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Dear Brother [Alexander]

Yours of 19th Nov. was re—
ceived in due time. and I do not know yet
well why it has not been answered before Christmas
but the Spirit moves me on this first day
of a new year to write to my relatives,
and I begin with you. We commence the year
in good physical health, and I think our
conditions Mentally, and morally are
compare favorably with the majority of
our fellowmen that are placed in the
same, or nearly the same conditions we
are in, Our Little Girl is very robust and
large of her age, and is now the pet of the
house, We have named her after her grandma,
Jessie after mother, Persis, and both
of the old Ladies are highly pleased, In
fact Mother says she is the first Child
named after her, Crops with me have been light and
we have to skinch and cramp ourselves in
a way that is not pleasant, but since last
Spring I have managed to pay off

$100.. to uncle william. and also two taxes and interest on the place also that on the same I got at the Bank when son were here I have paid a bill for fine lumber as well keep my family besides I will pay of seventy dollars sometime today on a note of a$1,120. that I owe. Aunt Rezzie paid all her expenses out here and home again, all but 7 dollars and so she costes nothing. as we would have been to more expense if we had had a stranger in the house. I sold wheat at an average of about 82 cent for bushel and last friday I understand it was worth 116 in St Charles. I sold five shoats at $10.. per head. and one heifer at $12.0.. and now I will have to raise something over fifty dollars for taxes & interest of the present year. to sum up I paid up all store bills. and $.133. of interest bearing paper at 12 per cent. that is including the 10 I speak of. We receive copies of the Illustrated weekly Christian from Tom and Carrie, and of course the children like to see the pictures. and I do sometimes look to see how they feel on the

pohetical artist and I almost think they are just "O K." in everything. well I must not be fault finding. but still I think the flesh the world and the devil has got a hold of all these Church going people. Bread & butter is their aim and all the other nice things they can lay hold of. Creed is more than these sons to them and they all are hopes as far as circumstances will permit. they are like crying sin sin, and they give stones back in place of bread.

You I suppose are in your proper "sphere", now, and do please try ever that your moral growth may equal to your mental, that you may have a true growth, in these two departments of your nature. I am in my 47th year now, and if I were to say all I would like to, to you I would say much that might in addressing, if not instructive

I am well assured that our life here is but the first incubating of flesh but nothese things are not of interest to you so let it pass at present.

I would like very well if my sons could gain an education equal to the

highest development, but I am afraid that there will be much to hinder them, as it is very trouble. Circumstances may arise that will be insurmountable. Willie will be 10 years old on four days. and he is now in Confirmation he is also reading in the fourth reader and trying to learn to write. Geography is one of his studies, Daniel is 8 in March and is using the second readers

I have written to Father sometime ago desiring him to send some books to me that you spoke of letting me have and for some reason or another there is no response, in books or even an allusion to them, or my request,

Now I come from troubles can, and close by informing you I have dropped from the rolls of a certain Institution for non payment of dues, as I feel free, Wishing you all happiness in this and all the coming years of your useful life We remain Yours in Sincere Love

Wm & Mary Christ

Rapid City Jan 5th 1877

My Dear Sarah. [Christie]

I wrote in October
last, and suppose you are as usual. This
distant silence is however unpleasant,
and I must write you a few words.
Do you know that your Uncle Williams
has sold out in Elyman? Helen in Boston
and Maggie married and in Iowa?
Williams has paid me a visit been in
our house here a month, and Rosee has
moved over to Davids where he can
have a room and stove in it to himself.
(the East Bed room.) and proposes to stay
until Spring, and perhaps longer.
Willie teaching school in Denville in
Dodge Co. Wis. Emma has had another
Boy and David has named him
"Donald" in memory of the old stock
of "Glen Roy" Scotch and Highland Race
enough. I did not suggest the name
to him.

and Receive tele me of Yourself and of
your doings. I do not at first thot
You will Continue to send me
so many papers as You have been doing
of Late. for they have Ceased Coming
Yes I wish You could send me
one Good Weekly. or Something Else
worth reading or perhaps Keeping.
I have no Means of paying for a paper
and See none but what You send or
give. The Art of Cousdion has been
receiving Grand illustrations from the
Moseley Work in Chicago as the Inter Ocean
shows. it is an Art based, having its
Basis in the Science of Psychology.
But understand me as meaning when I say
"Art." as only Main part of it.

I Anticipate an hour before day to write
having much to do. Wood to Saw Cows to
feed. Calves to feed. and May Little Chore
just about all I can do. and My Writing
is Poor Little and Seldom, I had a letter
from Helen Lately, in which She bids me to
remember her to you. Write to her,

Yours Respectfully

Reidsville, Jan 6 - 77.

Darling Jewel.

How you will Jewel me an' you hand how. I will be to see you when I thought Jew there thought I am a two Jewel there I will be true. Do not Jul Aberdeen. He has the Ohio school the dark cloud. I will remember you every night in my Prayers. Trust me. He will meet Ag here.

Sincerely

A. M. Marsh.

Miss S. J Christie.

Somewhere

Northfield, Minn. Jan. 6, 1877.

Miss S. J. Christie,

Dear friend;—

It does not look much like promptness to keep a letter lying un answered 2 or 3 months, as I have done with the last one I had the pleasure of receiving from you; but I hope that you will excuse this shortcoming on my part when you hear the cause of it. I meant to write immediately on receiving your letter but to tell the truth I had not the time to write anything worthy of the name of letter, (last term was one of the busiest I ever saw,) then when vacation came I was going to write you an epistle notable both for its length and its interest; but when I got ready to write I made a sad discovery — there was no ink in the house (at home of course), I think

Jack Frost had made the ink-bottle leaky. I then had to wait till we came to town, which did not take place until we came back to school. School commenced on the 3d, and Emily, Thorstein, and I made our advent here on the 2d, and have now got through the first 3 days of the Winter Term very satisfactorily. I presume you have heard of the new arrangement as to the examinations at Carleton, the examinations continuing a week at the close of the Term, and each class being examined 4 times, and these four examinations counting in our standing equal to 16 ordinary recitations. This plan naturally makes the last weeks of the term very busy ones to us. I had good luck on all these examinations, and I think they brought my average standing up somewhat; I averaged 9.1 in my four Studies and Rhetoricals. The term closed on the 15th of Dec., thus giving us a good long vacation which I enjoyed right heartily. For once they did not have a great deal of work on hand at home, and I was not asked to do much. My father is a carpenter, and as I had the use of his bench and tools, I worked a little while each day, and the product of this labor was a - book-case to put my books into; this then is, in brief, all the useful work I performed in 2½ weeks. Oh! I thought you would tell any one, I should be ashamed to own how I killed time, I did not drive out much, though the roads were excellent, and we never had finer winter weather, notwithstanding that it was pretty cold at times; I did not make many visits; nor did I read over much, (Luther's Commentaries on the first books of the Bible comprehending nearly all the reading I did.) But, unworthy as it may seem of a Senior, I slept wonderfully much, nor do I think that I thus spent my time wholly in vain for I feel well rested and in excellent condition to wrestle with Logic, Plato (Greek), Civil Government, and American Literature, which are my studies for this term. Prof. Goodhue of course has the Greek.

There Pres. Strong has the Civil Government, Miss Evans, The Am. Literature, and Prof. Pattee of the Public Schools Lectures the class in Logic. The present term opens under favorable circumstances. I think nearly all the old ones of the students are back, and a good many new ones; and earnest, well-behaved young people they seem to be. I have not yet learned the number enrolled. I may say that more are yet expected. Emily is intending to complete the Scientific course; & do not know in how many years she expects to be through may be in 3 years after this. Thoreau looks forward to what is implied "A. B.", he will enter the Freshman class next Summer. Another sister of mine, Mary, came here to-day; she is to attend the public schools, which begin on Monday; you see there are four of us here now, and I

the report which was given in the "Dispatch"; I think there will be a full report reinserted, if it is not already, and I shall try to send you a copy. Northfield now prides itself on having a National reputation, though a dear bought reputation. I mention this simply because I wanted to tell you that I lost a benefactor in that dreadful tragedy of Sept. 7th. Mr. Heywood was one of the few men that I have given my full confidence and love, and I lost much in losing him. The churches here are having a busy and, as it is believed and hoped, a blessed time. There are meetings once or twice daily in the leading churches. St. Olaf's School is prospering very well considering the hard times. It has now 57 students. A new building is to be commenced next summer. Some little work has already been done, a road has been graded to the

location, a well has been dug, etc. The location is on a lofty hill west of town, about directly west of Carleton. Competent judges think that a better and handsomer situation for a school could not be found in the state. Hon. Schuyler Colfax is to lecture here in a few weeks. The people of this city are on the war-path against intemperance a large "Reform Club" has been formed and it looks as though active work might be expected. With hopes that these scribblings may find you well and in the enjoyment of such happiness as shall answer your prayers and the prayers of your friends for you, and wishing you a prosperous and happy "1877" I am, with sincere respect,

Your friend,

A. A. Veblen.

think we shall manage to spend a very pleasant Winter together. Orson is teaching. He finished a term of two months yesterday, begins another term, of 4 months, next week; and when that is over he will perhaps teach another two months, all in the neighborhood about home. So near home has he been teaching all the time that he boards with our parents. By the way, Orson will not be likely to be a Carleton student any more, for on Sept. 24, '76 O. A. Veblen was married to Miss Susan H. Rauk. After spending some five weeks in the southern part of the state they came back to father's and are now living there. Such is life. My oldest sister and my oldest brother, both younger than myself, are married; and people tell me that I am now so old

there is no hope for me. But I am not hurt by such remarks; I believe Lord Bacon was right when he said that they who wished to accomplish much good were freer to do so if they remained single. I hope you will scold me soundly in your next letter for indulging in this nonsensical talk; that is of course taking the word scold in its less objectionable sense, that of giving deserved rebuke. Such items as mentioning the marriage of Prof. Rice and Mrs. Boies, of course, are not news to you at this late date. The state convention of the Y.M.C.A. which met here Dec. 8, 9, and 10 was an interesting gathering though owing to the severe cold it was a small convention. I could perhaps tell you a good deal about it, as I had the honor of serving as assistant secretary, but you may have heard of it before, and perhaps even

Farmington Minn
January 6. 1877

Miss Christie [Sarah]

Dear Friend

So it seems you have been awai-ting a letter from me. I too have been wondering ~~and~~ awaiting one from you. I had almost made up my mind never to hear from you any more and had thought to write for the reason of your silence. But it came yesterday and now in obedience to your request I sit me down to answer it but how long or good it may be I am unable to say. As you antic-ipate I am teaching, at the same old place where I used to teach in years agone viz: Castle Rock Six weeks of the time has already passed away. with ten more to come when my labor for this place shall have ceased.

I have a very large but otherwise pleasant school with an average attendance of over 40. They have given me but little or no trouble thus far. being well disposed and studious in the main. I think I realy enjoy the teaching this winter better than I ever have before mostly I presume that I am more at home with my work and consequently a better master of the situation. I have a very pleasant place to board. with a young married couple. have a room by myself with a fire and nicely fitted up. the parents of this couple live near by of whom the lady is quite intelligent and very lively. she has also a daughter quite amiable and who is a good vocal and instrumental musician hence I do not lack for diversion all the time. have an evening writing school connected with my school which is a source of diversion and profit to me. I also connected myself with the Lyceum of the place. but hitherto the weather has been so unpleasant that they have not been a success

Have not yet given Carlton the intended visit although I long to do so but I cant go without dismissing school for a day which I do not like to do. think however that I shall go over some Saturday even though I do not see the School in operation. I hear from Wheaton occasionaly. But the saddest of all the news heard from there or anywhere is of the death of that dear and Noble boy Watson Ferris, he died somewhere near the early part of last fall term at his home in Anrida. poor boy his close application and hard mental labor soon gave him some affection of the brain which compelled him

to quit school two or three weeks
before the close last Springs term. He
tried to work on a farm but had to
give that up and went home to his
parents since which time I had not
heard from him until a short
time before his death when I
was informed he had engaged
a school was intending to teach
and then return to complete his
studies at the College. The next
I heard from him he was dead
I should not have felt more sadly
had I heard of the death of a
brother for I had learned to love
and respect him as I had but few
~~so much~~ for
his excellent traits of character
an unassuming and genial
manners I tell you Miss
Christie the world can ill
afford to lose such great
strong hearts — my willing hands
as that boy possessed My ~~h~~
does seem hard to that

he should have been taken away before any of his bright hopes and ambitions could have been realized he having denied himself and suffered so much to improve himself. Had we had our way Miss Christie we would have taken many another rather than he. But we will not question God's authority. He knows best we can but hope that he has gone to a world where his sphere of usefullness has become much wider & where he will no longer be fettered by the bonds of human infirmity and weakness

Our Strong contrast with the above comp the close of the marriage of Miss Sarah Baker. I did not learn the manner of the happy

far from being realized as ever. my patience is worn

out and I am almost discouraged but I am not considerable or I would not trouble you with my kind of love enough.

I was sorry to hear of your continued ill health hope however that you will soon recover and enjoy your usual good health. accept my best wishes for your success and welfare

From your Sincere friend

G. R. Simpson

groom but think his some clergyman from the East.

Mr. R Hench has also slipped the connubial knot. I did not learn who was the fortunate (?) one but suppose of course it was Miss Taylor, his teacher school (so my informant says) at $40. a month and builds his own fires rather a low figure for a graduate. I suppose I ought to feel tolerably contented. Johnson and Young both teach this winter I have not heard from Will son since I left Mt. I too hope he is doing well. You ask am I happy? am I contented? I cant say that I am either contented or happy. though I am not wont to pour my troubles into human ears your however have always taken such a kindly interest in me that I have made you an isolated exception. My course for the future is so uncertain and precarious that it leaves me in a vague kind of unrest which is far from contentment and you know that to be happy and un contented is impossible. It is seemingly a hard matter for me to find out Gods will concerning me. you see the same old trouble my inclination and my adaptation seems to lead me in different ways. and I dare not choose for fear of making the fatal mistake and at the sacrifice of all my future happiness My circumstances seem to favor my adaptation. but

my inclination has always been so strong to get an education and be aman of literary tastes and habits that it requires a mighty effort of will to give it up. but every avenue to gratify that tastes seems now to be closed and further very need attempt of mine to gain the coveted boon but more firmly convinces are that it is a mistake that knowledge is not for one and if I should obtain a measure of it I would be like a cistern full of water with no means of getting the water. Nor am I christian enough to trust in God and do any task, any faith which was ever small seem to be on the worse and awful as it may seem I have almost lost faith in a God of Providence who knows and cares for the individual wants of his children. there are certain results for which I have prayed ~~for~~ ever since I became a christian and which seem to day as

Minneapolis, Minn.
Jany 7th 1877.

Dear Friend [Sarah Christie]

Your letter Dec 25- was received with pleasure. For a number of reasons, I have always valued your correspondence highly. Perhaps I have told you so before; but the fact is worthy of repetition.

I must say to you, that your desires and hopes are a mystery to me. Last year you wanted to come to Minn. again, but I thought you had become thoroughly contented with your place and work at Wheaton. And as you are well situated there, it seems to me that a change to one of the

public schools of Minnesota would be a change for the worse. Of course you know what public schools usually are, but I don't believe you know the country folk of Blue Earth Co. as well as I do. They are an ignorant, conceited, hypercritical, gossipping set of people. Of course, they are not all so, but this party very likely to be in the ascendency. They don't know what qualifications are necessary for a good teacher. A man who can walk six miles an hour, talk three fourths of the time, no matter whether well or ill, "interest" the scholars, and, in general, make something of a splurge, would suit them better than the a refined, well educated, manly man or womanly woman. In L.C. they have a man who suits them pretty well, I believe. The other schools I don't know much about. As for myself, I have no expectation of leaving the University for two and a half years, unless something unforseen makes it absolutely necessary. - If I seem to be giving advice, I can apologize for my license only by referring you to the liberty you have heretofore given me.

Edgerton was here when your letter came. He is the same sort of a boy that he was two years ago. Full of fun and good humor. Still he seems a little older & more thoughtful than he did.

Did I ever tell you about Dawley, my roommate? He is a very peculiar genius. In the sciences he is one of the very best of students. But in language he has as hard work

as any body. He is a farmer's boy of about 20, uncultivated and bashful, who stands greatly in need of self-confidence and self-reliance. He often gets discouraged with his French, German and Rhetoricals, but in Mathematics he knows his strength and is seldom ~~ex~~ excelled equalled and never excelled. He intends to take the course in Civil Engineering, and I have no doubt that he will make an enviable success in that profession. He is very generous, and kind-hearted. Sometimes this I have a great deal of influence with him — too much — but occasionally his independence asserts itself very positively, and

story not to oppose it.

Julia got through last term with good standing. I think she stood second in a class of 40 in Latin. She lacks what a great many lack, that is, the power of confining & concentrating her mind closely to one thing. It is a thing to be acquired, and it is not very easy to get a hold of, sometimes.

You speak of my having a great deal to be thankful for. I am not ignorant that I am surrounded with unusual advantages, nor that I have to show remarkable success for the effort I have made. But gratitude is a thing foreign to my nature, as tropical fruits

and flowers are foreign to Artic cold.. Sometimes I think it could be worth ten years of hard work to change my disposition in some respects, but I seem never to make much exertion toward it. The most unpleasant thing about it is that I am growing worse instead of better. I can partly see the cause, but see no remedy.

But enough of this.

Our winter term began the 20th of Dec, and continued without vacation through the holidays. Work a plenty — Sometimes crowding. We all are both well, as are all of your family at home.

I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as convenient.

I am told that Mr Rice and Miss Mrs. Boies are married.

In sincerity your friend

S. Lockwood

Wheaton College Ill.
Jan 14 1877

Dear Miss Christie [Sarah]

It seems to me as if it were a long long time since I had seen you and I scarce can realize that only a week ago yesterday I bade you farewell. It has been the longest week I have realized since I have been here in Wheaton I never realized before how much I would miss you But now since you are gone I am so lonesome. And now I have no place to go where I can feel that I enjoy the full confidence and the full sympathy of the one with whom I am conversing No place to go when I am in need of counsel and words of encour

ment. But Miss Christie I shall remember with gratitude to my dying day the good you have already done me And I thank my God for the Providence which brought us together For I feel and know that I am a better man for having met you I never could go into your presence without coming away feeling that I was the better for it that I had nobler aspirations higher and better Ideas of life I also learned to respect and admire as I had never done before true pure and noble womanhood A man cannot go into the presence of a woman without being made either better or worse would to God Miss Christie that your sex would realize this more fully and use this power which God has given them for the Advancement of his kingdom. I had an interview with Miss Norwood as you requested who gave me some information in regard to your departure. And Miss Christie I can assure you to the depths of my heart that I do sympathize with you deeply and regret exceeding y the circumstances which have placed me where I can do no more. And I can readily understand why you are thus situated had you been more selfish more careful for your own welfare and less careful for others (as is the way of the world in general) all this trouble would have been avoided and people would not have had a chance to talk and you would not have been misunderstood and misrepresented But perhaps you would not have had the rich possession of grateful hearts which is now your eternal possession.

ones motives and purposes are often misunderstood and misconstrued by men. But God knows Oh Miss Christie I am so thankful that God knows all. And although we may be persecuted of men and wolves in sheeps clothing may be upon our track and wicked sepulchres may breathe their poisonous breath upon us and ruin our reputation Yet God knows all our purposes and if they be right he has in store for us such rich blessings as will cause us to forget it all in the excess of our joy. And God knows just how to deal with his children to make them better christians and develop their nobler qualities Gold before the pure can be obtained must pass through the fiery ordeal of the smelting furnace in order that the dross be consumed and the pure gold obtained. So with us

Excuse me for
writing so long
and such a
letter and
may Heaven's
richest blessing
be your portion
and remember
that when the waves
of life o'ertake thee
Hopes deceive and
fears annoy
Never shall the
cross forsake thee
Lo! it glows with
peace and joy
So now good
night and
God bless you
From your
true friend
G. Robinson

God permits us to suffer that the dross may be consumed and the purer nobler qualities be developed. Dr Walker preached such a blessed sermon today I wish you could have heard it his text was. the last part of the 12 v. of the ~~sec~~ 2nd chap of Eph. "Having no hope and without God in the world" among many of the excellent things he said I will relate as well as I can one part which seemed good to me. Speaking of the good hope of the christian it was somewhat as follows A stately ship is riding upon the deep a storm is driving her toward the breakers and destruction the anchor is cast out but does not find sufficient hold in the sandy bottom to prevent the ship and anchor

Sometimes when you feel lonesome remember me too

from being destroyed an dangerous reefs, but if the anchor was fixed above the clouds and above the storm sure and steadfast. the ship would be safe the sea might sink and the fiercest storms blow over but the ship would still be there because the anchor was sure and stead fast. So with us if our anchor of hope is cast above the clouds and the storm ~~and above the storm~~ and stayed sure and steadfast on Him who rules the elements the fiercest storms of adversity may blow over us yet we will be safe because of the good hope which we possess. as an anchor to our souls.

Affairs here at the College are progressing pretty much as usual. I miss you very much at our table and especialy in our morning and evening worship. Miss Nash and Miss Marsh divide the honors of conducting them each taking it alternately. I confess it grated rather harshly on me at first to hear Mrs Marsh read the reads in such a light unfeeling way that I could not help think that her thoughts were far away from her reading perhaps it is wicked in me to feel so But I do wish everybody was pure and good and true then there would be no occasion for any of these harsh thoughts.

I hope Miss Christie that you are home now and all rested up with good prospects before you how tired you must have been! I almost trembled to have you go away for fear your strength would not hold out. I was glad to get your letter and was still happier to hear you had reached your home in safety. I am so glad too that you are

so full of courage. I will pray for
you Miss Christie and I will
tell you now that I have prayed
for you almost daily since I
became a praying man and since
you have gone away I have prayed
for you more earnestly than ever
before. And you wont care if I tell you
that on account of your kindness
to me and the many womanly virtues
which I have discovered in you you
hold a place in my heart never
held by any woman before and kindred
to the one held by my sainted mother
and I love you Miss Christie (I do not
blush to say it) with that pure
unselfish love which a big boy gives
to a mother or elder sister Now this
offend you Miss Christie burn it up throw
and forget that I send it and forgive my
foolishness for you know what a great
simple hearted fellow I am and how
that I dont know any better.
Now dont laugh at me miss Christie

has been divided quite unequally
earing to leave Lauri &
was sorry to have it done.
I must close. Believe me
Ever your friend
Jennie Carothers

Wheaton College, Jan 15th '77.
Monday Eve.

Dear Miss Christie:— [Dark]

I cannot realize that you are gone from us. It seems that I shall surely find you somewhere ere long. Frances said that night after you had gone "that it seemed just as though mother was away"

We girls feel quite alone now we have only each other to ask advice of and confide in. We can only see what happens, philosophize (?) about it and keep our own counsel. Of course that is the best for us to do.

Ella says that she has answered all

your questions, and I will try and tell you the rest.

Mother has been very sick with Pneumonia but is better now. I do so much wish I could go home and see her and the rest. I have had a stronger feeling of homesickness since the term opened than I have had for a long time. Brother Robert has gone to Indianola Iowa to Simpson Centenary College. He is only preparatory. This is his first term away from home. I wish he could have been with us, but this is probably only for the time, and he will take a course somewhere else.

I presume that Ella has told you that the President has not referred to you in any way in Chapel. His lectures have been excellent. He looks stronger & thinks than he has in a year and seems to be a younger man by ten years. I have not heard the slightest thing to your detriment from any one since you left, in fact no one says anything to me about it or anything else to me, they all seem shy and I am not certain but I feel that way myself.

I have had a short talk with Mr. Warner. He said he was sorry for the things he had said about me and the course he had taken. He did not attempt a course of argument as I supposed he would. Perhaps he thought it would be wasted. He said he had made apology to the gentlemen to whom he said those things or rather told them he should not have said them. None of the other gentlemen have said anything to me about. At the first meeting of the Lit. Union Mr Baker and Mr. Warner were equipped with Cushing's Manual and proved[1] therefrom that my state-ment should not go on the minutes as a minority report. I did not care as it had done its work - being read twice.

Since my Conversation with Mrs. W. I have heard another remark which she made concerning me at that time which filled me with horror. I did not suppose any thing of the kind could come from any member of the School. I feel that I have a righteous cause, and God will someday make it all right. I have heard nothing from Miss Willard as yet. I am afraid she will not come at all.

Dear Miss Christie, always be assured of our love for and confidence in you. I only wish I could have done more for you while you were here. I am so glad you ever came to Wheaton for my own sake, you have taught me so many things the principle of doing right unflinchingly I did not understand until I knew you. May God give you to teach many others as you have taught me. I am sorry for the bitterness your sojourn here has brought you. Your friends here are firm in their for you a successful of that, and they hope and happy future. Do not fear, all will be well, we have such a strong Leader.

Dr. Walker preached an excellent sermon yesterday from Eph. 2, 12. It was so full and so plain. I wish you could have heard it.

Frances sends her love and says to tell you she is taking good care of the hanging basket. Sally is boarding at Mr. Taylor's. I spoke to him to be sure and remain in my class but I was not at S. S. at all yesterday. Bertie is still with me and is a much better boy. My class

Elm Wood Castle. Jany 21st 1877

My Dear Tom.

I salute You on
this Your Natal Day with the rising Sun.
May Your Course be Like his full of Glory
and Blessings, Carrying Joy around the
World as Darkness flies before him.

I trust Ryn and Ryns are
well, here we are as usual as to health.
I wish You Were in Utica or more.
Reading rest. the Cook stuff and pale
But Will soon recruit in this Genial
healthy Climate. if the Country must be Some
it is not borne for nought. it Sup Luxury
and indulgence to build up, and Reserve
and Conservation. The right to rest entitles
Spring and Labor the Will.

Uncle William is Boarding
at Seidl's the Same man in all things, only
a Little more so.

Your Letter of Dec 27th
I received. Would have Written to You
Sooner. But from inability. for my Chore

on Edison use up nearly all the vital force I can manufacture, the Organisms have refuses to perform its functions in a perfect manner and so the soul must work with diminished resources from the Body. You must learn to take Care of the Exterior Man. and so keep him in Order to Obey the Behests of his superior the internal Man.

Now you will see proof of this My Mental poverty in these lines I write you. the ideas will not arise on the Organic Spectrum. or if they do it is but a flicker and they are Gone. But there is a Verse of a psalm haunting my memory ever since I awoke this morning and I must give it expression for Lack of any thing else and also for its own sake and the precious truths it bears. For Why? The Lord our God is Good.

His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
and shall from age to age endure.

and now as I look at it written, it seems as if every word of it should be marked and underlined ten thousand times.

is there not an implication in these lines that in all ages this truth has been manifested; apprehended more or less ~~in the ages~~ in the intellect of men?

22c. I sent Allen Cately an Account of some very Beautiful and impressive Phenomena in the Heavens lately. I wish you could have seen them.

I hope you see clearly now that the Foreign Mission work is really what has been Assigned you by providence. And that you cannot draw Back in the face of so many indications of that purpose

I Resolute not to say to you that if you do. Nothing else will prosper with You.

You ought to Consider this as definitely Settled, and now Give your Attention only to those things which will further your usefulness in that line of Action.

Let no one draw you from it. Nor any hopes of distinctions or pecuniary Advantage turn you for one Moment aside from it. You I believe are fully Committed to God and your own interior Monitor. Because I

I say this Because I feel as if you
somehow partially regretted your
own decision in this matter.
and Because Friends may suggest
you could do better. Believe them
not. this is Unquestionably Your
Work. Go in more in the Name of the
Lord / and you shall Win Grace and
Blessing. / don't not mind / stem.
and fight it out on that Line if it takes
all your Life. Summer and Winter
through this Lower Life in the flesh.
If you should think you may
lose anything here by this Course do
not let it trouble you. You will be
repaid with tenfold distinction in
the Home World to which we shall all so
soon See. if any Worth or any Value
is in you it will assuredly be promoted
to its own place. / keep your Mind single
devoted to the One purpose of proclaiming
the Glory of Christ in the Darkened Lands.
I salute you there on this Your
Birth Morning as one of the Militia in full
Armour. May God bless you. Your Father
J. Christie

Elmwood Castle, Jan 25 1874

My Dear Son.

Yours of the 6th received. I have a real Gratification in your seeing through the Museum. Your Opportunities are much Enlarged by your residence in Cambridge and I am Confident they will not be thrown away on you. I have seen but little of what you have seen in the Museum and about the College and from defects of schooling unable to profit much from what I have seen anywhere. But Imagination has been Active now from Little hints here and there I have formed Conceptions and Theories a Great Many. You must have received my letter Giving a disjointed account of some Strange Physiognomena I have seen lately. I trust You will be able to put together the Disjecta Membra and form a Conception for yourself of what we have Objectively.

I trust You are in Health. We are all about the usual State. Your Uncle has letters. He Yesterday he had received a letter recently from Nelson, in which he regrets that he cannot use freedom enough in his prayr house to treat You as he desires to do. He feels bad about this. and Complacein of it to her Mother.

Sarah is residing with me, and writing a good many letters. Recuperating in health and does not looking so haggard and worn as when she first came. is trying I believe to get a school Quick as possible and may stay Some time or some where or another. I firmly believe Sarah means well. But is sadly oppressed & depressed by her past as indeed we all are,

I have not as yet sent them Books to Nellie But will soon. I Will send those you mentioned in your last letter and may hap something of my own to him, But no Taylor. no Anything which tends to depress Christianity in the Eyes of men. That is the Good Thought and the Good Seed founded on the True Conception of the Good God, ~~God~~ sustained and originated by the descent from the Supernatural of the Spirit of the Good Life. Trust on its own Works. will withstand all attacks. All are not able to see this and many are led astray in consequence of it,

It is for from my wish to send Nellie that Which tended only lead him out of his depth any further. he is near drowned already with Water Which he cannot Assimilate to Edifying.

I must now tell you of a very fine View I had of the Zodiacal Light sometime ago. with some of the Speculations which the sight led me into. about 2 hours after Sunset on the Night of the 8th it was, the Cone of Light reached up to within about 9° of the Zenith and the Pleiades were 2 or 3° East of that point. if the Light had not been as thin as it Might have been traced up to the Zenith. I could see that the Converging Lines of the Cone would have met just about the Pleiades. I looked into a little astronomical Book of Sarah's, and found that the fact was just as I saw it. and further that these "Pleiades" or one of them is said to be the point in Space round which it is said the Whole Stellar Universe seems to turn, and this is the Neck of the Constellation Taurus. (note the Jaw) "Bull". probably from "Baal" (I am not content with Webbers derivation it does not go far enough.) Why else was a Bull Name some 6000 years ago the Sun was in this Constellation. That is, at that time this was the Noon of the Sun. Name this "Taurus." or "Baal" Was in that Age the Symbol of the Creator.

Now I infer that these Ancient Priests knew the Astronomical facts which our Modern Astronomers have again discovered and ~~that~~ in writing their Hieroglyphs on the Sky they purposed Concealed Saurus, the Generator, Father of all things in such place and Manner as would bring the Neck, the Last and Symbol of the Generative power in the place of the Pleiades and so Connect ~~and record~~ their Religion with Astronomy and Physiology.

Their Sun God Primus seems to proceed from the Neck of the Bull, as the Zodiacal Light as it were points out.

There can I think be no doubt that these Priests, rulers of Kings, had true knowledge of Astronomy and Physiology, and also knowing the Science of Correspondences the fully initiated Amongst them could ascend to the Conception of Spiritual things. And with them you see Religion was based on Science. But Science is Revelation from God in and through the reason of Men. Proceeding also (to use their Language) from the Mouth of Saurus. Well we all know the results upon the people of this Symbolical Religion. The Temples became

5) places of Sebaschon. Because the Seat
or Throne of Saturn Physiologicly Was
Amateleness. and in that Throne he
Was Worshipped. You Will see the result
Spoken of in the first Chapter of Romans.
and in History Showing that these Nations
have all But disappeared from the Earth.

I shall not enter
into the Correspondences of these things in
an Open Letter With You, But shall
Mention further that I wish You to
Observe also that another small Cluster
of Stars. the Pyades are placed in the
Head of Taurus. the Ancients said "that
When this Cluster arose With the Sun
there Would be rainy Weather" More as
I have told You often before this "Weather" in
this Secret Language signified "Truth"
You Will See that in the Head is first
Shewn the Pyades Should also here been
placed. in fact Sufficient Confirmation of
all I have already Concluded upon in Looking
into this Starry Hieroglyph. I cannot
disclose all. But will say that Religion
like all things else has a beginning, a middle

and an End. a Leaf, a Stem, and a flower. it is Now in its last Stage amongst us Hut is, Is perfected, But each and every Stage of its Core. Is like Wrapped up in the Involucre of its earliest form. as I can very Easily demonstrate. And Observe me it is the Truth. the various Stages of its development have proceeded according to a Universal Law. and have been sent from above by Revelation. through inspiration in Men. prepared Instruments for its development

There is no Antagonism between Science and Religious Truth. Whatever is true anywhere is true Everywhere. So that Whatever is true on the Earth in the Eye of reason is true Also in Heaven in the Eye of the Spirit. and if Legitimate reasoning from true premises shall Circuit forth here on the Earth. be sure it is bound somewhere, But Observe all reasoning with anything else than Universal Truths will lead to Error. I really mean to say that if you do not start from a truth you can never reach one. and that your result will be Commensurate in Breadth to the premises

But I must Quit this Topic

and Yet I cannot for it is the most important of all possible to Man. Man Needs to Know and to believe and to Obey the Truth. in Another form. to come in his Life Thoughts and Act into accordance with the Will of God. that Which has not reached the God form Cannot be permanent. all else is Evanescent subject to Change. therefore to Know Him is Life Eternal. there is not anything Which Can arise from the Earth and ascend into the Heaven remaining there. He that ascended is He that Came from Above. Eternal Life then must Come down to us. and we must be Willing that it should enter or it Cannot.

This is our Choice. it is a Supernatural implantation. a Miraculous induction.

and we must suffer the Operation. seek and desire it. Not resisting but Soliciting.

The Truth must enter that the Good may be deposited. for the seed cannot Grow until it is sown. hidden in the Affections

it is an instantaneous act

accomplished. When we are in the proper State of Reception.

and is the inductions of a new
principle of Life. which can not
originate from any of the Elements
of our natural Life. Be not offended
if I say that You as all need to alone
first
all other things. Seek yet thereafter the King-
dom of God. and His Righteousness. His
righteousness, Observe. Not your own.

May God prosper You in Your Seeking
Seek and you shall find. Knock. it will
be opened unto You. the Catechetising does
not hang on the outside you see. Ask.
and You will receive, ask. Seek. and knock
in sincerity for the Boon is priceless and
Get Beyond all price in intrinsic Value.
Have I/ announce that this curse
I advise is foreign to your nature. yet it is
absolutley necessary for Your Eternal peace,
do not Elbow it aside. Entertain the
Convictions of its necessity and see the result.
Write soon and Write to me freely
if in any of my Astronomical Statements You
see I believe anything contrary to fact. please
let me right. and Give me your mind
on all I have said. Ask any Questions You choose
Yours D. Christie

My dear Brother

P.S. You know by this time I am
sober & that I am sure - You would
be heartily sorry & grieve more to see
me in a drop no more - & that only
would & then they commenced
working & the Parish - each threw
off his pound of flesh - & so out
of health - & broke down as I feared
I required - As they said they
parted with me cordially but I
could not stand it longer. They

grand one $25. for farming & yard & for all the rest. they seemed very [illegible] sufficient to cancel their debt to me. which is great relief to me and they still owe seven thousand dollars of back pay to their teacher & professors. I admire their heroism but it is no place for me. since I have been home I am improving in health & strength & will go to work again as soon as possible. that is soon as I find something to do. I have sent out letters in all directions since coming here to friends for work in the teaching line or in any line for the time being. Nellie thinks I ought to rest until spring & I will if I cannot find employment but I think I will. I have written to Kirk among others & it is possible he may know of a district school in need of teacher. If I do not succeed in obtaining work until spring I will settle myself down to stay until that time. at Lakin & Oklahoma. I have never in my

I've had such a desire for study I may call it so as during the past year & more so this time of it. I take great pleasure in reading & in Latin. the folks here are in excellent health. I have never seen Dave look as well in [illegible] Thelma looks fine little Emma & the children are well. Joe goes to [illegible] school. they have [illegible] the east bedroom comfortably & Lillian occupies it. reminds me of Ethel occasionally & seems quite happy. We came over to see Gaius about every day. Nellie is very busy & [illegible] as usual. sometimes complains a little about not feeling quite well but I find he is in fair general health now since I was here before. We saw all the wood they use & it & Nellie between them do the chores. have 5 head also two calves. two cows to milk & then to water & feed the cows & a young calf. Gaius walks & works a little not so much I notice as he used to. He sleeps a great deal

which is a good thing for nearly all the work is done & they live their entirely. I sleep in the same room as the north west door & Dora & Andrew in their room by the stove. — I am getting accustomed because I can sleep so much here - that I could do little of at Wheaton — am glad I am away from Wheaton - I might have left it at the close of last year - was my Parents duty - & I did but do all - Pip Lonnie promised to lend Sammy to pay Dave & then I thought that might - to help him my circumstances before asking it & I did - & she drew back for she said it was nearly all she had at present, besides a home & Col — & I could not blame her - So that ended - but I can do something about it & I shall try to borrow it from someone at a distance, so as take it off Dave's shoulders. - I will do the best I can about it - I would have written to you before this came, & to Lou but that prevented by sending money telling about Christmas &c - write and me writing another & mine both if you will send this to Lou. Do I understand right - that you are Post Graduate in Mathematics?

Friday Feb 3d (?) 77

My Dear Father ~

Didn't like
26 Bowbridge St. folks
too aristocratic in their
notions to make a Western
man feel comfortable, and
so I asked the privilege
of moving back to my
old quarters, where I am.
For three weeks from
today my work is suspended
for the medial or mid-year
examinations. I have had
nine in German, French
ones Monday 5th, Physics
with Bowbridge 12th, Quater-
nions with Price 14th and
Descr Geom with Eustis on
19th. Am in the list of
Condition; but no time for

long letters. Sarah's
letter received.
Expect to see Tom and the
folks soon. Haven't seen
Eben since before Christmas.
With love to all
Chap

Chap is to come down
to see me Monday about
tutoring in Deb's room
— he is a dull classmate
— rather, a lazy Dillo.

15 Mt. Auburn St. Cambridge Mass.

Sunday Feb 4th 1877.

My Dear Father;

Yours of 23d & me, and 21st to Tom, the latter forwarded by him from Andover, both came to hand yesterday noon. Our three weeks cessation of regular work during the Semi-Annual Examinations began yesterday, and I will put in the time at quaternions and Descriptive Geometry. In spite of the uniqueness of the method, I look forward to the three hours' examination in quaternions from 9 to 12 on the 14th, not only with no fear, but with positive anxiety to get at it and recite my 4 months' lesson. There are several men in the Section who took the course last year, and are now taking both

courses, ours with J. M. Price, and the higher one - a continuation of last year's - with Benjamin Peirce. Friday I ventured to ask one of them how he likes the new mathematical method. "Grandly indefinite, grandly indefinite," was the pompous, measured response - and the rondescript from the Northwest just set him down as a man who had neglected to read Hamilton carefully. It is all grandly definite to me, so far as I have gone. In fact, Hamilton's logic is second to none but Euclid's. I am in fine trim for work, now that, thanks to Eustis, my meals are matter of fact and not of speculation. I think I wrote you that I stayed only one day at 26 Brewster St. They were too good - too refined - too cultured - too genteel - too aristocratic; and - too bad-mannered to grant graciously what they themselves had first proposed. I fixed the matter with Eustis and moved back "to my old quarters" - as that sterling old West-Pointer put it. And Friday he shoved in $ 15 dollars to meet Expenses - making $ 35 in all. I think that after examinations they will feel little more like increasing attraction and making the Comet travel an Ellipse in future, instead of going off on a parabola or a hyperbola. However, this is matter for future observation. I expect Barton of the Section in Dec - Geom - down on Monday to talk about my helping him

in that branch. If he takes any help, it will be from me — how is that for high?

Your letters are most Excellent. Yours is the Socratic method in philosophy, and will give rise to a school — no mistake about it. If there is any proof of these Spiritual Matters, it is found in your methods. But I am short of time and mental Energy, or I would write more of this. Go down early this Evening & hear Moody and Sankey the second time. Sarah is probably quite familiar with their ways. I will write them & C. Tell her to try W. D. Huckle of Salem Ohio — a leading Educational man and Editor of Ohio Ed. Monthly. Hope you also will. Love to all

Allen.

15 Mt. Auburn St. Cambridge Mass.
Sunday P.M. February 11th 77.

My Dear Sister: [Dear Christie]

I cannot write much today, for tomorrow at 9 A.M. we begin a three-hours' written Examination in Physics, and I wish to be fresh and have all my wits about me. Wednesday, three hours, in Examination in Mathematics. Without inviting failure by boasting, I may say that I feel reasonably confident of doing enough to pass in both branches; and that is all one can hope for in a school where they lay on work without regard to consequences. And besides, this work is all intended for men who have been climbing

through school after school for half a lifetime.
My health is excellent. I might easily have killed myself during this first half-year; but I prefer to shine as a star of the tenth magnitude, rather than dim Sirius for a week and then fade out of Lord Rosse's telescope. So I have done about 2/3 of the study which I might have done with attendant risks, and feel satisfied that I need never regret it.

However long I may study here or Elsewhere, or teach everywhere, my plan is; to compile a set of mathematical text-books, from counting to quaternions, and with the proceeds and my accumulated salary to begin the work of building up a school, large or small, tuition free, somewhere in the Minnesota Valley and probably near Mankato. To put my life into that, — and I know there can be no fail. Nor will an unselfish move of that kind fail for lack of helping hands.

I have heard Moody and Sankey three times. They are noble men, doing a noble work, whether right or wrong in their notions about Jesus of Nazareth. And certainly as between them and the scoffing world, the terrestrial hell of Boston, and the cold, criticizing, hypocritical Church, my sympathies are all with Moody and Sankey. Mere curiosity takes the thousands to the Tabernacle. There isn't a spark of genuine Christian

feeling to be seen in the whole great throng. They crush each other almost to death to get in — Eight or ten thousand furious hogs striving over one trough, with this difference, that they do not swallow a mouthful even after lying down full-length in the troughs. They simply like Dankey's sweet way of singing the feed-call, perhaps find something agreeable in having the provender poured all over their filthy bodies; but though Mody watches intently for an open mouth, and occasionally gets a chance to throw some right down some of their throats (that's his plan to a t), there is very little good done. Most assuredly they are the swine before whom pearls are cast, and there is some likelihood of their turning on the Evangelists and rending them.

"Why, do you call that a Christian assembly, where 7000 people in their chairs see a deaf old man with silver locks, look vainly up and down for a seat, and be sent to the rear of the great room, the Ear-trumpet at his side proclaiming, as though it were a speaking trumpet, the sad infirmity that God had laid upon him? And when I sent the usher after him and gave him a seat under the pulpit, and went to the wall myself with the limby of youth and the five senses vitad, I was regarded as a simpleton, and actually made the fine folks where I was angry, because, forsooth, they didn't like to be troubled with the Ear-trumpet, nor have their cultured feelings

perturbed by the sight of trembling age and infirmity. Their object there was purely Esthetic. And the other fool Tuesday night was a negro, who relinquished his seat near the rear of the audience, to an old lady, and went three further back. I tell you, the leopard with all his spots and the Ethiopian with skin of Ebony, shall enter the kingdom of heaven before such as they. The church here is rotten to the core. "Ring out a slowly dying cause, Ring in the Christ that's yet to be!"

And now Sarah, of your affairs. I suppose that you know that a teacher's wages cannot be garnisheed by anybody, and that you could have proceeded against Wheaton College for your pay, if they persisted in taking your obligations in lieu of paying you. And you should have done it. For your debt to Dave is the one which should be paid first. I do not know how he can get through. Here I am helpless to help for some time. Are you going to tap any of the neighbors again? Rest assured, that the next time it is done, the news will be flashed all over the union over my signature. And your having anything to do with the Kirk's, other than to show them a favor, is none too becoming.

Ans.

No 273 Broadway

Sunday Feb 11th 1877

Dear Cousin Sarah

I should have written before in answer to yours, received last week but I have very little time to spare for letter writing now The children keep up a constant turmoil from morning till night, and when night comes I feel too stupid to write letters

To-day is Sunday - three P.M. Alice and the two youngest girls have just gone over to grandma's and the two children will stay to tea while she goes to church Mr Bray has just gone out to visit some friends and I put Dud to sleep for an hour I hope, leaving only Helen to keep me company, She is a very lively child and therefor the interruptions will no doubt be numerous before I get done

This forenoon I took Emma Shaw (the blind girl I used to tell you about

over to the city intending to hear Mr Moody in Music Hall, but we were just one moment too late, the doors are closed exactly at half past ten, as if it were not a Christian Church at all. There were almost half a hundred persons turned away and it gave one a queer feeling about Mr Moody's zeal for the salvation of souls — but after all I know nothing about it. Perhaps he knows best. We went to Park St Church and neither of us regretted being turned away from Music Hall, for the sermon was a good one which we heard. The ministers are all waking up to strengthen the impression made by Mr Moody. The Dissenters are divided on the subject James Freeman Clark, Dr Bartol coming out in favor of this religious movement and E. E. Hale against it. Phillips Brooks is backing Mr Moody — and some other Episcopalian ministers are but the attitude of the English Church seems to be that of holding back somewhat. I heard John Caplan Smith speak at the Church Congress some time ago and thought of the Millers. I liked what he said very much. I have heard Mr Moody and it is a great wonder to me that any Church calling itself Christian should give him the cold shoulder — He is certainly preaching Christ and His righteousness. You will be glad to hear that Sandy has been to hear him. He writes to me that Mr Sankey's sweet hymns are running through his mind while he is working out his problems on paper, and that he likes Mr Moody well enough to forget his bad grammar.

I did expect to find some magnetic influence about Mr Moody — and I think a great many people are much disappointed in finding him nothing more than a very plain looking honest earnest man. They cannot account for his power but they will account for it by and by perhaps in the way that we do, namely that it is the power of Truth working

in their own hearts. Boston is a hard city in many respects. The Unitarians and the Catholics are working very hard against this movement from their different standpoints. The Unitarians sneer at him and the Catholics curse him. I went over with Mrs Dr Thomson (Dr Prays sister) to a meeting of the Radical Club and heard Samuel Longfellow the brother of the poet read a beautiful essay about this Divine Lord - I was charmed when there but after coming home I thought to myself that it was only beautiful as the moonlight is beautiful - He is a sweet looking man - I thought of the character of Melancthon - but there is a lack somewhere - a weakness it seems to me which comes from the lack of any sense of sin or need of redemption as understood by the Christian Church - He has had a great effect somehow upon the outward form of his brothers poetry I think. —

Carrie was in town a few weeks ago attending the Womans Board of Foreign Missions and came

over to see me She is quite hopeful
about their work in Turkey - and
so am I Jones I heard Mr Montgomery
Tom future Companion He has
been teaching and preaching in
Marash for ten or twelve years
and is a good man He has a
fair complexion and in his manner
is enough like Tom to be his brother so
earnest and enthusiastic that he has
certainly opened my eyes to the
need of Foreign Missions! - I almost
envy Carrie and Tom that they
are called to the work - although
I grieve that they are going not
only because of the distance but
because of the danger - for Tom
will not spare himself, and
Mr Montgomery was once stoned so
nigh to death that he was picked
up for dead. He and his wife are
home on a short visit - and go back
again at once They have four or
five children so Carrie will get

much valuable advice about her family from Mrs Montgomery — For myself I am in my usual health, and can attend to what is required from me but this last week or two I have noticed a little lump growing in my under eyelid of the left eye which I am afraid will give me trouble. I have not said anything to Dudley about it yet but if I have to submit to an operation to have it taken away, my work here will be at a standstill for a while. It is in between the skins close up to the edge of the eyelid and of course there would be some danger to the eye. You need not fret however God gives strength for the time of need to all who ask it of Him! and perhaps it is only a bad blister. Tom wrote me a very beautiful poem of Faber's the first and last verses of which remain in my mind — and I will write them to you

I worship Thee sweet Will of God
And all Thy ways adore
And every day I live, I seem
To love Thee more and more

All that He blesses, is our good
And unblest good is ill
And all is right that seems most wrong
If it be Christ sweet will—

Please tell father to write if he has nothing else to do— Dudley got his letter— but has not answered it yet I think— I dont hear from one since receiving one from him— The children are all in rhaling health— and we are having good weather.— I had a note from Will— all well— Tell father to write Love to him and to good father and aunt Persis and Dove and his wife— I remain always affectionally yours Helen

You must excuse the pencilling and the hasty way this is written. Little Dick awoke before it was well begun and has been cutting up all kinds of capers — pulling off the table cloth &c &c Yours &c

Redlands, Thurs.
Friday Noon. Feb. 16/11.

[Alexander]

dear Brother,

Father wrote you yesterday & Uncle Williams illness - The Doctor is coming this afternoon so Virgie & I should write a line for him to post - I cannot say whether Uncle is better or not - it is such a deceitful disease - the patient may seem so much better at one time & much worse the next hour. - Uncle Williams has more delirious, & more generally last night, between nine & ten he had been before - About four o'clock A.M. he fell asleep & slept most of the time until six & was very quiet - Dave sat up with him after his two o'clocks - This forenoon he has slept most of the time too - He is sleeping now &

favourable sign, & it may be
only a result of medicine given
for this purpose - He takes Medi-
cine once in 2 hours - Mr Mitchell
the Doctor - The swelling on his
face has fallen somewhat - nearly
gone on the side - but it is round
but his Eyes somewhat - & has
a red cap on the top of his head
also - Has forehead is swelled badly
this morning - He gets all the
time & always that anyone could
wish - He is not neglected a minute
someone is with him all the time.
He is very weak - If he will rose
I will send telegram - Some
time Friday or tonight will do - and
his person again. - Tell Helen
I had her letter yesterday + read it to
him except what she wrote about
her eye - I thought that might worry
him so I omitted - He says Uncle please
to hear Helens letter - It did him good
I am glad you have heard Woody
Jenkins - Woody is a practical man
Capt Henry Dyer the other evening - He came
to see Barney who had come down to work
on the Docks at Bass Harbor - Happy he
always as Willis he had a row yesterday -

6. Stuck P. M.

Wheaton College, Feb. 17th, '97.

My Dear Miss Christie, — [Sarah]

I am very sorry to
hear of your ill health though I am not
surprised, It would, indeed, be a great wonder
after such a terrible strain if you were not
sick. I would not say to you not to think of
your great trial, but to think of it as a God-send,
which will in some way lead you to greater
strength, to a more perfect trust in God and to a
greater work in this life. I leave us doubt but that
it is His purpose thus to use you and for this
reason you are sent this sorry trial.

We are having such beautiful weather, like the

just a half-dozen

sunny days of April, but I fear we shall see many freaks of this weather before those days are really come.

We expect Father next week. We are anticipating very much from this visit, it seems a long time since we have seen any of the home-faces.

Mother has about recovered her former health. I think I told you she was very sick during vacation. Robbie, our youngest brother is at Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa. It has one hundred and fifty students, the smallest number it has ever had. It promises much as an institution of learning, though young. I wish Robbie could have been with us, but he will probably not be in school very long, for the present and it would hardly pay to come so far.

Miss Walker is apparently no better. She sits up but very little of the time. Last Saturday she went to Prof. Baker's and I think she is there still.

Mr Ivey has not been able to attend his classes this week and is really quite sick, but he will not have a physician. Mabel is quite worried about him. Mr has resigned from the Lecture Committee as did also Mr. Thomas. Mr. Finch has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Ivy's resignation.

Mr. Baker also resigned his office as Secretary of Soc. of Inquiry. Blanche not being in school of course I would have to preside. We have had two excellent meetings of the Society this term, though not largely attended.

Mrs. Prof. Blanchard has a brother here in the preparatory department. There are quite a number of gentlemen in school this term whom I have not met, and do not even know their names.

I have been in three Greek classes until last week when I was obliged to give up

Greek Selections. I take up Astronomy but I am keeping up with the class and expect to be examined with them. I find the Astronomy very interesting. Demosthenes De Corona is rather hard, the lessons are very long and I am sorry to say that I am not doing well in it. I am all the more sorry as the Juniors and Sophomores are both in that class. The Philomathean Public Meeting will occur two weeks from last evening (Friday). The Athenian in four weeks from the same time. We are having a very flourishing Society and I am in hopes will have a good meeting. Miss Donnell joined me this term. The Gnesiomatheans have their weekly meetings in the Library. We occupy the Lecture-room.

Miss Hawley has been troubled with the headache a good deal this term, but not much lately. She has but three studies.

Mrs. March has the care of the young ladies in the dining-room. She won't allow anything rude but comes right down, as the President says, on any one inclined to be so. They seem to take it with good grace too.

Our readings are still in progress. Miss Hawley has joined us. We met in our room last evening, because Miss Nash's stove smoked. Mrs. Marsh attends as there are

Northfield Feb 18 1894

Miss Chrestie

Dear Friend

Imagine Somewhat Surprised
after seeing in the "Record" which
I received today the announce-
ment of your resignation
as Lady Principal at Hinton.
From the regrets expressed
at your leaving and the
warm and hearty wishes for your
success and success wher-
ever you may go I can
easily judge that you left a woman
friends behind you there as

Dear Aunt Lucy.

I have sent some papers to you & Uncle which you have probably not received, & each one expecting letter from you & sometimes will not write & am afraid you do not know whether this letter will reach you or not & will not write more this time

Very truly Yours

Lincoln Farnum

A. Edmunston

Wednesday Evening Feb 21.77

Dear Father. [James Christie]
I came for one
a word. Recd yours 7 last
week (no date) in regard
to Uncle's sickness, and
told Helen I'd at last night
as soon as I could get down
there. Felt like telegraphing
you to call in Warren or
Oney, but trusted that you
would not let the matter
go by default, and also,
as no telegram has arrived
infer that Uncle is doing
well. . . If he is delicate,
by all means have the best
medical advice. Am glad
that Sarah is there. Have Dave
drop me a line, if you are
not able; or if he is in the

need write directly to Helen
273 Broadway S. Boston.
as she ought to know it
as soon as possible.

I am through with
Examinations in Gyn. & Obst.
and am coaching a Fresh-
man at $1.50 per hour for a
few weeks.

Spring that
Uncle is better

Ever.

I saw Strauss last night
to prove the fact when
Adams Medicine Show
used to stand.

[To James Chantie, Boos Thurston, Minn.]

Sunday Morning. Feb. 25th '77.

My Dear Father:

Ere your letters have been received - the last yesterday, a good long one dated 13th and 18th. I am glad that Uncle William is better, and hope this will find him round again. I shall look anxiously for another line in relation to him. For one can't tell what 15 minutes may bring forth.

I am too lacking in facility with the pen to put the phenomena upon discribes in shape for the public. Besides, my readers here would regard it as a bad sign that I should attempt to discribe what I had never seen. They were certainly unusual appearances. That country has for more than this

that is interesting to the meteorologist. Just at present I am working on the polarization of light reflected from Luna. But what ours! I'd give a good deal & for the privilige of setting the instrument in front of your house.

I am inclined to believe that the ancients were in possession of some very lofty generalizations regarding the world we are in, however they may have come by them, whether by revelation from a higher source, or by a laborious synthesis such as we moderns are now engaged in, the ancients of historic times having but a remnant of what their ancients possessed, just as like Arabs tented amid the fallen alumny of a former Epoch.

The methods you have discovered would make us, I believe, "The heirs of all the ages, in the foremost files of time", & but it is extremely questionable whether we would make a good use of our share of the patrimony. You remember how the boy did who received his share of the goods.

I would like to write more of these things, and will, soon. At the present time you will not exact it, as it is for the interest of all round that I attend to business right here. I have given Smith his second hour at 1.50, and he has ~~took~~ got me another - both coaching for the examination in Freshman mechanics Mch 6. — some ten hours work in all - with a prospect of coaching them along through the year. I have an Established

reputation here in the classes and with the Faculty as a mathematician, and how easily may change & establish a reputation as a tutor. With Smith I know that I can "hold the fort", for I have laid out the work and he is using the shovel like a Roman legionary. How Shaw will work to entrench himself I cannot yet tell. He expressed a willingness to do his share heartily. Odd business, but pleasant. Just think of getting $1.50 for talking an hour about lines, tangents, Newton's Laws & Motion, and the parallelogram of forces! When it's difficult to keep my tongue from wagging about such things all the time with no inducement but an Eloquent listener. Many of my illustrations with a string and key, etc, as nice as the principles themselves, just my own old stock of information

picked up in the library of the
Male Institution, about
the Acion Mill, and from the
old books we brought with
us to the New World. As fresh
as the morning to these men
whose fathers talked "tallow,
turpentine, and tin" before and
after they were in the cradle.
Then again, there is another
side to the question — and
probably the classic Perkins
has it. in as good shape as we
can get it this morning — "Eli,
don't you never talk about blow-
ing a man's brains out to
get his money; jest fly around
and blow his money out, and
you'll get his brains."

Matters are beginning to look a
little cheerful inside of the next
50 years. The laborer is always

worthy of his hire, and the Chief Paymaster will let none of our good Efforts go unrequited. If we are worthy, we will get out of trouble. Let us do our part well.

Tom was here yesterday, going away Northwest to preach. We had a long talk after I got back from tutoring, and he will come this way Monday and we will go and hear Moody together. Do not write anything speculative to him. It could only do him harm. I got a better understanding of his case yesterday than I ever had before, and I certainly pronounce him on the happy side, if not also on the right side. Well, of all these things again. For I must really husband my brain force - let the pond fill up today & today for the week's grinding.

I wish you would tell Dave to write me just how he is managing to fix money-matters, and what chance he stands to get through till summer. I believe I'll be as good as the $200 yet before the month of August.

With love to all

Alex.

Rosedale Feb 27th 1877

My Dear Son

This leaves us all in ordinary health, and trust William steadily gaining. Enclosed please also are All well I refer to the supplement of my last to you. Carried away in part by yours to me. Some one inspect Memory of prof. Phelps Articles just too strongly by my imperfect impressions of his Articles. I then thought it would be better to look up and read all of his Articles Carefully and at once. I have done it. And now think they present a true picture of the situation. Will put all of it.

But it Amounts to but little from time This, that the Spirit of God is moving on the Feminine Students in these times, more the majority to remain at home. and that not to be found fighting against God We ought to Encourage the Spirit. And that there is a Clear majority of the Classes of the Students Who have gone and Another Class are unsettled for Foreign Work Whether they have been moved to it or not.

The professor takes no decided position against the Foreign Work. But is very Explicit in his Theory that the Special Cause is as secondary to the Home Work.

Now I Think We have Scarcely Heard from you as right in your position in Offering the Eastern field for in this Enumeration of those things which hinder many that one of them touch you Except Student Debt.

And in this Glance at the requisite Qualifications which are necessary to the Undergoed I Think you Should Recall up in this Act. It does not really advance one Statement or Argument which is adverse to you. And I hope you are One of those Who here Goes to hear and that you do Hear And While Obey.

It is not Often I Write down foreign Missions. tho. Ever I Write upon the Home. But as they both hang on the Balance of Church Donations for Missionary Work. Where the one goes up the other must go down. so that Virtually Both This Series of Articles are Against rather than for the foreign Work. I cannot after all Say any thing else now.

I think, now nevertheless Mary is a Clear Case from Gods Word, and that You have made no Mistake Unto Therefore "Certigie nulla Retrorsum".

Let me say now that it is Quite Evident ~~as is Always too Low. that the World Generally has~~ Much need of ~~Conversion~~ that the World Always has been in much need of Conversion all people in All places at All times. Why it has not been Converted I know not, the only assignable reason I know of is that it is a difficult thing to do. The reward to the Genuine Those who are successful in such work is so Great that we reasonably infer the Mighty importance and inherent difficulty for it is declared that "they who turn many to Righteousness shall shine as the Stars forever and Ever." (the Glory of the Above Reason truly is but little. Proportionally it is ~~more~~ Especially the Everlasting permanency of their Shining that is more particularly meant.)

Missionary Work Among the Nations of the East if it is to be measured by immediate results Will Send few Missionary's to the Celestial Galaxy. for these people are unprepared for the Reception of Christ. Missionary work there as yet is Merely a Laying of foundations, a preparation. It will be the Work of the future. Who will reap in the fields You have ploughed in. Grubbed out and Burned off. And let me tell you that in the Field You have chosen, or to Which you are to be called or sent

Auburn Feb. 28. 1877.

My Dear Father;

The Heb. for "Star" is כּוֹכָב,
"kōkav", from the verb "kakav", to roll up, to
roll together: that is, the noun means
simply a globe, a ball, something rolled
together into a round shape. I find no
authority for translating "Constellation" in this
place or any other. I do not know what
"the eleven stars" mean, as I know little
about Hebrew Astronomy. —— On looking
again at the orginal of the passage I find that
there is no "the" in the Hebrew; it is simply
"the sun & moon & Eleven stars," — which of
course makes the matter much simpler. The
sun & moon & eleven stars represent Joseph's
father and mother and his eleven brethren.
I do not see how you can make anything
more out of it; but you have already
exhibited such a talent for getting double
meanings out of plain texts, my dear
father, that I know not what your Exeget-
ical method may not evolve from this. I
shall be glad to help you with respect to any
passages like this, where direct work with
the original may make things a little easier
to understand. Alex. is still doing well;
I preached in Walpole N. H. last Sunday, & my

among the Wits of N.H. & the Green Mts. of Vt.

Examinations next wk. — the Lord is our long course of study, we return
no more in the fall. Vacation of 3 wks & better. Father about part of Term

route took me through Boston, so that on Sat. & Mon. A. & I had a good time together. I found him making Experiments on the polarization of lights; he is a great favorite with his professors, & they will do anything to keep him in Cambridge. Pupils are coming in fast, — he has two now, & more are booked for him by the Faculty. Is looking well, although he needs all the cautions against over-cerebration which you gave him in that last excellent letter of yours. I am at him always on that theme, — for I know that there is the great danger in his case. But he is pretty careful, & takes advice in the proper spirit. His Examinations in Math. were really Extraordinary; he tells me the results in Dec. Genl. for the four who stood Ex. were 0, 6, 20, and 90; this last, which was his own mark, is an astonishing one for that subject at Harvard. He is to come out & spend Sunday with us, — I shall be gone again to Walpole. You will be gratified to know that in the Election today, (Mar. 2.) of speakers to represent the Class at Anniversary, I was Chosen with seven others. The choice was by the class, & there are 23 members in it. I am to speak for the Department of Church History. All well at home. Love to you all, Tom.

Elias & Anna Cutler

Clyman March 5th 1877

Dear Brother

we receved your letter on friday Eveng and was very Sorry to hear that Uncle Williamhas Been so Sick But was glad to hear that he was getting Better I hope he will Soon Be able to get around again we are all in good health at present Grandfather has had a bard cold But is Better now I had a letter from Will and Mary they said the Childern had the Chicken Pox But was all well now they said that Sarah was home on account of Bad health I hope she is geting Better now thomas Beard and family are all in good health Poor old Grandmother Bird is getting pretty frail now Pleas to tell Mrs Arnot his Sister would like to hear

from him we have had very
nice weather for the last five weeks
we was thinking we was going
to have Spring But last Thursday
Evening it Commenced to Snow
and fell to the depth of seaven or
Eight inches so it looks like wenter
again Grandfather wishes to
be remembered to you all give my
love Perises and all the rest not
forgetting your Self

nomore at present But remains
affectinate Sister

Jessie Emmsson

Please write Soon and let us
know about Uncle William

knows Hannie - "If you are at home
you must have some time to
write them I do - write soon
and write much - tell about
yourself. - I don't know half the
times whether you are sick or
well, laughing or miserable - I will
tell all about myself in our next
Lazy - lazy - lazy and so is Kempy
Sam flows
fast asleep
"dreaming of home & mother"

Minneapolis Mar. 9th 1879.

Dear Miss Christie, [29]

Please forgive me
for waiting so long, but I've been
awful busy - Vacation began yesterday
only five days, and I am to work
harder than ever for I have two con-
ditions to make up this Spring to
pay for teaching last Summer -
Lots of Northfield folks were up to
Beecher's lectures, "the Pay", Prof. Payne,
Carleton, this new English teacher, Miss. Lowe
Belle and the new Latin teacher -
I meant to the depot to meet them, Belle
had promised to go with Miss Ewens to
the home of her friend, Mrs. Gaylord,
& she wanted me to go home with me,

the next morning I went over and went up to the University with Belle and Miss A. Hay seemed very much pleased with it. Belle told me she is not to be there next term, didn't say why - I have enquired about a position here in the Public schools - I think she can get one - I don't see why she leaves there - but suppose the Pres. has some better looking co-ed about specimen, who he thinks will reflect more glory upon the institution. Their new Latin teacher seems to be a very fine girl, pleasant and smart, a little thin, dresses tastily and is quite pretty - she looks very young - Miss Evans appeared as usual -

Our winter term closed with the regular Junior Exhibition - you know last year there was much trouble about "mock-programme" - there were three different ones out this time - but were not near so bad as last year - were mostly true and hit at the faculty good deal of truth and some pretty sharp things - Rockwood's class is supposed to have something to do with it - I don't think the faculty will take any action in the matter this year, as there is nothing very objectionable in them - I wish the paper you sent - was surprised at you leaving Wheaton - what do you intend to do? if I may ask, would'nt you like a position here next year, in the public schools I mean I am almost certain you could get a good position, if you care for one, by writing one of your good letters to Prof. O. V. Tousley - he thinks lots of good letters - if you and Belle could both be here, would'nt we have a jolly time?

Edgerton is here, don't know whether he intends to go to school next term or not. Rockwood is teaching - Minnie Purrill left town some time ago and they say she also left a pretty good

rejected stone will surprise - I want
to surprise before I forget it, that
I have a letter all written to send
to you, just after I rec'd yours but
but I kept it a day or two and it
remained so fleet-whom I read it
over that I tore it in the fire -
It was a good deal better than this
will be for I am more than
usually lazy to day -
I expect to teach again this summer
our school closes so early (the 15th of
June) that I can quite easily - drink-
ing when I should teach - have applied
for our school and received an
invitation from another - both in
Tillamook Co. but am not certain
that I shall take either - Belle
Holmes till me much Carleton news-
paper Thurman was working to beat
and was very much changed from
what she used to be - Things are
moving about after this sense of
pretend, I should judge -
I am getting lazier and
lazier every minute don't
you see? I dare not stop and let-
you talk to you, this is so poky.
Even burn reading "Blackie's
Iliad" if you want a translation
of Homer which is as near the
original as it can be and they are
mad Blackie - he is a good old
Scotchman and uses good old
Scotch words and has a good old
Scotch opinion of himself, but he

15 Mt. Auburn St. Cambridge Mass.

Sunday March 11th 77.

My Dear Father,

Jour was here Friday and we went to hear Moody in the Evening. After the Sermon, he went to see Helen, and next day came here on his way to Walpole to preach and stay a week. Last night I could-n't get a train (there has been an Engineer's strike) or would have been in Andover today.

We are all getting along nicely, and only hope that we may soon hear the same news from dee at home.

I Earned 42 ¢ Tutoring and was paid 9. ¢ it. Wise deed in my bill for the rest

and have a talk with Em all around about doing some more in Analytical Geometry, which they are just taking up. Am very sanguine over the tutoring part of my Earthly Existence.

I am becoming known as the mathematical man and am permitted as much as I wish in the mathematical alcoves of the library - a rare favor - and, an excellent advertisement of my tutoring capacities.

Am reading Newton's Principia from the French translation of Madame la Marquise du Chastellet (1759).

Prof. Trowbridge begins a special investigation in light and Electricity tomorrow in which I am to assist him, in order to give me a chance to learn the "how" in the laboratory - something which I have entirely failed to do heretofore. Good for Trowbridge! He means that I shall not fail.

Well, this is but a line, to assure you of our wellbeing here.

I send you a paper with a short account of Fiske's lecture on the Aryans. They are to be four in number, delivered in Boston at a dollar a piece per ticket. I am not going, but thought you would be interested to read this synopsis. These papers I pick up in the coffeehouse where the students leave dozens every day. With love to all

Alf.

Rapidan, March 15th 1877

Alex. L. Christie.

My Dear Son.

Your letters and Toms Card Came Same day. Uncle Williams is Slowly but Steadily Gaining. the Nervous System is the trouble. it is Weak. and is unable to even Object enough to enable him to mend Quickly. Still he is Slowly gaining. he has moved back again to our house and feels better in it and in our Company.

Rises in the Morning like the rest of us. Sits about and walks round in the House, Enjoys his meals. and hopes to be better soon and is really in a fair way of realizing his hope.

Sarah has Got our School for three Months. 35 $ per month and will try for a Summer School When this prime is run out. and then hoeing all Corn in the Water the Mill pull for a better place at the regular Commencement of the Higher Grades of Schools in the Hall.

At present We are all of us in the usual Conditions of Health. And are All pleased to hear of Your health and Success. Yet I would implore You to take Care and although Success depends upon industry — Not to Overdo. Nor either Yield to Self Gratulation. and let in the Destructive Elements of Pride or Vanity. All of us are in the Conditions of Living in Permanent Siege by these insidious foes. May rather let us thank God as the Guide of all Inward for the Battle & Neither (after all

our Ofsprg in it) to the Swift in the Strong. No throwing up of Caps until out of the Woods. And we never Get Clear of them until we Close our Eyes on this System of things. By a little sober thinking we may turn all of the Baser Emotions into (as the Alchemists tried to) into the Finer Gold of Love and Gratitude to the Giver of All Good.

I rejoice much also to see and know the Kindly affectionate feelings there are between You and Tom. And wish that we could all say that we owed no man anything. But to love one another

Not Quite Well, or wanted Bother You a little more with some of my unprofitable Speculations I must Write to Tom just as soon as Able. Thine Turn this Note is Earnest of the promise —

Yours in All Good Will
I L.

Ric came up while I was in, & I could not resist temptation to see how all are. I think Your foreboding dreams find no fulfilment as yet. Have proofs of pictures: very good. must take them to C & Read Carefully J. C's Lecture. Shall be over tomorrow P.M. & go through Museum, & stay to Lecture. Tom.

No 273 Broadway South Boston
March 16th 1877

My Dear Uncle [James Christie]

I hope this finds
father much better than when you wrote
me on the 26th Ult. Sarah being there
was almost like what people call a Special
providence. Sandy told me about his
being sick and it made me feel sad
to think that I was so far away—
It is a good thing for him that the
summer will soon be in again, and then
he will get strong I hope. Tom was
in to see me and stopped over night, on
his way to preach what is called
Walpole. He looks a little thin I
think but seems quite well and in
excellent spirits. Mr Montgomery & wife
have not yet left Boston for the far
East and there is to be a farewell meeting for them
to which Tom and Carrie are coming in
and they propose to have me there too. Between
Carrie and Mr Montgomery I have

become very much ashamed of my former mental condition in regard to missions and mission work It was partly from a want of hope I think but Mr Mongs has proved to me that in Karash at least the work is being done - In that place there are now four self supporting churches the largest one having nine hundred communicants! - Mr M. spoke so earnestly and truthfully that before he was done I was quite willing to let Tom and Lennie go, the only trouble being now that I feel a little envious of those who are given the privilege of making outward sacrifice for Christs sake, It seems to me that I never, in all my life before, was in such perfect sympathy with Tom and his work as I am now therefor you may imagine how pleased I was when he told me that he had just received the present of a hundred dollars to get books with - He is very lucky - Sandy looks quite well. I really think I never saw him looking better and I think he will do well here

Mr Moody however makes no impression on him – though because of the thorough honest faith of the man he does not make so much fun of him as he used to do about some of our poor western preachers Mr Moody is what I call an orthodox revivalist. There is no howling nor groaning in the building it is a true man telling a true word, and quite determined not to be put down until he has told it – I do not find any exaggeration in him either and I do not think he could descend to that even if he would and I am quite sure he does not wish to He is doing a great work here though between you and me if I were not in the Church – I do not think this man would be apt to bring me in – I think after all that a great many people have to be converted in the manner St Paul was. by the inward flash of light – proceeding directly from the Holy Spirit I perceive perfectly unable to get anything from the servants of God in the usual way so that like Paul, we are as it were torn out of due time Perhaps Alex is one of this

kind too - in the meanwhile Mr Moody is for him - simply the thunder or the whirlwind or the earthquake but not the still Small Voice - I am so pressed for time here now that I cannot write letters but I was thinking that I would send a news paper now and then to let father know we are all well - Little Dud and the rest are hanging on me from morning till night and I have no time to think, even - and by the time I get them all safe to bed at half past seven I find my nuts all gone and my sewing work seems a rest which I am glad to get at - I told Sarah of a little growth on my eylash which had been growing for two or three months It is going away now I think, and will be nothing serious Yesterday we had a fall of snow but the sun is melting it today - Little Dud is beginning to make a turmoil for me to take him, so I must stop writing Next May he will be two years old - Tell father I will write to him next week Excuse this hasty scribble Love to all, I remain

Yours affectionally Helen

Rapidan March 24th 1877

My Dear Son [Alexander]

Yours all received in regular order. I also the recipient of the Scriptures joint by poor of David I suppose. But no Word yet of that paper with Pikes Lectures on the "Organs" Hope's but out more than you would think. Try Get another Copy of it and Send on. And Send report of all the Lectures.

It is Altogether a most pleasing thing to me to hear of Your Intellectual Well Being And of the enormous Marks You attained to in All the Examinations. And of the Opportunities so profusely Set before You, in Many Ways. You must not forget though that you are taking on immense responsibilities in Connection with all this Acquisition of Knowledge. they ascend With You and in so far as You transcend Your fellows so You become Bound to be their Servant. if You consider this it is that You may be enabled to Go further in the interest of your race. the sum of all which is that With all this intellectual Amplification it is absolutely imperative that You Grow also in Moral Breadth holding Your position in Keeping noble by the Strength of Love. And I see no sign that it is otherwise. May God preserve and Keep you Sanctify in Your Thought and Carry You ever further and further from Sin. I should be Glad to know that You had Certainly passed Your Higher Axis.

Uncle Williams is Still Gaining Steadily Yet Slowly. Yet Gaining. Wealth and all else in our Estate is Nevertheless Bound in Conjunction with Natural Laws Held providentially

I perceive You were trying to apprehend the Spirit of Newton incarnated as a Frenchman. and I think if You first could know him as an Englishman Your Friendly apprehension of him should be much facilitated.

Noticing in All Your letters Your occasional attendance at the Tabernacle I think of what You may Get there suited to Your particular Case.

Mr Moody's method it seems to me is not likely to effect much with You. He answers none of the Questions your natural thought asks, and therefore fails in satisfying the intellectual man.

Why do You not go and hear Joseph Cook? He is much more the kind of a man to suit You. The stumbling blocks that Cook tries to take out such as lie much more in Your way than those which Moody manipulates. But in Reality there is only one of any Great hindrance. and that is, is the Origin of Christianity Historically True? Millions of Christians never ask this Questions of themselves. and therefore need no answer I am sorry to say that this needs more Light thrown upon it than it is likely to get just at this time

and Yet it is easy to see that it is not a clear Conception of this Truth by which men are converted Conversion is not accomplished by the Solution of any such difficulties, and therefore this Course is not the way in which to proceed to attain this most desirable Condition. the man who stops until Solutions is Given to such Questions will never be Converted. Cook will not Convert many. But his feet are shod with the preparations of the Gospel of Peace. He is a pioneer. and Cordially some little success for the particular intellectual. Moody Goes on on Assumption is that all is right Historically. and it is the only safe Way and as I understand it it is simply a Conquest, a faith put into independently of the intellectual Powers. Your Special Studies are not favorable to the reception of undemonstrated facts. and let me say I think that the Origination of Christianity as stated in Scripture, understood literally, has not Yet been Quite proved as it needs to be. But it is not upon Historicall demonstration as a Basis that Christianity proceeds in the Conversion of Men. Else all Converts would need to be led through a Historical Course as a preliminary to their Conversion. Now the Known Many are Converted who are entirely incapable of understanding any such problems.

Faith receives the Historical facts as stated simply as being true. Faith believes the statement and needs no proof. And more than this, it is in the belief in the statement that the merit of faith consists. a Faith depending upon clear Evidence of any Historical Fact would not be faith at all Because Faith is not any result of the reasoning faculties is not dependent upon their Exercise, and Cannot be determined by them. Faith is really a Conviction of Truth impressed upon the interior Spiritual Man. and not upon the Exterior intellectual Man. and also therefore no historical demonstrations Can convert man. The merit of the Natural man consists in this that He yields to the Convictions of the Interior Man. accepts the Spiritual Light of the Spiritual Man as proof when the Exterior intellect has as Yet received no Evidence whatever. Being then seen in Spirit to be True. and to be true at least in Spirit the intellectual Man Gives in his adhesion at once that it is Also true Exteriorly in History and in fact. and herein lies often a difficulty for the Converted Man. that Coming afterwards upon Statements which Show that there is really no historical proof to be had which is to be entirely trusted as Genuine. he is thrown into a distressing State of mind i his feet cut in two. Believing in his Spirit is the truth. and intellectually incapable of believing it.

Monday 26th

received last night Yours Anent "Phillips Brooks" (I pray it to scratch & read and forget its date) I am glad to reveal of Your buoyancy of Spirit of your hope and Confidence of Your Health and of your Good Will to us all. And also incidentally and a kind of Likelihood I see how our poor Son has to trudge up and down Home and there, to acquire means to keep the pot boiling.

My Dear Sons I rejoice in You both. I pity You both. for You must be put through first such Discipline as You both have had for your Good. You have needed and do need all to accomplish Your and I sympathize with You in all Your difficulties and in all Your Joys.

But more to resume my thread

But, as many believe, and if Christianity should even be

Wanting altogether in Historical proof and should
be made out to be a mere fiction in the letter
would it be destroyed in its power over men? would
its Utility be Gone? Clearly not. Look around you
and see that it is a fact Spiritually in its power to life
men into Human Culminations. It has a super-natural Ride
not depending upon History. a power not derived in anyway
from any thing mundane, a power and Life which is doctrine
more than doctrine miraculously too. It never Can be destroyed,
Yet in the progress of the intellectual World and to adjust itself
to that it may put Assume a new Suit of Clothes and appear with
Altogether another aspect in the World from what it does now.

And now my Dear Son to sum up.

If this One Thing be true that Jesus the Christ is
the projection into the Natural and Historical
World of the Form and Mode of Operation of the Divine
Energy on Humanity ——— that is the Alpha
and Omega of the whole Subject —

I close now hoping to be able to Get an
Opportunity to Get this off — Use your own judgement
as to whether you will let Jones see this or not

Yours in all True and Good
affection. J Christie

Andover, March 30, 77.

Dear Friend, [Alexander Chester]

I send you 2 leaves of notes; the references are mostly on Whitney's grammar, since I find Peissner unavailable for that purpose; hope it will make not difference to you. Whitney's is just the grammar for that purpose, and one knows where to look for light, while Peissner's is so much chopped up. I know you have the former, that's the reason I ventured on it. Let me know whether you like this or not, and whether you have to make any suggestions for change or not; speak freely, for I just delight in such work, and only wished I could do it better.

Your brother came home last night; all are well and send their love. I am still feasting on my visit in Cambridge, though not exclusively.

Do not fail to call on Mr. Schwartz some-

time, 157 Charles Str.

Please preserve the notes.

Received my term report:

History 70, Latin 92, Greek x 97, Demerits for unexcused absence 20; there is a mistake somewhere in the Greek, and I am going to talk about it too; I know of another fellow who towers head and shoulders above me in that study and got but 85. Teachers ever make miscalculations; I have always found that I know myself best.

Let us hear from you soon.

Hoping that you will find time to study German, and that my poor efforts to help you may not turn out quite unsuccessfully, I am

Yours in friendship,

Conrad Bierwirth.

N.B. The first figure of the references refer to the pages of the grammar, the second to the sections and the third to subdivisions. The numbers before the references, of course, denote the line of the resp. page of the novel.