Surely, surely, you cannot think me unmanly, Miss Christie — if you do you cannot know I anything of what I have suffered. But if you do not write I shall know that you wish me to forget and I will try to do so; — only if I can ever help or comfort you in any way how gladly I will do it. My friend — I must call you that — I fear

Lowell. Wis. Jan. 14th 1876.

Friend Christie, [Responder]

I received a welcome letter from you yesterday and briefly reply. In answer to your question — "can you wait? I will say take your own time. The note I marked due in one year from its date — I believe about the middle of April 1876. You need not pay any interest till that time, and then if you need the money you can have it longer and more with it if I have it on hand. I think you wise to take the course you have and not get deeply in debt. I am very sorry that you and David are in trouble but it may turn out for the best. I, of course, do not know the particulars but can guess that you and others are trying

hard to save the credit and honor of one and also to prevent loss on the part of another or others.
This is very praiseworthy in you but hard indeed. I sympathize with you. This, all, teaches us that we should be cautious what we undertake; "look before we leap"; "count the cost before we build" Many a young woman and many a young man has been heavily burdened all through life by getting deeply in debt when young.
Some run great risks and come out all right more, however, lose their precious credit and honor.
But enough of this, we all make mistakes and have to run some risks.
Our folks are all well and send their love and respects. We hear many of the older scholars here say "I wish Mr. Christie would come and teach school".

You will probably receive a copy of a liberal paper from New York called the "Truth Seeker".
I take it and like it much.
I sent him your name in answer to the Editor's request.
Write us often and let us know how you prosper.
Look on the bright side for they say it is the right side.
Please remember me to your father, mother and all the rest.

Yours very truly,

L. M. Benson.

# United States Internal Revenue,

**Dep'y Collector's Office, 5th District, Wisconsin,**

Beaver Dam January 16th, 1876.

My dear Alex

Your favor of 10th inst. at hand
am sorry to hear of Davies misfortune
but hope he will soon be able to resume
his usual avocations. You could have liked
if You could have done something in the
Tree line - both for the Good of the
Nursery and Yourself - but Your reasons
seem to be good. How I must tell You
that I have sold my interest in the
Nursery or at least made given it
away for I had to do that - & dispose
of it. I formed things in a very bad
shape when I came here and I made

up my mind to get rid of it as
soon as I could - and take my
chances of finding something else
to do - thinking a Bird in the hand
was worth two in the bush and as
this had been very much in the bush
as much as that - I had been unable
to receive even an Egg or a feather
I thought I had better get one in
my hand - and then I'd know just
what I had got -. And I am going
the first of next Month back to
Manitowoc and also Sheboygan to
keep the Whisky men in order -
The collector telegraphed to me
Jany 31st - last - & see if I would do so

and take both places - so I went
up last week and arranged the
matter - so you see I am pretty
fortunate so far as finding some-
thing to do so quickly. My folks
will remain in B. Dam - at least
for the present -. Rosine health
was not good over there - neither
has it been here - she has been
up and down ever since we came
back - and last week under the Dr's
care. When you send me that - interest
send to me at Manitowoc that - is
unless you send before the 29th of
this Month as after that I expect -
& be there. I am sorry for you

that things have turned out as they have — no — that surely you mentioned has not asked me for any money and it would do no good for I don't think I could have complied with any such request. What in the name of God does she do with it I supposed that she was getting along all right since going to Minnesota I hope you will get that superintendency because the pay is tolerable and the labors perhaps not quite so hard as teaching, at least you will be out doors a good deal and will not tie you up so much — I must now close — as I have to hurry & get this into mail tonight.

Love to all — and hoping to hear from you before long.

I am Yours truly

D. J. Butler

**Know all Men by these Presents,** That I Olof Anderson

of Rapidan

in the county of Blue Earth State of Minnesota party of the first part, being justly indebted to

Wm L Stevens

party of the second part in the sum of Sixty three & 50/100 Dollars,

being for value received, have for the purpose of securing the payment of said debt, Granted, Bargained, Sold and Mortgaged, and by these presents do Grant, Bargain, Sell and Mortgage unto the said Wm L Stevens his heirs and assigns, all that certain Personal Property described as follows, to-wit:

One Red Cow with White star in forehead five years old. also three red heifers one three years old, one two years old and one one year old, the two oldest have a little white on the belly

And which property is, at the time of the execution of this Mortgage, in the Town of Rapidan county of Blue Earth and State of Minnesota.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, and this Mortgage is executed upon the express condition that if the said Olof Anderson shall pay the said Wm L Stevens for the said sum of Sixty three & 50 cents Dollars, with interest thereon from the 12th day of January 1876, at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum until paid, according to the conditions of a certain Promissory Note, dated the 12th day of January 1876 due thirty days after date executed by said Olof Anderson which the said Olof Anderson hereby agrees to pay, then this transfer and mortgage to be void and of no effect, but in case of default or non-payment of said sum, or any part of the principal or interest thereof at the time when the same shall become payable, or if the mortgagor shall suffer said property, or any part thereof to unreasonably depreciate in value, or if any attempt shall be made to remove or dispose of said property, or any part thereof or if the said Wm L Stevens shall at any time deem said property or indebtedness unsafe or insecure, it shall be lawful for him or his agent to enter upon the premises of the said party of the first part or any other place where the said goods and chattles may be, to take possession of said property, to remove and dispose of the same at public or private sale, previous to the time above mentioned for the payment of said debt, and out of the avails thereof to retain the amount then due to the party of the second part, together with reasonable costs and disbursements of sale and keeping such property, and pay the surplus money, (if any), to the party of the first part. If from any cause said property shall fail to satisfy said debt, interests, costs and disbursements I do covenant and agree to pay the deficiency, together with Nine Dollars as attorney's fees in case of foreclosure, and keep said property in as good condition, as the same now is, at my cost and expense, hereby covenanting that I am now the lawful owner of said property, and will forever Warrant and Defend the title thereto against all persons whomsoever, and that said property is free from all incumberance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 12th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

W B Torrey

S. E. Fincke

L. S.

L. S.

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Olof Anderson Son L. S.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, } ss.
County of Blue Earth }

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 12 day of January
A. D. 1876, personally appeared before me, the undersigned
Olof Anderson

to me personally known to be the same person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledge that he executed the same freely and voluntarily.

Wm Stevens Notary Public

# CHATTEL MORTGAGE.

Olof Anderson

TO

Wm Stevens

*Dated* ..... 187

*of* ..... *Minnesota.*

*CLERK'S OFFICE.*

*The within Mortgage was received and filed in this office at* 8 *o'clock in the* fore *noon on the* 24th *day of* January *1876*

E. M. Reynolds

Town *Clerk.*

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Miss Christie [Sarah]

Your favor came to hand some days since. The contents pleased me exceedingly and I sincerely hope that Lelia may continue as she has begun. Recvd a letter from her last week which was a decided improvement on her former ones— Should be pleased to see you when you come to the city. Will pay a visit to Whalon as soon as business will permit— With love to Lelia and many thanks for the kind interest— You data in her last

Remain Yours very truly

M. M Peachey—

Dear Miss Adams [Jane]

[1876?]

Dear Sir, Do you think of Sunday yet?
What arrangement do you have for supplying the students with books & stationery? Do they get them at book stores, or where?
If you happen to hear of a chance to teach next year, where I would be likely to suit, let me know of it: will you

by the sickness of a sister. Miss Carmichael is quite responsible in a subdued way. She is getting quite the proper ministerial air & will be a success. Everything is just about the same as ever here. All ones go & new ones come. But average grade of dullness is about the same. the general air of stupidity remains unchanged.

Of course I will say nothing to Rockwood of your letter, & being done as you wished with it. Notwithstanding all, I suspect that all Episcopalians is a blind or a myth, perhaps not — but I will say no more about it. I did not intend to begin.

I am boarding at Mrs Lincoln's again, & find it very pleasant & convenient in some respects. I felt a great deal sorry for poor Norton & Miss Hunt. You know they became engaged last Spring before he went to Amherst; and they could only meet once a week. & that in the reception room, where anybody could see them, who chose to look in at the window. & Miss Evans was liable to open the door on them at any moment. Poor fellow! He used to say all manner of — but I have nearly reached the end of the paper. I hope you are mistaken about Rockwood & Miss K. Her leaving him strikes me as queer. Why! he is worth twice as much as she is.

G. No. 316 STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Blue Earth. } Mankato, Jan 18 1876

Received of Wm L Stevens the sum of

Fourteen 44/100 Dollars, in full for all taxes

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Stockbridge, Wis. Dec 18 1876

To whom It may Concern

This is to certify - that Alex S. Christie taught our Grades school as principal for a term of Nine Months Commencing in Sept 1874 - with very good success - and gave General Satisfaction

D. J. Millar
Clerk of
School Board

Saratoga January 23rd 1876

Dear Brother [Alexander]

Yours of the 8th ult. came to hand one week ago. We were sorry to hear that David had been sick and we hope that he is fully recovered and [illegible] the worse of the blow. We are all in good health and our boys have gone to school every day. Willie is also one in class of Singers he gets 15 lessons for one dollar & 50 cents. We have had a very mild winter so far. I have cleaned up and put in Store in St Charles 307 bushels of No 2 Wheat. I do not know how much I may realize on it but would only get 82 cents at present per bu I pay 4 dollars per hundred to get Chops if not sold shortly after. We had a letter from Maggie about Christmas & New Year in which we learned of the Death of Wm Emmons on the 31st of Dec at John Louths in Jefferson. he was up on Sta fair

did suddenly

I would be very much pleased

if you would get the position. could
you not make your connection with
— be of use to you in this case.
I feel as though you might. if you have
not thought of this try it. Glad to hear
that Father & Mother are both well and
I would like them both to come down
here in June. I have some corn out
in the shocks as yet. I have been
hauling some wood and been quite
busy and get there is known end
to my labor or Mary's either
would it be convenient for you to
forward those books we spoke of
when you were here. Charges to
be paid in St Charles. I have had
that money I owed to the Lodge,
and I feel as though had turned
the "Father's house into a den of
Money Changers, but No, some my
arrow. I would like to see a
letter from Father.

The list of Books are I think
as follows. Humboldt Cosmos
Taylor's Degrees,
Flammarions works,
and anything you may
be able to spare that you would
think very interesting
Please define the following
words, Cosine, & Cosine,
also Cortex
the first I find in the
Philosophy, and the in the
National Speller. never having
seen the last I sat down Father
Thinking to spell it at a
Spelling match,
Hoping you are all well
I am your Loving
Brother Williams Christ

Please give me your address
that is which one of the two pieces
prefer.

South Bend, Ohio,
Jan. 28th, 1876.

To A. J. Christie:

Sir,

Your favor of the 18th inst. is at hand, couched in such a tone of towering grandiloquence as illustrates the infinitude of your detestable self conceit and the meagerness of your sense of propriety. If you have quoted my language correctly, I am guilty of misspelling sportet, and placing tempus in the wrong declension. I am sorry that I scandalized you in so doing; but am I to blame for aught else?

How was I to know, or even mistrust, that the famous Wilhelm Freund and his translators were leading me so far astray in etymological labyrinths that I, unthinkingly, drew words for the construction of two sentences from more dead and dying languages than could be counted - even by a mathematician of your high standing. Oh, how thankful I should feel - that so brilliant a genius told me of my own stupidity and their duplicity! Although you

easily deciphered the obscure enigmas of Tertullian's style, yet (strange to say of so great a linguist) you required both grammar and lexicon to aid you in hammering a meaning out of my puerile Latin; but joy! your patience was at last rewarded. My words, deprived of the dusty robes of Roman antiquity, were before you in plain Anglo Saxon, conveying a meaning nonsensical in the extreme yet, withal, heavy with awe-inspiring, portentous mystery. Strange incongruity this; inexplicable-yea most marvelous! The nonsensical interpretation you understood: it was yours; and it stirred up your animosity to an alarming degree; but why, in your much vaunted wisdom, you should be fired by such an incentive, I cannot comprehend. Perhaps the shade of Tertullian is your mentor; for you evince all of his intense hatred, ~~and~~ though none of his intense love. It becomes you little to prate of friendship, reverence and honor-you who emulate Darwin, Huxley and Tyndall in sneering at the divine origin of all these attributes of the human heart, then turning assail the character of one who never sought to injure you in the least, and of whom you personally have little knowledge. Sir, you have lived too long among the brilliant stars of your self-constituted glory; come down awhile and study human nature; for when you have thoroughly learned the lesson, you will no longer interfere with the correspondence of another, or mistake the plain expressive of opinion for premeditated insult.

A letter from your father is by me, which, despite its tone of bitterness and strong insinuation, I would have answered at once, giving a satisfactory explanation of my far-from-reprehensible action, and requiting an explanation from him, had not your letter, breathing the baneful spirit of intimidation, come inopportunely on the scene. Hence, for the present, at least, I refrain from responding; nor will it be necessary for Cyrus and his legions to wake from their slumbers and befriend me: breathing the air of a free land, having the double shield of civil and moral law to protect me, and the Spirit of God to guide, I shall continue to express my just opinions untram-

melled by fear, and to defy all who with impunity would impeach my honor, or curtail my liberties

Further communications from you will be destroyed unread; therefore, "Peace be still."

Your book of poems will be returned at the earliest opportunity; for the use of the same, accept my sincere thanks.

With due regard,

I am, sir, etc.,

Thomas Kirk.

Syracuse N.Y. Jan 31-1876

Miss Christie [Sarah]

Kind Friend:—

Your welcome letter was duely rec'd. and, as you ask an immediate reply & answer at a time when it is not practicable for me to write very lengthly.

I am glad you are prospering at Wheaton - and sorry you have so much to do. but rejoice with you that there is a proper amount of health and strength given to sustain you in your labors

My health is as usual — while I am sometimes on the mountains of hope and sometimes in the valley

of despondincy.

I am thankful to you for your interest in me and kind advice. I think I shall probably continue my school duties the four weeks that remain for I have been on the journey so long and am so near through that it would seem cruel to stop now and die-collegically - "in sight of the promised land".

If I felt it was my duty to quit school on account of my health I would do so at once. But as I do not if I continue and it proves a detriment you certainly will not be to blame -

I thank you for your advice as I said above and I see nothing in your letter which needs to be forgiven. I have looked for my miss on Ben Butler but I think I did not bring it with me.

Parton's "Ben Butler in New Orleans" was the source of my information.

I do not think he is a good man for Widow to have a eulogy upon. However I hope he may not be influenced by his bad qualities.

We have had all sorts of weather this winter.

I have attend a great many very good lectures here and through the Y.M.C.A. have attained quite an extended acquaintanceship in the city for so short a time.

I should be quite reluctant

to leave here when the
time comes on some accounts
I shall probably be
in B— time for the
last train if Providence
wills

Best wish for your
success Sam

Your Friend
J. L. Stratton

Sunday Feb. 4 '06

Dear Miss Christie, [Sarah]

I felt somewhat blue when Rockwood told me you had written to him, and I re'd nothing, not much blue'r than I have felt for some months past when thinking of you only company in misery is some consolation and I took courage from the thought that you couldn't do without all your friends always.

My health has been remarkably good this winter. I study very hard but it doesn't seem to hurt me as it did at C. - There is not so much nervous strain, everything is more

returned. I wouldn't attend a boarding school again for the world.
I have not heard from Carleton since Christmas. Miss Evans was here spending her vacation. I called on her and had quite a long visit: she said they were all getting on nicely. spoke especially of Parker and how much she thought of him. I thought to draw me out. but I didn't draw. she said the Philomathian was progressing at a rapid rate. that there were quite a number of new girls. though I guess no very remarkable ones. inquired about you and introduced me to Miss White who was with her. it was twilight and I couldn't see her very well but she looks quite young. and rather girlish I thought.
I correspond with no one at C. except Belle. have not heard from her for weeks. Saw Miss Hunt, Norton, Jenny Sawyer, Cheney and others last fall at the meeting of the Y. W. C. A. in this place. Norton and Miss H. seemed quite devoted and I have heard since that they are together a good deal this term. shouldn't wonder if it should prove serious. if Thurston don't "smitten" him a thing which she will surely do if she finds a more congenial subject. i.e. one with more means and position.
I keep pretty well posted in regard to their affairs through miss Mack (Miss Rice's friend) Miss R. writes very confidential letters and Miss M. always tells me everything that concerns "Stick + Thurston".
I hear Mrs. Lee is in the Journal at Monkato do you know how it happened? I conclude that she failed in Kansas and Prof. Phelps has secured this position for her. It's handy to have an influential relation.
I don't remember that you ever told me anything about Mrs. L.'s history, but it was pretty well known and pretty thoroughly canvassed by "we girls" at C. not however outside of certain set.
I suppose you know of Jennie Bunker's marriage. think it was hurt for her dont you? I was rather surprised at Will Norton and Mrs. Scriver. but it must have been extremely convenient. he knew all about the business you know.
Mabel Wheaton is attending a Kindergarten in Dowel. to fit herself for teaching. I suppose.
I have seen Sawyer twice since I came here Goodness! how we did gossip! one old maid's tea party couldn't begin to come up to it. he talked very

fraly about everything and everybody
seemed to hurt me to an unlimited
extent - in fact, I think her nature
likes me anyway, and I think he
I know of. so far as goodness is con
is about as perfect a masculine as
cerned I mean, he is not my ideal
by any means
I don't care a fig for any of the boys
here - some pretty fine fellows
too, but somehow they are not my
"affinities"
Rockwood and I might as well
be a thousand miles apart for
all we have to do with each other
help it. I don't like him - never
will and I don't want to be
bothered. enclose you will re-
mind me of Monkeis influence
and duty of old friendship. Her
way influence there with her.
he seems to be getting along nicely
now - is well liked by Profs. and
students generally & I think - studies
hard and works hard, as usual.
is just about as nervous as ever
wish you were here to lecture him
on that - I don't dare to. we are
good friends as ever only I'm ugly.
I think strongly of teaching next summer
can leave school quite easily and I want
a rest or at least a change - shall prob-
ably go down to my old home - if I do
will stop at Smithfield a few days.
If you ask my advice about going East.
I should think it would be the best

Rapidan, Feb. 13th 1876

My Dear Sarah. [Christie, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.]

After looking in Great Anxiety for a letter from You for so long a time, and in Vain. I Learn by Your letters to David, Which I heard him read Yesterday that You had been Sick. That You had been sick in Body I did not Presume. But that You had been so in Mind and in heart I could not doubt. That You have been long so is My Continual Sorrow. I sit in Darkness.

My Dear Sarah When Will it Come that We can have full confidence in What You Say or Write? So often deceived We know not When to believe, nor What. It is simply impossible for me to say What I think or to express the feelings My thoughts Call up.

If all that You tell us is true You do indeed deserve our Pity.

if ever since Your Condition is much
more pitiable. It has become
Habitual to me that I try not to think of
You. that I may have peace. and for
me so necessary that I should believe
All You say in order to have Hope.
Hope for You. Your Course for so
many years to me is Entirely inexplicable
And I presume must remain so
until the Light of another World shall
show us All as we are. But yet
My Dear Sarah in Spite of all
I Love you. I pity You, and would
Lay down my life for your sake.
Lay is down to make you what I
desire You to be. and in despite
of My truth Speaking You must Continue
to look upon me and to feel that I
am Your Friend and Brother.
How terrible it is to me to
find apparent duplicity and dis in-
Genuineness Still manifesting them-
selves. Where I look for truth
and Simplicity. forgive me
I really can write
no more it is too painfull.
May the Lord open all
our Eyes and Show us to our selves
and to fill us with Aversion of
ourselves and pity for one Another.
I Beg of You my Dear Sarah
to restore My Confidence in You
by Your Actions and by Your Words.
Yet Words reveal Nothing.
May God keep us all
in his Care and Give us Strength
to do and to Bear each the Burden
that has been assigned to us
If time and health
permit write me a Line or two
Your Dear Sister in all
Love. Love in Anxiety for Your
Welfare. Your Brother
J Christie

"Pillsbury Hall",
Minneapolis, Feb 16" 1876.

My dear friend:- [Sarah Christie]

Last evening as I was musing by myself I wished (!) that I might have a pleasant surprise of some kind. Today as pleasant a surprise as one could wish for has come in the shape of a letter from you.

I did not know that you had been so sick as appears from what you have said. Sawyer wrote me a few weeks since that someone had seen Wilson, who reported that you were well through vacation. I think that is all I have heard since I sent you the letter last fall. I am glad now to hear

from yourself how you have been,
and hope that will soon be
blessed with better health than you
have known for some time, For
if I am not mistaken, your the disease
began to show itself not less than
a year ago. — I think I told
you that I was unusually well.
I still continue so. Have never
been better able to work than now.
I have been reasonably happy,
and, as formerly, always hopeful.
I was in Minneapolis during va-
cation, Would, of course, have
liked to go home, but that was
out of the question. In school
work I have done as well as usual
I think. I find both time and
inclination for some general
reading. Milton, Pope, Holland,
Emerson and Macaulay have
claimed more attention than any-
others. — I hear from home often.
Julia is teaching, Eli is on Father's
farm at Garden city, and father
has moved down town. If possible
I shall make arrangements for
Julia to come here next year.
In regard to accomplishing this,
hope and fear are alternately
predominant. I almost forgot
to say that Eli & Sarah have
a little girl two or three months
old. I may have mentioned it
before.

I want to tell you now what
you will be interested to know
and will probably hear in no
other way. Miss Knox is taking
a first rank in her class here. I
have heard the Prof's speak of her,
and the students, who have never
discovered that mysterious re-
lation between her & my self, make

frequent remarks in my hearing
which are all complimentary
to her scholarship. Some of
the boys say that she looks cross
enough to devour whatever
is in her way, but they all
say she has good recitations.
But she is working too hard and
lately does not look as well as she
ought. I have seen Miss K's mother
& sister two or three times and find
them very pleasant people.

I shall be here during the ~~spring~~
vacation, ~~I suppose~~ and presume
Miss K. will, also. Nothing would
give either of us more pleasure than
a visit from you.

Parker wrote me about the first of
last term and I answered his
letter, but he has since preserved
a profound silence. Sawyer
has given very favorable reports of

him and I hoped that he had put aside all bad habits, or rather all that looked toward a bad habit.

School life here seems very different from what it did at Northfield. We are subject to no rules except for the few recitation hours, and there is less to bind the students together as a family. There is little or no intercourse between teachers & Students outside of the class room, and among the students it is "each one for himself" to a great extent. The only one with whom I have associated on terms of anything like friendship is Keyser, from Mankato. He is the very best in our class of about 45, and perhaps there is none better in the whole school as an associate. I have taken

some trouble to court his favor, but once in a while he seems to give me the cold shoulder, - not intentionally, but it is the custom here.

I hear from Palmer frequently. He is the same to me that he used to be, - a valued friend.

I am more than glad to renew correspondence with you. I have missed your letters, & have often wished that I might see you.

If my letters are of any value to you, all the better. I would write them, with your permission, if they were to be at once consigned to the waste basket.

I shall wait expectantly for your next.

Your friend,

Chelsea J. Rockwood.

[illegible] 22 a Wednesday
College Church
Rev Charles E Shaw D.D. Pastor
Bible class
Sunday - School
Sermon on Immortality
Epworth League
Prayer-meeting
Bible-study
Subject
Scripture
Text

[illegible] [illegible]

Your letter is rec'd - I understand what you feel & what- ever- can I say or do - The cure I say the letter - until I can get any money - The will- & I have to bear is the knowledge I have that - I have caused you & Sandy & Dane so much grief & trouble & - never leaves me day or night - The past - cannot be undone, or lived over - all I can do - is to be as brave as I can be, under the circumstances - looking hopefully forward - & asking God to take the direction - instead of my willful - miserable self - There always is hope in the future - Thanks to God, possibilities for "even me" that ~~could~~ could scarcely be credited - under existing circumstances - So I preach to why should I take home the lessons I give sometimes - But- I will not - Talk of these things - as you say they are so painful

neither can I bear much talk of the kind - I am not strong -
I now teach three classes per day & have the care of the ladies of the building all the time - & of all the affairs outside in some particular - I am getting stronger all the time lately - I think I would be entirely well if I had some money - Finding I could not get money last fall brought on my illness more than anything else. I was in utter despair over it - Both of the Lady Principals who preceded me have rec'd only one half of their salaries yet - They [illegible] are cheerfully poor - as a school my heart is with them in their heroism & struggles - but - I don't like this disheartfully narrow fanaticism - It is all I can do to get along with it sometimes - Besides I see constantly - that if they would devote their undivided attention & energies to the College - they could get it out - of its difficulties - and so I see the students suffering in many ways the lack of this - I am trying real hard & using every precaution to get reciprocated - & I feel sure I will - and more if I do I am in a quandary to know just what to do at the close of the year - to take the position here & help them through - for I am helping them improve in general management - or if I should resign & get into a more prosperous school - I think I could, if I set about it - in time - I would be sorry to sort of leave them in the lurch here - If I remain here next year I would go out - in summer - & well & collect for the College - & if I go I would like you to help me prepare a lecture before the close of the year - They have offered me ten per cent of all I could collect - That is the way they pay those who do such work - Mrs Blanchard once went out - & collected four thousand dollars in nine weeks & got - her commission of four hundred dollars - I would like your advice in this matter for all is a very important matter to me & to them - If successful in Illinois I would go East - during the fall months & work there as Pres Strong did - I would want a carefully prepared lecture enthusiastic in the direction intended - the strongest possible arguments for Christian College Education - & an eloquent appeal at the close - If I decide upon this - you father can help

one makes it a glorious success.
If I could pay off this College
debt of between 25 & 30 thousand
dollars & clear myself too - I would
be the benefactor of this College &
somehow I feel as if it were in
me to do it. - They think so here
too. - Many women have done such
work - Mary Lyon - & Miss Sill
Mt. Holyoke & Rockford respec-
tively & have been very successful
My main chance would be person-
al work in the towns - among
the Cong. Churches - but - then I would
want a good lecture prepared too. -
This is the only Cong. College in the
State & the Churches could easily
pay double the debt - in twenty four
hours - but - they there are so many
Free Masons among the Ministers
and in the Churches & they all
hate old Pres. Blanchard so that
he can get nothing from him. -
The ministers here Mr Taylor told
me that, in the Monday Ministers
meetings in Chicago - which he attends
the Presbyterian & Methodist ministers then
have told him often - that Pres. B.
would only resign - the debt would
be paid immediately by the Churches
& the College endowed largely. - A
woman coming to them with a

shining appeal, however would be listened to - if she were well prepared (& I would not go else.) & they could refuse to give me as they can the blind old Patrician - He is always on the aggressive & it is folly & madness the old man ridiculous sometimes. He can be very bitter - & he does not care who he shocks or offends - That may do very well for an independent - rather - but for a man with the responsibility of the minds of all these students & teachers upon him - it is sheer reckless willfulness & suicidal to those dependant upon the school in any way. I am disgusted with the whole concern. The greater part of the time - & then too there are many things I admire & my miserable heart is getting all bound up in the students again & in the school - & it would have me sorely to leave them - Tell me in full what you think of my going one - for the College line & in the East - & if I do will you help me prepare a grammar & a lecture, I might - See you little matters that would interest you perhaps - You know this is one of Chicago's suburban towns, & the population is made up largely of men & their families - whose livelihood is in the city - the man going in to his business in Chicago every morning -

Town or Fine of the Faculty of the
Medical College of the city-Notice
him for instance - Dr - ~~Mack~~ one of them
who attended me here while I was
sick & whom I go down to see
twice a week still. He is an old
Professor in the Hannemann College.
Dr Small - He is a good man
& told me the other day that-it
was his conviction from what he
knew & had seen that medical
men as a class did vastly more
of evil than of good in the world.-
Dr J. B. Walker - (Doctor of Divinity) is
one of the Faculty of this ~~our~~ College - is the
Author of the "Philosophy of the Plan of
Salvation" & that you have & think - He
is author of many other works & that-
stamps - He has published a volume
or two of poems - He is very old-hair
as white as snow - but he still works
on - publishing - writing & lecturing &
teaching souls - He has a beautiful
head & face - like the pictures we see
of Christ - If you have read the
"Plan of Salvation" you will note that
he is a very independent - original
thinker - & uses very simple language.
He is & has been all his life a remark-
ably benevolent - man - has adopted
seventeen orphan children at different
times & raised them - they had none of
their own - He firmly believes in the
annihilation of the wicked at the last -
He says all scripture points to it - He and the
the Editor of the National Sunday School Teacher have

Owatonna, Minn.
Feb. 25. 1876.

My dear Previous Teacher, — [Sarah Christie]

Very patiently I have waited this time for your letter. I knew that you would answer as soon as you could.

First you ask if it would pay me to come for twenty five dollars per month. Pecuniarily I think not. Still in other ways I think it would be pleasant and

profitable. The thought of seeing you & being with you overbalances all, and is the one thing that leads me to decide to accept your offer even at twenty five dollars. Of course thirty would help just so much more. Do you know what those classes would teach? I am afraid I would be selfish enough to want you with me all the time, and not be willing to let you go off collecting. There is no reason that I know of why you should not succeed in the work, and do much good. As I have said nothing but perfect selfishness would influence me to tell you not to go but I know well that where duty calls or danger you are never wanting. How many girls are there in the building? and about what are their ages? Which of them do you think most of? I asked Father if Grace Dwyer was a relative of yours. He said he did not know that he was

I have not heard Carlton rave for several weeks I believe. Lillian said in her last letter that Miss White was not liked by the students very well. If I were you I should just the least little bit glad. She also wrote that Hoyle said Mrs Price and Prof. Rice were to be married. Wouldn't it be strange!

I have succeeded nicely in my school here. Have received commendation from members of the Board, parents, and Prof.

But I will accept your proposition. Have you heard from Fanny? The report that her sister was dead was not true. Her health is improving. They expect to return in May. I can not realize that there is a hope of seeing you soon. It seems almost too good to be true. I know you want to see me for because you have said so. Dear friend I can not thank you enough for the kind deeds and words you have showered upon me. The friendship that was sprung up between us.

Ever & ever. Lovingly Yours
Nellie D.

Rapidan Feby 28th 1876—

My Dear Sarah [Chaistie]

Yours of the 21st
received. The past we cannot recall. Let us then
look Hall to the future. I therefor write to
you of this New project You inform me of.
I Would most earnestly Advise You to
let it alone, in the first place You
tell me of the Expressed Opinions of the
Churches. Adverse to Assisting the College
because of the Anti-Masonic Work of the
president, they seem to be determined that
they will not support the institution, as
it necessarily must propagate Opinions opposed
to Masonry. its presiding power being used
to Organize a Crusade against it.
The Churches of Congregationalists being
entirely Democratic in Nature, Cannot be
Coerced, the flock Chooses its own Pastor to
drink from, and decides the Advice of the Pastor
of the Brook R. there can be no Episcopal force

Where the Flock leads the Shepherd.

I have read several numbers of the "Exposure", so I remember the name aright?, ~~and~~ it takes up the position of Anti Secrecy. Opposed to all Societies Who have secrets of any kind Which are accessible only by initiation. Now there is nothing important in mere Secrecy. We have a Special Faculty for the retention of such things as need to be kept secret. All Nature is full of secrets. God Himself is Hidden from us, and His providence is Hidden from our Eyes Also. "What I do thou knowest not now. But thou shalt know hereafter." "Bind up the Testimony seal it Amongst my Disciples" Now you see the Church is confessedly a Secret Society, and is it Wrong. That Which is known by some, it would not be for the Good of All to know. Because All are not fitted to receive them in their then Conditions, or positions, for their Good There are also many truths Which we need to know at Certain Stages of our Progress in Life. Which told to us before the proper time Would do much injury to us.

I do not mean to become an Advocate of Free Masonry however. I know too little about it. Nor would I Condemn for the same reason. And Who Would Go in Blindfold in to any institution of men, and then is what they require us to do before we can know. That is to believe it is all right, before we know it to be so. I am naturally a "Sceptic" with to Me. But there is no need to say more on this. Secrecy is a Universal Necessity, Because of Severity. Not a single Society is perfectly Homogeneous Can it be done without There Will be no Secrets in the perfect Manhood of the Heavens. There is therefor nothing Sinful in Secrecy "per se" And the Whole Question then turns upon Whether Masonry uses its Secrecy for Evil purposes or not.

But in Any Case Why should the President tamper and hinder such an Educational Establishment? He ought to separate himself from the College or from Anti Masonry.

Now all this is digressive for I desired to speak to You in reference to Your fitness for this work You speak of.

Have Called You an Obscure and unknown
person, Without Justice of any kind Effect
anything for this purpose? Without Eloquence
incapable of a Continued Argument. How
do you Expect to influence the Churches?
Such a Work needs Greater Endowments of
both Heart and Head than You are possessed of.
Nor have You Physical Strength sufficient.
Also it is an Occupation which even were You
able for, would not be Good for You.
Who wishes to be Chief of a Mendicity Society?
and Assume the Role of King of the Beggars,
Think of the Art of Begging. an Imbecoming and
plausible importunity for other peoples money.
A Soliciting of Cash for the Love of God. Better
Stick to the Soliciting for Souls. Think how
Even the Apostle paul demeans himself in his
Epistolary Mendicity. it is easy to See how
he feels it. Besides it would be Altogether Very
dangerous for You, it is a Caricature of Education.
Many a Church Beggar has become a mere
"Jeremy Diddler" Avoid it by all means.
If You insist to do Uncle You will Let
this Alone. Believe Me. Your Father.
I. Christie

Good Thunder Minn

Feb. 28. 1876

Miss Sarah. J. Christie

Dear Friend

your welcome note of Feb. 23.
is at hand in reply I will say.
to you borrow no trouble about
that little money matter I wish
it was a larger Sum I would take
the risk of your being honest
enough to pay all the debts you
agree to pay I hope you do not
think I have any idea that you
are keeping that money from
me intentionally If you do you
judge me harshly I was glad it
was so that I could do you the fav.

The winter has been warm
for this Northern Country
Mercury not often below zero
and sometimes to 40 above
your folks here are all well
Alexander is teaching our school
this winter he lectures to night
on astronomy I will be happy to
hear from you at any time I
hope your health will improve
soon your health being impaired
had a tendency to discourage
and dishearten you we are
all well I hope you will
write to Stella I have ~~my~~ Kept my
promise faithfully
Yours very Respectfully
Wm. L. Stevens

*"If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."*

# Woman's National Christian Temperance Union,

Western Office, 148 Madison Street, Chicago, Ill.


Mrs. ANNIE WITTENMEYER, *Pres't*, 1020 Arch St., Philadelphia.
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~~Chicago,~~ June 1 1876

Janesville O

Dear Bro Christie [Sarah]

Mrs Donnell

Leaves Dayton Ohio on Chi. "Adams Express" as
Ohio Cannot be this Summer. I
Can not determine for my
very self. Have written Mrs.
C. V. Can 5 & O W. adams
& about you - Mrs Horton
Chas Communicate.

You have the right idea
that is mine — a Speaker &
organizer of W. Temperance
Unions, Juvenile Unions, Young
Ladies Unions &c. Send 3 sets
to J. N. Stearns 58 Reade St
New York for my revised
Hints & Helps & my History

Of the N. J. U's.

Get "Cantor Lectures" by
Linn, "Bacchus Dethroned",
and ask for his Catalogue
from which you can choose
others. The paper you take out
is published at 136 Lawrence
St Brooklyn, by Mary Le. John-
son, at 50 cts per year. Full
of information for workers.
Perhaps you can get a
list of subscribers in Rhenton.

When in Chicago call
on Mrs. Isabella Jones,
1082 Indiana ave. to
whom I have written
you, also on one Editor,
Mrs. Jennie F. Willing
5-8 ~~Reade~~ Langley
Avenue. I can not as yet
plan anything definite or
to work of any thing. First,
we must see them you.

Sincerely yours. Frances Willard

W. K. Mulliken.
Northfield
Rice Co
Minn.

Carleton. March 7. 1876.

Miss Christie. [Sarah]

Dear Friend.

I had given up all hopes of ever hearing from you. & had settled down to the belief that "out of sight out of mind" is a truism.

But - I was doomed to disappointment by receiving your kind & welcome letter. I know you have been sick, busy, and worried, and will forgive you if you will promise never to neglect me so long again, You will promise wont you?

I am just the same as ever, that is as far as I can see, and if there

is any change there is none to tell me. I room in the same little room and board at the L. H. All the teachers are as good to me as I deserve. My studies this term are hard. Chemistry, Evidences of Christianity & History of Literature. M. S. Baker, has Physiology in place of the Literature. My marks last term were good I have forgotten just how much better than B's.

Pres Strong had the class in Evidence for a time and he & Baker had a dispute Baker was very impudent and the Pres was so surprised that he did not know what to say, so he said nothing. Baker did not give the correct answer to a question. & Pres told him he was wrong & Baker got mad at it. Pres did not ask him another question for over a week.

Prof Payne has the class now. Pres is East at the Plymouth Church Convention. Prof. Sperry is our new man we like him very much he is full of life and I understands his business to as teacher of Chemistry & Physiology. Miss White is doing well only she is rather superficial & not the best in Arithmetic. She seems to be very absent minded when any explanations are going on. Miss Evans told me about the letter from you. She is kind to me as it is her nature to be to any one she has very little sympathy for any one Sawyer is here and doing as well as usual has a class in algebra Chaney has had sore eyes I see very little of Parker he lives at Mr Stewarts Norton lives at Mr Lee's. Carmichael has been

sick and I believe will spend the rest of this term (3 weeks) at Miss Evans' home in Faribault. Nannie is sick or else her attention is wholly taken up by Furber, at least she is not doing much in her studies. The other girls are as of old. Hopkins. Upton Eames Rolfe. Snell Cook. Sheldon. Dr Miss Finney has been sick. And one of the girls whom you were not acquainted with has gone home on account of sickness. G. G. Ames has taken an interest in our meetings and has expressed his feelings on the subject of religion. He says he wishes to be one of us, in the prayer meeting as well as in the class room. I do not know whether it would do any good to write to Edgerton or Parker. Pres Strong had a talk with Edgerton last fall and he says some very hard things. But never mind You have some

friends here whom you can trust as well as ever. I think very few know anything of the trouble you were in here, in fact none except those whom you told about it and it is never mentioned by any one, those who speak of you always speak well, and in terms of praise. I am glad Simpson is doing well. To bad for Wilson. I am afraid he will go back to his old habits. The Bailey girls are not here Emma I believe is married. Orlow is not strong the fever left him in poor health & he does not seem to gain. Carver & his brother is here. I do not know where his sister is Richardson & brother also. Walter Richardson is here. Miss Eckles school will be

out in two weeks. Excuse me for saying it, but she has the best school in Goodhue co as the paper say. she will teach next summer & talks of going to the Centennial,

Yes it is changed here very much you would not know half the students; for example at our table Miss Evans, Evans, Mr Loan-dal & myself are all that you would recognize. the others are in the same condition (I mean the other tables) I hear from Stratton sometimes. he seem to be a wandering star. You have never told me anything about your school. Its numbers & grade how many teachers. Have you any one to take the place of "Robbie", & do the boys come to your room as they used to here. How I should like to go to the old room in the corner and find you there tonight- I have been there twice since you went away the only things that looks natural are the stove & carpet. Miss White has only a few books & no pictures. I think Miss Evans might lend her some pictures, for she has her room full. The Philomathian Society have a charter from the state. At our last meeting you among others were voted honorary member. You were a member before but under our charter it was necessary to go over the whole ground. I voting te G G Ames is Pres Cutler Sec I believe I shall have to stop for there are lessons to learn for tomorrow I did

expect-to write-so much when
I commenced. Our meetings are
well attended Sunday afternoon
the old Chapel is crowded
I think we have a better class
of student-than ever before
I hope you will have your
position next-year and many
years if you want it-so long as
that; Now good bye, dear
friend, think of me some
times in your hurry. do not
let-those new friend crowd
me out-entirely. May God
bless you & prosper you in
your work. Be sure I shall
never forget-all your kindness
to me. & believe me, truly &
sincerely Your Friend
Waller

# United States Internal Revenue,

Dep'y Collector's Office, 3 District, Wisconsin,

Manitowoc Mch 5th, 1876.

My Dear Alick.

What is the reason I have not received the Interest from David on his Mortgage? and Jons was due the 23d of Feby. $21.27. and Davies Novr 19/75. $37.00 Now Jon may think it strange but I must say that I am really in need of it. I am here in Manitowoc since Feby 1st and I will get no pay for February until about the Middle of April - and My board and Traveling Expenses I have got to pay and wait till I can get it. I go to Sheboygan from here Every Thursday which costs me $2.50 Each trip - and My folks are in B. Dam and must pay their Board which makes me right short for ready Money just Now - and therefore I would press this matter so that Jon will remit me the Interest due on Receipt of this. Jon know I have never hurried these Matters with Jon before - but Necessity knows no law.

I have got a better thing here now than I had before - on account of having the two places to go to - (Manitowoc & Sheboygan) but of course don't know how long it may last - The only uncomfortable feature in it is being separated from my family, but I tell you I was glad to take it Especially after sustaining such a heavy loss in disposing of my interest in the Nursery. How do you all get along - all right I hope - This has been a very open mild winter - The first sleighing you may say we have had was last week - but it is about gone - and is now running quite hard - Do you hear anything more about the Office of Superintendent? I hope you may succeed in getting it - And now hoping you will respond to this promptly I remain

Very Truly Yours D. S. Butts

Address me at
Manitowoc
Wis

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Officers of Internal Revenue must fill out the endorsement and brief on the back of each letter to the Department.

Manitowoc Wis
March 8th 1876

My Dear Alex

Your favor of Feby 21st was rec'd
I suppose its due time - and was carefully perused
with an intention of an immediate answer.
but I find that Procrastination is still the thief
of time. Yes for all the spare time I have I have
been pretty busy - Every other day at Sheboygan - and
then my Reports & make out Evenings - and the daily
Chicago Inburn to read. which latter has been a pretty
trying as well as interesting matter to do - Shall now
what a deal of a time there has been - But Blood
will tell - The country is safe Even though ruled
by a fraudulent President - You are right in
Judging of this unwashed & unterrified portion of Gods
foreatool - There was a big time and a broad Grin

on all their faces the day after Election and a Corresponding look of depression on those of the Republicans. but as time wore on the tides of the Barometer Changed and presto Change and a Reaction took place that was truly wonderfull to look upon - Then what a flush of Sunshine illumined the faces of Sammy's followers when it was declared that "Watts" was ineligible - and almost a fiendish look of Joy when Mosy Cronin received his Certificate But the "best laid schemes of Mice" &c.

Well - the Electoral Commission which the Democracy hailed with such immeasurable Joy - has done its whole duty and I am glad of it. Hayes' inaugural suits me - I think it has the true ring to it - and I believe he means what he says - He has a hard job to do and that - is to reconstruct the South. for that has never been half done yet - and three Dead Governments in South Carolina and Louisiana will give him heaps of trouble. but I hope he will carry out his own Programme and not be Bulldozed by any one - I pray that he will be master of the situation and will watch as well as pray - I presume things will be undisturbed for the present in this District - we may by and by have a new Collector (but it is doubtfull) and I feel quite secure so far as my Position goes.

Now as to Business matter I will say that one reason for my not writing sooner was that - You might judge that I did not want the Money very bad or I would have let you known - of Course I can use it - but if it suits you better to pay it by & by there do so -

I was sorry to hear that William had been and was sick - I have not heared from him since he left Clyman although he promised to write me - but I hope he has recovered - and presume he has or we would have heard to the Contrary - How does Hiram get on in Boston? well I hope - and what is Tom doing I heared he was anticipating a Missionary Trip somewhere I dont know where - I think there is one hope for him

and that-is- That Missionary as lean as he usually is will make a poor Breakfast for a lot of hungry Cannebals Jon- I judge are getting along nicely and no doubt will reach the Goal in due Course of time. I will be always pleased to hear of your success — Aunt Matilda and I are boarding here- and shoud I Keep my place will be after May 1st- in Sheboygan for about three Months our health is usually good although when she came over first in January she was troubled with Boils for about a month- but is now feeling quite well — We hear from Rosine Every week- she and Husband are well and I guess doing finely - he is teaching- and school wont be out until middle of April- which will hurry him a little about his Spring work- although from Appearances to day we wont have Spring in three months yet- last night and to day one of the worst Snow storms we have had for years — Talking of Rosine- I think she has got a very good husband — good habits industrious and Apparently think the World of her. he has got I believe 60 acres one mile from Hartford a good location- not quite all paid for- but- that will make them Economical - I furnished her house and started them off in a great deal better shape than I was- and now I propose to let- them paddle their own Canoe at least for a while I have no fear but they will get along all right. Now Alex Jon will please let me hear from you again - Give regards to all the friends - should you wish to drop a line to Rosine her Address is Mrs. E M Anders or Hartford Washington Co Wis she would be much pleased to hear from you — Truly Yours O S Bettis

Dear Rice.

"Pillsbury Hall," Mar. 11," 1876

Dear Miss Christie:— [Sarah]

I am just a little out of humor this afternoon, and thought that writing you a letter would tend to make me better natured and more fit for work. — Prof. Peckham, "State Chemist", has observed that the classical section of our class is somewhat behind the rest of the class in chemistry. He is enraged at this, and the more so since two or three of the poorest in chemistry are the best in Greek. Both yesterday and today he took occasion to loosen the stopcock of his sarcastic bigotry

before the class, and, had it been in his power, I dont know but he would have wiped out the whole classical department of the university. I have been ashamed of myself for not doing better in chemistry, though I do not think I am much below the average of the class, and today I had a good lesson, having made up my mind to improve on the past; I was called up to recite, but for the moment I had forgotten the point, and could not answer. At the close of the recitation Prof. made several sarcastic remarks about the "discipline", which is claimed for the classics, and the apparent results of it. He was personal & bitter & insulting. I suppose I ought not to say or think any more about it. But, really, his remarks were uncalled for, for I have failed only once before this term in chemistry.

Now for your questions. – There are two buildings here, erected & owned by Gov. Pillsbury, which are rented to the students for dormitories. One of the boys "runs" a boarding club in one of the buildings. They are known by the name of "Pillsbury Hall". I have been here the most of this term and shall probably stay through the rest.

I listen to the preaching of the different evangelical ministers of the city. I have grown somewhat unsectarian in my practice, if not in my belief.

I am now studying Homer, Livy and Peckham. Dr. Brooks, formerly president of Hamlin University, has the Greek. He is

a good scholar and a very pleasant old gentleman. His department runs like clock-work. He is very firm in his requirements, but not at all severe or harsh. Nearly every one of his students is closely attached to him. Prof. Walker is in charge of the Latin. Of all the professors, he has the best reputation, both in the school and outside. He understands the Latin perfectly, and the English, too. He probably has few superiors in the country.

Peckham is a good chemist, but a man of little culture, - at least, he is a disagreable man, as his best friends admit. - Folwell is a wide-awake, energtic man. He is a good scholar, but not a deep one, I think. He is quite a pleasant man, quite politic, and

I forgot to ask you to direct to
"Pillsbury Hall,"
Minneapolis East.

not altogether unselfish.
She will do more to give the
University a good name through
the state, than for the actual
benefit of the students. - Miss
Sutherland is a real lady and
a good teacher. She is liked, I
think, as well as any one of the
teachers. She has little to do ex-
cept in the class room. I do not
think that she attends Faculty
meetings often, and though she
is ~~called~~ called precepstress, I
have never known of her doing
anything in the way of discipline.
Personally, I am not acquainted
with a single member of the
Faculty, excepting a classroom
acquaintance. It is so with
nearly all of the students. I
have never found a Prof. Payne
here, if, indeed, there is one.

You speak of miss Knox as though you had not heard from her. Unless I am mistaken, she told me a day or two ago that she received a second letter from you. I am quite ~~sh~~ sure that she has written and will tell you of her plans. I do not know what she intends doing next year, though I think she told me two or three months ago that she should stay in school.

It is very kind in you to make the offer that you do with reference to Julia. I do not think that she would be able to do much work. If she should come here, we would board ourselves, and I should see to it that she did as little work as possible. She may not be able to attend school at all, at least away from home. Two or three years ago, she had sore ~~eyes, considerable~~ a great deal, and this winter they have been troubling her again. In ~~my~~ her last letter, she said she could not use them more than half an hour at a time, and not at all in the evening. She has had very gratifying success this winter in teaching. I begin to be proud of my sister.

I have now found work which will enable me to finish my course without stopping to teach, if nothing unexpected takes place. I am delivering the morning paper in one part of the city. This month I shall make only about $10, but hereafter I hope to make at least $15 per month. I shall earn $1.00

per week aside from this for the remainder of this year, — perhaps next year too.

I have heard before of the author of "The Philosophy &c", and knew that he was at Wheaton. I read a part of his work, and liked it very much. I have read a little of Mark Hopkins' writings, and have for a long time thought him one of the very first men of America.

Your account of the sights you saw in Chicago is interesting. I should like, if it would not take so long, to tell you of the impression made on my mind by the different classes of persons I have seen, I cannot do it now. I have an essay to write between now & Monday eve.

I am, as ever, yours in friendship
Chelsea J. Rockwood.

# United States Internal Revenue,

**Dep'y Collector's Office, 5th District, Wisconsin,**

Manitowoc Mch 17, 1876.

My Dear Alec.

Your favor of 7th inst at hand. and I presume You received one from me about same date. You can see by this how I am fixed just at present. but if You can respond without causing You too much inconvenience - then I will have to let it run and attend the time as You desire - I will have to borrow here - but the one hand will wash the other - as I will receive same interest I will pay, Am sorry to hear that Dave got disappointed by Sarah. but I guess she was bound to bleed all of Jos Boys

And I guess she has pretty fairey
Succeeded. and to get anything from her
will be like getting blood out-of a
Turnip. a thing not Easily done.
last two letters from home informs me
Rosine's health is pretty good. and I hope
it will Continue. there is a good deal
of Sickness there also - It has been a very
Remarkable winter. we had one weeks
sleighing and that is all. Now there is
hardly a speck of Snow to be seen and
the weather mild. dont think there can be
a foot of frost in the ground and an early
spring is looked for. Hope the "ides of March"
will be in Your favor. but-there is many a
slip between the Cup & Lip. and the best laid
schemes of Men & Mice Gang aft-agley".
Send me a line and let-me know Which
End of the Horn You Come out at-.
Regards to the family
Dan Tracy Jones D. G. Butler

Wheaton College, Ill.

Tuesday, March 14. 1876.

My dear Father – [James Christie]

Your letter was rec'd on Saturday & I would have answered sooner but – have had more than ordinary care & responsibility for a few days – I only write a few lines now – to relieve your mind about what you wrote – My health is better – I am not as well today – but mostly became I was up late for the two nights past – but – as a general thing – I know I am gaining in health – I am to take your advice in all things pertaining – thereto – I had – was why I asked you – & I had decided to go – your being willing – so you need not be troubled about it – or fear – I will let the matter

alone - That is all I have time to say today - It will be as well yet before I get my money. The Pres. has to go to Peoria to see about it & get the money & will write to Dave & send the money soon as I receive it - My love to all - I am writing letters as I have time to State institutions to get another situation for next year - with good salary & sure pay - May succeed & may not - like stay here if I cannot do better - Pres. here has spoken to me several times about staying next year & has promised me assistance - so it would be much easier than now - Affectionately -

Sarah -

I Know nothing of Bessie's death until I saw it in the Advance & none I have since heard from Willie - Soon as I saw it in the paper I wrote to Tom & Carrie - My heart is very sore for them -

Wheaton College Wheaton Ill.

Sat. March 18th 1876.

Ivy Dear Father [James Christie]

I have a crowd of work for
today - but - I had a terrible dream last-
night about Sandy & it has troubled me
so much that I must write just a
note to you - I thought I heard him
crying aloud as if in great agony -
& I went into the room where he was
in bed & he seemed in great pain -
He tried to make me believe he was
not very bad - but - finally let me see
where he had accidentally hurt himself while working at something - It
seemed like a blow on the right-
side - & the flesh was discolored
from it - Don't tell him or any of them
about this letter - but - I couldn't rest
until I had dropped you a line
about it - - Tell me about Sandy - how
he is & what he does - I would write
to him if I dared to - I have wanted to

many a time - I will write to Dave
soon as I get my money - which
I trust will be soon - in a very
few days - I must go to work now -
write me just a line & tell me
about Sunday. - With love -

Sarah -

THE

# University of Minnesota.

## JUNIOR EXHIBITION,

'77.

March 22d, 1876,

7:30 P. M.

"Οὐ ζῆν ἀλλ' εὖ ζῆν."

# ROLL.

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STEPHEN MAHONEY, . . . . . Belle Plaine.
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PRAYER, . . . . . Rev. MR. SAMPLE.

1. Hero-Worship, . . . . . Mr. Campbell.
2. Snuffers, . . . . . Miss. Campbell.
3. Greek as an Element of Culture, . . . . . Mr. Childs.

*MUSIC.—Potpourri; Martha,—*Flotow.*

4. Robert Burns, . . . . . Mr. Currie.
5. The Crusades, . . . . . Mr. Frank Eustis.
6. The Barbarian in Europe. . . . . Mr. Fred Eustis.

MUSIC.—Polonaise; Festival,—*Apitius.*

7. Freedom in Obedience, . . . . . Miss Fuller.
8. The Question of To-Day, . . . . . Mr. Hendrickson.
9. Words, the Signs of Character, . . . . . Mrs. Hutchinson.

MUSIC.—Medley; Serio-Comic,—*Beyer,*

10. Spectrum Analysis, . . . . . Mr. Kassube.
11. Is the further extension of our National Territory Desirable? A Discussion—For the Affirmative, . . . . Mr. Perkins.
12. . . . . For the Negative, . . . . Mr. Mahoney.

MUSIC.—Galop; Donner und Blitz,—*Strauss.*

13. Bagatelle, . . . . . Mr. Quinn.
14. Pebbles,—a Poem, . . . . . Miss Rollit.
15. The Heroic Element in Modern Life, . . . . . Mr. Savidge.

MUSIC.—Selection; World Peace Jubilee,—*Beyer.*

16. The Feudal Home, . . . . . Mr. Smith.
17. Discipline, . . . . . Mr. Thayer.
18. Bunyan and his Book, . . . . . Mr Welles.

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* Great Western Band of St. Paul, Mr. Geo. W. Seibert, Leader.

# SONG.

BY MISS CAMPBELL.

This glad Centennial year,
To every freeman dear,
  With song we greet;
The seeds by patriots sown,
Through sun and storm have grown,
Their bloom our path has strewn
  With fragrance sweet.

Next, "Alma Mater's" praise
We sing in grateful lays,
  A tribute due;
Then raise our notes again,
And swell the glad refrain—
*Ou zen alla eu zen* *
  Our purpose true.

Our Freshman golden grains,
Increased by Sophomore gains,
  Have courage given;
Minerva's hidden store,
Replete with classic lore
Shall yield yet more and more,
  To "Seventy-Seven."

Father, in heaven above,
To us a "God of love,"
  Bless thou each soul;
Help this united band
For truth and right to stand,
And guided by thy hand,
  To reach the goal.

* "Not merely to live, but to live well."

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Swatonna, Minn.,
Mar. 22d 1876.

My dear Friend:—

You have wondered at this delay, haven't you? But you have trusted me enough to believe that there is good reason for it.

On the first place your letter was misssent, and re-mailed at Portland Me. and Boston so that I received it a week later than I should have.

Then our servant girl was ill, and was obliged to go home leaving me to take care of our dear sick baby and do all the other work. We are still without help, but baby is sleeping now and I am improving the first

opportunity to answer your letter.

Though I would like very much to see you ~~xxx~~ I am glad that matters have been arranged as they are.

I do not know since there has been so much to do at home, how I could possibly have gotten ready to go.

And now I hope it would not have been best to resign my position here.

My Department is the highest Primary. The enrollment has varied from 55 to 60. At present 54 are enrolled, and the daily attendance averages 50.

I have not heard Carleton news since I last wrote you for Lillyanie letter is unanswered. The winter term closes Friday so I shall see her in a few days. She does not return, but expects to teach I think.

I do not know concerning Miss Ennis hospitality I don't remember to what Lillian said.

I had a letter from Fanny last week; she said she had received a letter from you and answered it. About Robbie I know nothing. Fanny would be likely to know where she is. They probably correspond.

Will you be at home this summer? You must stop over at O— and stay a while with me. Let there be no mistake this time. I shall not trouble about next fall yet. It seems far in the future. A baby voice warns me that I have written long enough.

Your loving friend: Nettie Dresser

University of Wisconsin
Madison March 25 '76

Mr. Alex. S. Christie

Sir

There was, during
a part of the Fall term of
1868, a student in the Uni-
versity by the name of David
Kirk, of Lamartine. He was
classed with the Juniors. I
remember nothing about him
He was never connected with
the Senior Class.

Truly &c

J. W. Sterling

P. S. I forgot to say "let the note run" as the money is not wanted. If you should need more let me know and if I have it on hand you will be supplied. L. M. B.

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Lowell, Wis. Mar. 26th 1876.

Friend Christie, [deceased]

Dear Sir,

I received your letter dated the 20th inst. yesterday and ~~to~~ inclosed ~~the~~ Post office order of $6 and have indorsed the amount on your note of $50 dated Stockbridge, Wis. April 16th 1875. Thanks for your liberality in offering 12% interest but 10% is all I will take of you. If I should sell my farm perhaps I should visit Minnesota and let some money at 12% or so.

We are glad to learn that you are all well. All of our family are about as well as usual though some have "colds". I have had the sick-headache but little since last September but have got it today though not very hard yet. But I must stop writing or the head will

over

ache harder. I am very sorry you did not get the County Super intendancy. You should have bargained with the man who was behind and got his help or played some trick; for strict honesty does not mean "success", at least, in this world. I believe you will have to change tactics if you desire office. I have almost made up my mind that very few persons can or will fairly estimate anyone who is honest and upwright. Some few may say after you are dead that "he was an honest man" but many more will say "not so". After all there is a satisfaction in square dealing. But I am getting wild and must quit. Please let us know what you are going to do this Summer and on.

Yours very truly, L. M. Benson

Minneapolis, March 26th 1876.

Dear Friend: [Sarah Christie]

The end of the term is past, "Junior Ex" and all. Vacation brings a different sort of busy-ness, which is hardly entitled to be called rest.

Sent you a programme of the Jr. Ex. and a paper containing a report of it, but not a good one. The exercises were good, but they did not quite reach my expectations. The ladies, I think, rather lead the class in literary work. Miss Campbell's essay on Bonnifers was quite original and was nicely written. Still there was but little thought in it. A moderately

vivid imagination with a good discrimination in the use of words, will produce such essays by the cart-load. I admired miss Fuller's Freedom in Obedince much more. The substance of it was, that proper restraint gives more real freedom than unlimited license. It was well arranged, consecutive and logical. Her style is pointed, forceful and somewhat graceful.

Only one or two of the orations deserve special mention. Mahoney's debate & Savidge's Heroic Element &c were the best. Mahoney is a son of Erin, and is a dignified and eloquent speaker. His arguments were sound and made a good impression. Savidge depends mainly on his delivery for his effect. The boys say, and I think it is true, that his productions seem rather tame when read.

The close of the term was attended with one or two quite serious "irregularities." A mock programme which a gentleman & lady would scarcely wish to read, together was circulated. The worst of this is that there is an apparent disinclination on the part of the faculty to find out who did it. It is well known among the students, and probably by the President himself, that one or two seniors were the instigators of it, and seniors, you know, are to be handled tenderly, especially when they are sons of influential men.

This school is very different

from Carleton. There is a student in a room not far from mine who has been sick and has not left his room for three days, from the effects of a protracted spree. I do not believe he was sober from Sunday morning till the next Friday morning. Some of the boys have been before an audience to speak, when they were so badly under the influence of liquor that it was actually a relief to see a sober man take their places on the stage. And not the slightest notice is taken of it.

But I find some of the noblest fellows here that I ever saw in my life. I never felt myself more free from temptation, except when at home, than I do here. It may be interesting

to you, as it is gratifying to me, to think that all of my associates are among the very best in the school. I have no "confident" here, but those whose company I most enjoy, and those who seem to enjoy my society most, are such as you could not but admire. (You will undoubtedly call this, and justly too, another sample from my endless stock of egotism.)

There seems to be a general anxiety among my friends as to whether my personal appearance has changed of late. I don't believe any one who has known me within the five past years would fail to recognize me; indeed, I do not think that any change would be noticed.

I am as tall as ever, and as fleshy, my shoulders are as broad, my hair and eyes are of the same color, and my ears stand at the same angle with my head; still one slight change is perhaps worthy of mention: the shoes which I wear are one size larger; but I think this is due to the style of shoes, rather than to any increase in the breadth of my understanding. To give you greater assurance, I have no mustache; (I half suspect that your whole object in mentioning the matter was to ~~find out~~ get information with regard to this last point.)

Miss Knox shows evidence of very hard work. Miss Evans said to me when she was here that she thought she would not have known Miss K., had she not been expecting to see her. I thought when I first came down, that there was some change in her, but I could hardly tell what. I can only suggest to you that you come & see for yourself.

You ask for a description of some of the Profs. It is utterly beyond my power to describe men. If I were to make the attempt, I do not suppose you would know, unless told, whether I was trying to describe a man or a cabinet officer. I should have to represent some of our instructors with so large ears, and so much chin that you would undoubtedly take them for government mules.

I had a letter from Julia last week, in which she says her eyes are no better, but worse. I think she said she had stopped studying. She, of course, will not come here

unless they are well. She is as anxious to come as I am to have her. She may come yet. It is impossible to tell a month beforhand how one is to be situated.

I have had a roommate for a few days. (Have been alone before) He is a good natured fellow, and a fair scholar. He has sold himself to the Episcopal church for about $1800 or $2000, this to be paid in equal annual sums. Cheap, isn't it? Still I don't know but it's a poor bargain for the church. — I remember that you have a failing with reference to that church. I haven't, you will remember. I seldom find my way there into that church in my rounds.

I have neglected your request to tell you about the ministers I hear. I will try to do it next time.

I would like to see you and talk about a large number of things.

Madison Wis
27 Mch 1876.

D. A. Wright

Dear Bro: There was a man in the Junior Class of the University in 1868 by the name of David Kirk - but no student was ever compelled to leave on account of anti-masonic sentiments. I do not know of a single student who belongs to the lodge - It is possible that Mr Kirk was compelled to leave by the pressure of public sentiment, and he may lay it to Masonry but if there was any such case it is very strange that nobody here ever heard of it - The whole story is probably pure fiction

Truly Yours
Stephen H Carpenter