James C. Christie and Family Papers

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My Dear Father:

I hope this will find you in better health than when I heard from Sarah and Dave. Do not try to work, further than a little for exercise in the garden. I doubt very much whether the most determined effort by Dave can save the crop. Just let it go, and remember that such things are not the worst which fall to the lot of man. The means of life will not fail us. And so let us be thankful "and therewith Content".

Jesse was

here over Friday night. All well.

I had occasion to be at the poet Longfellow's house lately. Had a shake hands and a 10 minutes' chat with him, in the old house "somewhat back from the village street." It seems like a dream now. I send you a leaf plucked from beside the little gate before his door. Beautiful in his old age. But how strange to think that I have shaken hands with the writer of "The Psalm of Life" "The Village Blacksmith" &c &c the poems of my Childhood!

With love Alex

Pond Thunder's Pond,
Blue Earth Co. Minn.
June 6. 1877.

Dear Brother. [Alexander]

Yours of May 26. came
the other day. - also one to Dave
containing the order for Dallas al-
so same time & one to Dallas -
also one to Dave since then. -
Dallas has written to you since
then - He is markedly better since
he commenced to Eat - beef. bought
with your money, - also peaches &
other articles - I write in haste to-
day - Dave is working on road
& the grasshoppers are numerous
yet - not doing much appreciable
damage - All are as usual. -
Write letters of inquiry at - once to
to the following addresses - R.
Rosenbaud, Esq. Pres. Board of Ed-
ucation, Mechanicsville, Ia. Iowa. -

The salary there has been $1000. to Principal.-

E. W. Perry, Pres. Board of Education, Indianola, Iowa - salary $1200.

J. B. Carpenter Esq. Pres. B. of E.
State Center, Iowa.-

President - Board of Education,
Mc Gregor, Iowa.

I am not certain that there will be vacancy of Principalships in any one of the above schools - but - I have been written to by other parties that there is that likelihood.-

Just drop a line of inquiry (no closing stamp) stating no general terms - your age. experience, that you are studying in Harvard &c - & that if there be vacancy you would be pleased to be considered applicant - &c - & that references & testimonials could be sent - if desirable - or when necessary. - Ask what salary they give. Do not - stand for too high salary - I hear in all directions that this will be a hard year to secure good situations for teachers.- Next time I write - or soon - I may have other information as to schools. Do not - be too sanguine of very high salary - I do not - like Ironbridge's letter - it - is too narrow. It would help to secure tuitionships in Mathematics - but - is not sufficiently broad to be all the help it might have been in getting Principalships of Public School. - You must not - fret about - father Sandy - There is nothing immediately dangerous in any of his ailments even at their worst. - I have a good many thoughts in that direction - & will speak of them at some future time. - I suppose you have seen Uncle William by this time - We were

much surprised, but glad, to
hear he was going to Scotland.-
Father expects to hear from him
from Boston - tell him. - Let-
ters Know of any Schools pros-
pects you may have. - I wish
especially you could get - that-
at - Indianola - There is a
College there presided over by
a Scotchman - Rev. Burns. -
I have written to him making
inquiries as to vacancies there
for you or for me. - I gave
him your address - I left for
the Public School there - I have
made inquiries in various other
directions - Let me hear from
you soon - Affectionately -
Sarah.

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Danville June 11th

Dear Cousin Alex.

Your
sixteen page came duly to hand
& was read with much pleasure
The general portion I pleasure,
excuse me for saying it - but
Confound the mathematics,
I have been trying for years
to form a taste for figures
but - it - is no go. And at the
age of thirty - I hardly to announce
the fact - Pray inquire as
to my future intentions,
would that - I could give
you a satisfactory answer
for I believe it - were better to
be able to announce that - I
am horse steadily and doing it -

well. Ahem to continue hanging on to the surface. looping around on the outside. to professions. to trade. to home. to parlour and first-love is the keenest-out-of all. What is the matter with society- nowadays and-it a little wrong somewhere. Should not- both of us, have been in the bosom of a family long ago (of our own, of course) what-do you think about-it? have you given up all such ideas? Going right-straight- through without- the reliance of coffee-hound at-all. Well this problem of life is a big one I wish I knew just-how much of it- was in our own hands. I dont-like this heaving entirely in to the unknown. Most-people settle down to a kind of some kind The cultivation of the soil generally yields a certain reward. The merchants success depends upon the no. of sales he makes & so on. Is this satisfactory. I became pretty well wrapped up in it when I was on the farm & I might-become so again perhaps. but-I am giving you my ideas first-now. I return from the Normal this time with a certain disquiet- for Children as they are, with a higher idea again of what-teaching should be, with a better idea of how to do it- but with less of a desire to practice the profession. I have been seriously considering the practicability- of entering a Doctor's office, in due time taking the regular medical course and going into this

profession of thought. At
other times I feel like taking
a trip through southern Alabama
& Georgia & Eastern Tennessee.
with a view to pursuing as an
occupation. So you see I am at
yet the same old fellow. If I
make any determined stand in
any of the fields I will loose no
time in letting you know. If you
have any advice to offer I crave
her down. I intend to endeavor
to pursue my medical studies before
he sails. He is in Boston by this
time where he will remain for a few
days. I did not meet any
of your Stockbridge friends
while at the Normal I believe
there are none in attendance
If you meet Sattren don't
say anything to him about my
professional ideas. For they
may possibly give him trouble
Give G. O. Family my
respects when you meet & remember
to write after Vinet - a letter upon any abstruse
subject - but the abstruse principles of Mathematics
is highly prized by your Kinsman William Cornish

15 M.A. Auburn St.
Cambridge Mass
9.30 P.M. June 13 77.

My Dear Father;

You and I went to the Depot with Uncle this afternoon, On his way to New York. You had to leave at 6 for Andover, but I staid an hour longer and saw the train ready to start. Uncle D feeling well and all the letters that he knows there are folks in this world who like him. We will sail to-morrow Noon from New York in the Pennsylvania, a Steamship

of the State Line, for Glasgow. And so she is gone, and may good fortune attend his journey! I like him, say what they may of his want of hackneyed creeds. He told me just as I bid him good bye, to write you of his departure. He will write you from Scotland, probably first from auld Dundee.

I'm sorry you are not with Ellen.

Well, Good bye. Peirce has chalked out a year's work for me in Calculus, and I have begun like a famished horse on his oats.

Have Dave write me of the Grasshoppers.

Ever

"Boston Semi-Weekly Advertiser.

Marine Journal.

Port of Boston, Sunday Sept. 20th 1846.

Arrived.

Pkt. Ship Joshua Bates, Murdock, Liverpool 21st ult. Saw 28th lat 50-10 lon 20, a dismasted ship steering E.; 9th inst. lat 41-19 lon 44-54 spoke Br barque Copia, from Quebec for London. Had light head winds nearly all the passage. "

[From files in Harvard Coll. Library]

Thursday Morning 14th

Yours just at hand.
I write to you on business matters.
That will see right
anyway. You have a fam-
ily of children with hearts
in them, and that should
be better assurance than
bonds in bank with
blankets & coupons to
clip off every quarter.
The more I see of the world,
the more I admire
to prefer the right kind of
folks to any formal arrange-
ments possible. As

Minnesota
Rice Co
Northfield.
June 18th 1877

Miss Christie
Dear Friend

Rec'd your second letter, but in as much as I had answered all the questions that it contained. I did not think it necessary to answer at once.

Miss Eells is in Northfield but has made other arangements for the year. She has not been attending Carleton this summer. She is very busy with painting. Affairs at C. are as usual. Sawyer Alexander & Veblen are the graduates. I have not met Parker yet. Edgerton is

not at school. Miss Carmichael is at home. I have not seen her for some time. Rockwood is at the University doing well they say.

Miss Stewart is teaching at Cannon City.

Veblen has a chance to take the Owatonna School.

Sawyer expects to study & Alexander is to teach at Red Wood Falls.

I have not yet met many of the students.

I believe all are well.

The Methodist Church on the corner opposite Mrs Kents is nearly completed it is the largest in the city. A large brick hotel is being built near the river west of Mrs Kents.

Alf Norton (Hattie Strong's husband) is building a large house in east town. Prof Goodhue has purchased the house on the corner west of Bro Strongs. But I suppose you care nothing for these.

You must excuse this hasty note. I am tired & sleepy & want to do as much visiting as I can before the term closes.

Dow does not take his degree (A.M.) this year

Very Truly Yours

W. K. Milliken

Address Zumbrota

Andover, Mass. June 7th 1877.

Dear friend, [Alexander]

Having been silent this long time, I shall now open my mouth and shed forth wisdom. The first line is a participial phrase, adding darkness to the main proposition; and I know if I keep on in this way a little longer, you will soon find yourself overshadowed, which is a desirable thing in this season, when the rain is plentiful, and the sunshine few. — I hope that you have got over the race "ventre à terre", and looked for each "and every one of the 61 hours you had ahead, when your brother came away from C. — I am going along à la Augustus: "Festina lente"; and find that the old rule still holds out: 5 times 75 cents make $3,75,00

And if a man have 375 Kiefelsteine a week, he will soon be able to build a house. —

We are all well; Baby had a slight cold, but is better now. Thomas preparing for his lecturing-tour, and Mrs. Ch. for a still longer tour. Miss Brewer and I look on in amaze. —

Now, the least part of the letter, i.e. the best for me, but certainly also one of interest for you as my friend and „Leidensgenosse". I wrote to my relatives in Germany a little while ago, asking them to send me some old books, which they could dispense with. Now, they sent, undoubtedly some old ones, but also some new ones of great value. I cannot tell you anything definite about it, for the books are still in New York, and will not arrive here till Monday or Tuesday. But I have somewhat of a list they sent ahead, and from this I quote only: Goethe, 6 vol; Schiller, 2 vol; Lessing, 6 vol. Platen, 2 vol; Körner, 2 vol; Uhland, Wieland, and several other authors; next, „Weber's Weltgeschichte," 2 vol; a popular Encyclopedia; Goedecke's Literatur-Geschichte; Vilmar's Literatur-Gesch.; and, besides, others of minor importance, and some books of an good old teacher of mine, likely to be some on Geography, travels etc. What do all the riches of the world avail against a good little library, given by willing hands and loving hearts! You must come, and see, and rejoice with me.

Now, this leads me to another question. You know that I have made an appointment with

Mrs. Tilton as to board; that re-
liver me from a great deal of care.
I want to know now, whether
we cannot possibly spend some
time together during the summer
vacation ?? Coneider that, please.
I hope that you do not intend
to leave C. and go teaching for
a while, but that you will go on.
Write me about this, at leisure,
or better, come as soon as possible;
we shall all be exceedingly
glad to see you. — You can,
of course, guess at my plans
for the summer, since you know
that I have Goethe, Schiller and
so forth. — The more I see
Whitney's Grammar, the more I
love it; I also hear it praised by
many other German students, leaders
Mr. Coy.

In friendship yours

Conrad Bierwirth.

Box
AT 4.

Rapidan, June 9th 1877

Uncle S. Christie,

My Dear Son

Your
Weekly letters Come regular as Clockwork
and as Welcome, Scintillations of
your Light Also they Cheer me here
Stranded on the Shores of time. like
the sea beaten Mariner beached his
his old Worm eaten and Barnacled
Boat as in the Midst of the Breakers
he looks for the Light of the Morning

Again I must speak of the
Locusts. they are so many that
None Would think All Would be
swept by them. But the Wheat
Grows Right Great Big too. Because of
Reasonable rains, and Nearly Holds
its own With them. Cannot positively
Say What they Get be the result of
Course. Get None it does not look
as if they Would destroy More than
20 per Cent of it.

O that they could take unto themselves wings and fly away and be at rest / You will see this reaches you here soon Your Uncle William on his way to the Orient. I could wish I had been Going with him. But I suppose that is being beyond hope. He would need Helen to go with him I think and I will not be surprised to hear that she has.

You of Course will let me know of this visit to you and all about it.

Now I am as much interested to hear the Cause that occasions your visit to Longfellow as I yet am to know how "Tokyo Mine" managed to Pass the Gauges. I leave to write to James Freeman Clarke for me & skip a Solution of this Latter Question, and then solve both the problems for me in Your next. In so doing also I expect to hear the result to you of the Examinations in your Studies, tell me besides when your long Vacation is Commences.

Now I must speak of the arrangement I must make previous to my Adieu to this Life. Now tell me would it not be just as well for all if I were to make over to you your own by way of a Deed as to have to be at the Trouble and necessary Cost of making a Will? I have not (as yet particularly Option to Mother about this. and I know not which way it would prefer. I must Encumber you with Her. There is no other Certain way in which I can make secure her Life against poverty and Contempt. Now if I make a Deed to you recorded without Her Signature. this would give her a Legal right, and not be more of a burden to you than if I should make a will reserving to her the use of one half of this place. I think this is the shortest Way. Let me hear from you plainly and openly without reservations of all you think of it in Your very first letter. I cannot Get Sleep some nights for fear that

that I may be taken by surprise and
that not settled. to procrastinate
is as natural to me, that I must now
settle this once and forever. Examine
my proposition and let me know your
opinion and wishes here is your test.

I can scarce make up my mind
about what you are doing the best in
trying to get a school for next year.
Mathematically, you may be just as
well settled for a position as if you were
to stay longer in College. But. Will
you know best, at least you should.
and if your motives are just the best
all will be well. I must leave it to God,

Thermometer inside the house
this morning stood at 40. and I need
my great coat on. in the early days of the
week. I eat ravenously of sweet
potatoes. I would be glad to see you
come up with Tom. if Emmie can
admit of it. Do not run into debt
for the sake of pleasure. Avoid the menaces.

Sincerely, Seriously. Admirtus

P. S. Also rec'd your long letter. glad we three meet agreeable quarters. little appreciate efforts & kindness to compare agreeable

Andover, Mass.

June 14. '77.

My Dear Father;

Saw Alex Cow in Boston Yesterday, going in for the purpose often and from Alex. telling me of his presence in the city. He is looking well, but tells me he is still nervous, hand shakes &c. I would not have thought it from his appearance. He sails at noon today from N. Y. in "Glasgow and Iowan Steamer State of Pennsylvania." Alex. & I went to depot with him at six O'Clock last Evening, & A. staid till seven to see the train start. Old Cronies in South Boston swarmed around him, but he was careful; I rescued him by my arrival from a half-dozen of them in a saloon back

of Dudley's, just as the second glass of beer had been put on the table, — he came off & left it untouched to tell me how glad he was to get away from them.

It will comfort you to know that Alex. & I after seeing him are more hopeful for the results of the voyage & travel upon his physical health. We believe he will come back in better tone of body and mind. He was very affectionate toward us, and I couldn't help kissing him when he went off, — it seemed the next thing to seeing you.

On the whole, it was a very pleasant interview, & I have far more hope of him in every way. The nice new Testament which I gave him, (large print, in several small volumes,) he took very thankfully and promised to read on the voyage. He will write direct to you, & will drop a card occasionally to Alex & me. It is just possible we may meet in London next Sept.

All things here go well; C. & I rec'd. our appt'mt as Missionaries of the Am. Board a week ago Tuesday: place yet to be designated, but Marash most likely. This will be settled on in conference between Secretaries & ourselves, before we go west. Our Appt'mt enables me to draw money for outfit, & with consent of the Secretaries I am applying about $450 of the $750 to the payment of old debts. Pentland & Simmons are already paid; I am this morning sending to Appleton & Watertown (the Ballard & Ford notes,) & Mr. Foster of Beloit

will get his hundred in ~~Oct.~~ Sept.
I feel like throwing up my hat
& shouting! Term ends two
weeks from today, when eight of
us face the assembled dignities
in the Old South of Andover. My
subject is "An Aggressive Chris-
tianity." "An Aggressive Christianity, historically
& practically, & with special reference
to the conflict with Mohammed-
anism. It will form part of
my lectures on the Eastern Qn.
This lecture I have given once,
& with good success; & shall
repeat in Rhode Island next
Sunday Evening, — & so on
through the summer, East &
West.
The delay in
sending package was caused by
our inability to find the coat.
We hope to bring up other things
for your Comfort when we come.
I write from Sem. C & baby well.
Love to all, from Son & Brother
Tom!

Rapidan, June 17. 94

Sunday Morning.

My Dear Alex—

Yours of the 10th at hand. Copies in Office of Locust look Good, that is, Wheat, Oats fair. Potatoes and Corn Nearly killed by a Severe frost on the night of the 9th they may again Revive. But I never Saw such damage done before in the Beginning of Summer. Let us Read the Good directions to Rescue Us to beat through this year and it stands the Centennial Drawing Most Wonderfully. If Locust do not fly Down upon us from some other place I Should put the Corn at 800 Bushell, it is Almost Impossible to Guess or Judge to far before Hand Just risk it by an intuition.

Let us Hope Hope anyway. it is the Brother of Peace, the Antagonist of despair, and the Deputies of Courage. We are Saved by Hope. even although it Should not Do- Cannot Save the Bushells. the Good Angel Whose first Salutation is allways! Fear Not "

And yet "Rein Lebe" I may be writing under the influence of a Beefsteak instead of the joyous influence of the Cheerful Sentiment & yet I think not. I have sung to him near dead with hunger in the Winter Nights and no house over my head. Oppressed with Disease also. and yet here I am near 66, by heir but just Wheeled into Grey. Still hopefull

The Good God has such an Affluence of riches He here reason to Expect Good from him. It is rational to be hopefull.

Let us then throw our selves into the arms of His messenger Although the Vulture may be Gnawing our Liver. It also moves the Almighty Because it Shows our trust and Appreciation of Him. His Ministers bring Gifts to our Loyalty. Let us only seek to do well and there is nothing to fear.

I took real delight in your remarks on the Sermon on the Mount, in one of your recent letters. and have been thinking of late to let you see, if I could find Expression, that every Action stated in it has a Basis in pure reason. Thus Showing that these Injunctions are in Conformity also with our Intellectual Conclusions and Structure, there trains incidental Glimpses of the upper Spiritual of there also represented in Eternal Nature. All is of one piece and one at the Lower end of the Efflux. the Ultimate, in Physics —

Jane, Emma and Babies this morning Gone to Camp. Meeting at Manitou Falls. Took to the school House to assist in Organizing Sunday school: in Singing department. "Uncle Tom" having a Mr Row here who is trying to again Get up a Class of that sect. and I wish him success. there is a Reason here in Religious work as Nature it has been said of old Time, Abhor that. the same Law holds Good in Spiritual things If the Spirit of God is not received then Satan enters in. There can be no Vacuity for if a man keeps not after Righteousness he will soon hunger for something else. and will Get the Evil also Qualities sufficient.

(David does not Go to the Meeting out of any Religious Motive, but as he said Reminds to see the "Fun", Mortis also with him I wish only they might if nothing better be taken with the "Venture by Jacks" just to let them see that there is more in Religious than e'er was dreamt of in their ignorance

I wish much You could say some thing to

David, to impress him with the importance of faith in God on Christ is the necessity of holding out his ~~that~~ that God has something better than he has as yet got. He believes in you, you therefore have power in ~~that~~ directions. assist him then to believe in Him he cannot see.

He thanks you have no faith and upon your responding to him intellectually he builds his disbelief. Now this would be a Great God thing for you to do. Now try and do something in this way and do some Good. God all round indeed.

June 18th Just learned a fact that will perhaps not despise you. called Mrs Stretton as last night. and it just brings a little snatch of the Scripture into mind. "Martha, Martha thou art troubled about many things, there is but One thing needful" (do the thing with). But has made a mistake She has not chosen the "better part" which will not be taken away from her!" This will be a kindness too to any Great Religious Good Being done by this One Eyed old preacher, it is he now has brought this about, just as Clough did with Mrs ~~Clough~~ they are all ashamed of it. Dare says the preacher is an old member. But you hear that later by and by David see the importance of the Good influences of Religion. So needful to support the Moral life in Man. — Been looking on the ranges of Locusts in all the fields this morning. No one can yet tell what will be the result but. "Afero" I am deeply obliged to you for writing to me so regularly. Continue it as it does me Good to hear of your welfare. Adieu, Adieu.

Jeene 19th received yours of the
13th Jeest hours. and opened by sheet
to acknowledge it. Am Glad you
have been Arole Williams. and I know
he was Glad to see you also. William has
disguised under a Blunt and Gruff Manner
a most tender and Kindly heart. the Genuine
Milk of human kindness flows & caused over
by the sad Experience of a Hard Life and Lot
Get Based upon a false Philosophy — and
therefore Allways Alone if time is Given to
think — full of Truth and Noorthiness a little
fenced round by Certain Cautions and Cun-
ning. i.e. a knowledge of Men. God Bless
him say I for he has been my friend and
brother a long time, and the longer we
live the closer we are drawn together
I had also from You a Letter
of same date as yours, informing me of his
Appointments as Missionary and Pastorate &c.
& paying off some Debts Extra. at all of which
I am much pleased.
Why did you not send me your
Book on Quotations? is it really too
small?

Your Notice of Prof. Peirce's Conversations
assures me however that you stand
above par. And now I am anxious
about your getting a place. Sarah I perceive
has much tact and management and much
Executive Ability. and is using all to insure
your success in this Object. She really has
much penetration in the business of Life /
Have Great the pity She cannot conquer
her own defects. But She is in possession
of too much Good both intellectual and spiritual
Not to make some progress in Overcoming the Evils
which Heredity and Circumstance have wrapt
around her. Good Gracious / Do We not all
often find Ourselves with defects of Organ
ization in the Spirit, in the Nature of the Life Not
has Been Given us / and the Mind of Culture We are
subjected do does the rest of us. Charity, the Essence
of Christianity, has its justifications in the Evident
Real-Generations of Man. and the necessity of
of the Second Generation to all finds its Origin
in the same fact. the infusion of a new principle
of Life to Carry upwards the Imperfect Germ into
the Efflorescence of the True Human Bloom.

Write that Business Letter soon. I Christie

Blue Earth Co. Minn
Feb 18th 1877.

Dear Brother Ford

My dear Brother:

I wrote us last week as usual - it is late in the afternoon & I must walk to the Ford to post - these on the afternoon train - I will write you more fully tomorrow - Prof. W. L. Klein - I applied to him for assistance in securing places for us two together if possible - I want you to write to him, after hearing from us again - I had letter from him Saturday - & now today I get the note which I inclose - An Academy would be better for you than Public school - your work would be higher - Less drudgery - Chance to Share your honors - more freedom & good

pay.- If it is an old Academy it is a place of as much influence as that of College President & the advance from one to the is not a long step if desirable - It is a good place to build up a reputation - There will probably be many as five teachers - If they have Rule I could secure an assistant - for you who is Excellent in that direction & would be fond of the place - Latin too.- I can take beginners in Latin & do thorough work for three or four terms.- You can teach French & German much as they would want - they would have but - one of them however, at a time.— But - this is building on probabilities - the catalogue will tell the story - I would advise that you make effort to secure that place if it be found to be worth while, on inquiry.-

I enclose first draft of letter I will mail today - I stated what I did not copy in letter sent.- Please send me copy of application you send them - Mention wish to have me as assistant - if there be vacancy but do not mention where I have taught - for I will leave out one place, on account of ill-will - They might do me injury out of Malice as they have done previously.- Let the Professor to give you special recommend for just that place if you find it to be a desirable one - You will notice that Prof. Klein neglected to give me name - & address my letter on outside to Resident-Trustee of Yale Academy - Yale Orange Co. N. Y. - Tell me if you have any prospect in this direction.- Would you teach in Monticello Dill

inclose card from J. C. Rice which partly explains itself - Salaries there are low - but - if you could not - do better I think you could secure place there - speak of this when you write. — I do not like the dealings of the Board there however - This card is in reply to a note of mine withdrawing my application - I had heard that they had lowered salaries & detained all the teachers of High & Grammar schools which would leave only Intermediate & Primary Grades. — Their examination comes in three weeks - Will not - for develop-ments elsewhere - would prefer better place than they can give me - Do all you can to get - that - Academy. If you are not already "tied" on a place - Will write you a long letter tomorrow if possible. - All well. — Old Mrs Stallon "sel-lec cap" slightly - (much as she dared) for Uncle William & this about - Uncle not - to be mentioned + now has married a Widower from Vernon - Same time there time — a United Brethren man — Married yesterday afternoon

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170 Clark Street,

Chicago, June 12, 1877.

Miss Sarah J. Christie,
Good Thunder, Blue Earth, Minn.:

Your letter duly recd. I cannot promise you much, but will do what I can for you, & trust it might be able to assist you. In case during next year this year than in previous years, if you like fix me further information concerning what position you want to fill, what salary you demand, etc. I will do what I can for you. Yours truly,

W. L. Klein

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170 Clark Street,

Chicago, June 15 1877.

Miss Christie,

A principal is wanted by the Trustees of Yates' Academy, Yates, Orleans Co., N.Y., & I think he has the privilege of selecting most of his teachers.

Will advise you or your brother when all done.

Yours &c.

W. L. Klein.

Good Friends Ford,

Blue Earth Co. Minn.

June 17 1877.

Dear dear Brother, [Alexander]

I inclose for you the note Mr Klein sent me on reply to my first note asking if he could do anything on the way of securing a Peace Scholarship - I wish you would write to him Reply to this & send him regular fee of one dollar, if you can spare it - His Bureau is a very active one & as he feels under some obligation to me would be more likely to do well by me than disinterested - He is an Agent of Education - & has power & influence - His obligation to me is very slight - yet to a business man the nature of that kind of obligation counts - I have sent many students to him for places - & he

expressed his thanks to me very heartily - to matter what your present prospects may be they may come to nothing - & if you can spare the dollar originally with him - I have the most perfect faith in his getting you a good place - You see he send me the note about - Take Academy without waiting for an answer from me, neither had I send him any registration fee - You write acknowledging the information of Yale Academy - telling him you have applied - but not succeeding him - just what you want speaking at the same time of me - that if practicable - You want me for Assistant - I have neither telling him that your salary you will speak of yourself to him probably & that I would like all I can get - but would accept of

Six hundred in any place
as Rockland - I am the same
proposition with you - (my hope
is to take your place when you re-
turn to Howard - or, at-least-keep
it - for you, if at-any time you
should be - back again) - Please
words to Klein immediately. - Address
Prof. W. L. Klein, No. 170. Clark Street
Chicago, Ill. - or Woodstock, Ill.
either one - the first given is prefer-
able at-present - perhaps. -
If at-any time you feel called
upon to say anything of me - speak
of my Excelling in discipline &
General management - of schools
as well as being good teacher -
There are few who do excel in
that-direction, therefore that-is
always a good point-for one
your might mention that-to Mr
Klein - I send you some adver-
tising samples he sent-me, & list-
of questions for registered appli-
cants - You need not-fill these

out- to send him in your fav-
letter unless you chose- If he
wishes you to fill out- such a
list he will send you one in
July to your letter- Perhaps you
better fill out- at- once however-
but- use your own judgment = it-
does not- matter much to think-
I today rec'd your letter of June 14. Glad
also one from you & one from Jones.
I have also rec'd some days ago
letter with ten dollars from you- I let
you, for fear he may not- have written.
& did not- walk to the Lord last night
as it was almost- too late & I did
not- feel equal to it- after getting
through working- I told you in a
previous letter that I intended to help
- also have come for exercise.- but
did not- any- Glad did not- continue
either- Dave send- over Byron
to- hse.- All well as usual Glad
is working to- you, & I start- to the
Lord after we finish our letters-
Glad was much touched by your
extract- of record in Revelation of the

"Joshua Bals" — . deep foundations
were laid & tears came - Perhaps
his thought was partly of the baby
in his mother's arms - & the after-
many days spent around Harvard - the Old World,
its hopes & high aspirations of
youth. The Emigrant Ship - the
New World - the many hopes
deferred" aspirations crushed ab-
sorbed out of existence by the pressure
of hard circumstance — the sight
finally — a glimpse - of the beginning
of the fruition of youths hopes -
Perish at last — To the many
this Parzah comes - if at all -
on the other side of the grave.
The sublime & the ridiculous! & look
out - of my window & see heaven over the
scene to be her Parzah continually - the
very topmost - peak of the snow-topped
table - snowbound - & dove flapping
audibly on the wind - I suppose her ob-
ject is - eggs - from which the noise

chicks innumerable) - they will make
tender offerings to tempt Father's appetite
in the mornings & early fall -

We were glad to hear of Uncle Wm
& that he is looking well - Always
glad to me immediately of any school
prospect - that promises anything - Are
you thinking of coming home during
the Summer? I will write of mine
further information soon as rec'd -

Affectionately your sister
Sarah J. Christie.

Remember, if you come near to me
bargain in any place, & mind -
the situation - a personal inspection
usually clinches) - it is worth
2 of letters - if you have the
means to go -

I will not endorse anything but
small slips as if I did - it would
take my dollars & cents & my supplies
as limited -

Good Thunder's Post
Blue Earth Co. Minn.
June 18. 1877.

Resident - Trustee
Yale - Academy
Yale, N. Y.

Dear Sir.

~~I write for the purpose of making enquiry with~~ reference to ~~the Principalship of Yale Academy.~~ - I understand through Prof. W. L. Klein of the Western Bureau of Education that you desire to Engage a new Principal for the ~~coming~~ next school year. - I would be pleased to have you ~~kindly~~ consider my brother as an applicant for the position — He is at present - in Cambridge Mass. where he has been pursuing a special

course of study in Harvard University. — He desires to secure such a position as you have to offer, if terms can be made satisfactory. ~~to both parties~~ & wrote to him today with information of the opportunity — your school. You will probably hear from him. — He is a teacher of experience & is considered to excel in the art of teaching. —

If all can be made practicable we would like to work to gether during the coming school year. — For furtherance of this end, I would like to be considered an applicant for the place of assistant ~~Instruct~~ or in your academy. — I have had long & varied experience as a teacher. ~~has been long — how a woman of thirty-two years — have taught~~ ~~in country district schools also in all Depts of city graded schools from Primary to High School, inclusive — & in Colleges.~~ — Please drop me line, telling me know if you will consider our applications. ~~also stating~~ state salary for Principal & what I might expect as assistant, if there be such vacancy — Also send latest catalogue please. — My brothers name & address —

Alex. S. Christie, No. 15. Mt. Auburn St. Cambridge, Mass. —

I inclose photograph of self, taken two years ago — I have none later. Please return in reply. — Hoping to hear from you soon as convenient, I remain Yours Very Respectfully

(Miss) Sarah J. Christie.

Address your
letter to Yale same
as I did & it will
go all right.

273 Broadway South Boston

June 20th 1897

My Dear Uncle

Your letter written on March just received
You must have wondered
why I did not write an answer
Father started off for
Portland last Thursday
Tom and Jamey Capt in
and took Ida with us Wednesday evening
when went over with him to
see him off on the evening
train to N. Y. from which
his ship was to sail on Thursday
at noon - He proposes
returning by the way of
Boston - and what then I do
not know - When I was young
and strong I kept house for
him alone but it was a trial

which I would be afraid to undertake again. I suppose I could explain it to you — but after all what is the use — It is his own strange character which upsets all wise and good plans — I wish you to believe this because it is the truth. He is not like other people There is one side of his character which is horribly abnormal and destructive of all law and righteousness The other side is good enough but I understood many years ago, through great trial, that there was no telling which was the real man, neither shall I ever know in this world perhaps — The children are well and I am happy enough in my work here, for the present It is only for the present for Mr Pixley will get married again, as soon as little Dud gets out of hands, I suppose but my dear uncle I do not count it any "promotion" over my past life. Is there any such thing as promotion, in the work of this world? I dare say it was from yourself I retrieved the knowledge that it is not what we do, but what we are that is of value the true real work being only the consequent and being equally valuable however much or little it may seem to us here below. Yes I have heard Joseph Cook - One thinks of him as being the man instead of Mr Moody though I suppose after all that his kind of talk and manner does not make many converts. He is a fair looking man like a german with a wide high forehead and a fawny beard and when

he shakes it slowly and growls
out some of his hard hits
one cannot help thinking of
a lion. When I got home I
said to the folks that I
had heard the real Boston
lion roar at last!" I was
much impressed - but for
my own part I like Longfellow
more than I like any other
public man I have seen
down here - Emerson, Holmes
Freeman Clark, Mrs Howe &
read some of their own pieces
one night in the Old South
Church so I had a chance
to see them all together, but
Alcy and I called at Prof.
Longfellow's house and saw
him a minute or two in his
own sitting room. I think that
will remain one of the most
beautiful pictures of my life

that white haired old man with
the broad brow and kindly deep
set dark eyes. I do think
that he could write like Goethe
if he wished to but he
does not because has chosen
He is grand not only for
what he has written but for
what he has left unwritten—
He is wise and deep and
true, and the sight of him
has satisfied me down this
side of the water. None
of them across there are
more to be honored than this
man. To tell the truth he seems
to me the one Poet of the
world and having seen him
I do not have much desire to
see the others. He sat down
and spoke as kindly as you
would have done, He said
that on some days one would
write poorly but the next
time perhaps something

"very beautiful"; and the beautiful words in which he spoke those two words from them still in my mind. They seemed to hang before me just for one moment all things lovely and of good report and seem known to me the sweetest sermon that I ever heard.

Sandy was not as much pleased as I was doubtless because his man is Prof. Pierce, but I think he is not sorry that we called on the Pastor.

A ship going out of the harbor is a fine sight, but after all a full freighted ship coming gracefully in after having passed the dangers of the deep, is a much more beautiful and joy giving sight to every one who loves to believe the promises of God

Gales Ajar I have read but never
strength
it worth enough to buy. The young
lady writes in her diary about the
emptiness of the present and future
since the "silencing by a dolphin
killer & shrink" of that cheery voice which
had made life, hope and happiness
to her. Query Can a true woman
her own
burn heart grief into an artistic
creation for the inspection of strangers
By and by comes the hint a missionary
widow from Kansas to stay, and
this at last leaving her little girl
to the care of the writer. In this
aunt, with her broad genuine
religious culture and firm faith
the story centers — Oh! Oh, dear
are there any woomans work
really worth reading — except
some of the saints and their
like — For my own part
they seem all false to me either
shallow sensual or confused
and neither fish flesh nor
fowl — Since I refused to read

George Eliots last. I think I had got out of that mass of tangled weeds called womens books. ——— If I can get away I shall go out to Andover on the 2 P.M. to see Tom finish his training I find Handy has some mofds of very determined resistance to his missionary plan of Tom and Carrie but he will doubtless see the light by and by. I told him I thankked God for the resolve which is in the hearts of these two people She says Carrie does not realize the trials before her but I think she does. Truth is true I dunk I hope I believe she does if she did realize them fully it would not change her resolve and perhaps it has no loss that she is not made to feel suffering before it comes Love to Sarah Aunt Perses and Dan & wife - I remain always your affectionate and muffled niece Helen Choate

Mr. Superintendent
Blue Earth Co. Minn.
June 26. 97.

[Answered]

I wish to ask if you will
answer immediately & let me know of school
prospects - particularly if you have heard
from Indianola, Iowa. - I want to
say to you that I want you to take
this position that is the best-suited
to you - in all ways - irrespective
of one - If it is a place in
which I can work with you - so much
the better - If not, then I will re-
sign place elsewhere - Your abilities
would be best suited outside of
Public School work, if the salary
were reasonable - Do not forego
a good place in an institution
for the sake of accommodating
me. - In the long run it would
not be best - I have had this

ce mind to say for a long time but
have forgotten when I have been writing
If you are in Public School work it
would be best & succeed more fre-
ely I am sure that we work together
I have thought quite strongly of lectur-
ing each out of debt - If others with bet-
ter reputation can clear several
hundreds in a single season - I have
thought that I might clear more
than I can Earn by teaching - should
I begin in April & take 2 months to
it - I am not set upon it, or
upon anything - I work to do what-
is best & will be guided by cir-
cumstances & the advice of friends -
Those who have lectured encourage me.
I do not allow any thoughts in these di-
rections to interfere with diligent search
for school - What is your thought on this
question for me? I have thought of
three different subjects for lectures - "Books
& Reading" - "Industrial Education for the Com-
ing People" - & "The present war" People out-
number will turn out to hear a woman speak

1st year.

1st term. ~~Geometry & H. Algebra - beg.~~

2d term. ~~(H. Algebra 2d term) (Geometry 2d term)~~
El. Rhetoric.

3d lectures strong & good would be invaluable - Give me your advice on this subject - It has been said that when we ask advice - it is not that we seek in reality - but approbation. In the present instance, it does not apply to me - I want to do just that is right & best in the matter. The slow grinding of the school room is a poor way in which to make money to pay debt - by a half-educated woman - Remembering always that women for Equal work with men do not receive half the pay - More often the case that they have a quarter more of work & one third the pay - Tell me about Yale Academy & Cain - also all the prospects - Indianola is in particular - Is milk - Grasshoppers are

when they would not - to hear a man regardless as to ~~~ his possession of power or otherwise - If I could make on an Average $10. a night, (or four nights in the week, it's would pay - I would Employ agent - to go ahead to make engagements - Sign Evenings if the week if possible - Post-bills, &c influential people - Minister, Editors attend to the business gener- ally - to such agent - I would give one third of the profits to- ward Services - or one half if necessary to make success sure as possible in the beginning - These are some of the Thoughts I have, to be modified by circumstances, or given up entirely. If for the present, if that be best. - If success were an absolute certainty, I would want you to unite with me into the work for the year instead of teaching - as you and me helping to make my

Thunderbird Farm
Blue Earth Co.
Minn.
June 29. 1911.

Dear Sarah.

Your nice letter
also your check
for $2.00 came
yesterday. I
am glad to
hear that you
are all well
and that
Mother is
getting along
so nicely.
Tell her
I will write
her a letter
soon. I
received
your card
from Wheeling
also one
from Pittsburg
and one
from Cleveland
I have
been very
busy since
I got home
getting
started
with my
work and
have not
had time
to write
letters
but I
could
have done
so. Dave
bought me
a bunch
of stamped
envelopes
so that
I am
supplied
now that
time for
the present
I walked
to the Ford
and back
this forenoon
to post
letters to
Klein with
dollar
and a
letter to
Lupfer
in Iowa
whose name
I got
from a
student
friend.
When
I get
the Ford
this forenoon
I got
your letter
of ~~21st~~ 23rd
inst. on which
your copy
of application
letter.
I will
could not
be betted
I

think - It - is terse, scholarly + dignified in tone & language - The school at St. Peter is taken by Sterling - formerly of Owatonna + Garden City - Later of Mankato. - Was disappointed as Principal of Pleasant - Grove School, Mankato - He rec'd but - $60. per month there & understand & they wished him to teach for ten next year - He resigned, & took St. Peter at $900. - From all I can hear Mankato is a poor place for teachers - The Managers there are not progressive Americans - & teachers have a hard time on poor pay. It - is no harm however for you to write - I had given up all thought of going there - but - if we each could get a place being near Julia - it - would be a good thing - I will write another note to Wise + also Supt - to see what chance for both - I do not think there will be any thought - & besides if we are joined - I feel confident - Klein will help us to better or that - we will get it by other means. - Tell me what news from Indianola - There is slight chance of my getting into College there - & then, if you could have Public school - it would be a good thing - or I could go into Public school with you & the College chance would be a probability for both - in the future if desirable. -

I inclose advertisement of Hyde Young's Agency - She is very thoroughly recommended you will see - If you have $2.00 to spare perhaps it would be well for you to fill out - replies to questions & register your name - She might be able

to introduce you to some of the wealthy "high-toned" schools - Or you might get a place as travelling tutor - on good pay from some of the aristocracy of America. I enclose Klein's last note to me. - The criticism he refers to - is one on some ~~to~~ sample leaves of Records for schools he sent me - I thought the headings were too close together - but on the whole - they were excellent for the teacher's use - The academy is all - Yales - I gave you wrong name I find - my letter went all right - I enclose reply - It is not to my mind very satisfactory. - It is probably a little, third rate Academy - two, or three teachers at most - running it - over the least possible expense - I will reply however & find out all I possibly can about - if you the Pres. of Board - You do same do not - throw it up until certain I write note to Klein at once however

EDWARDS'
Daily & Monthly School Records. The Regents' Questions.

OFFICE OF

The Western Bureau of Education,

THE UNION OF

THE Western School Agency, CHICAGO. AND THE NORTHWESTERN Bureau of Education, MILWAUKEE.

W. L. KLEIN, Manager,
170 Clark Street,

Chicago, June 23, 1877.

Miss Sarah J. Christi,
Spook Thunder, Minn.:

Your letter duly rec'd. The position referred to is at Yale, Osceola Co., Mich. If you made a mistake (you write the word Dale), it will be well to write again. If you put the name of the Co. on the letter, it will go all right. Thanks for your criticism on record. The rulings will be written in next edition. Shall do all I can for you. Yours &c W. L. Klein

Address Klein Chicago when
necessary to write again.

Soon as you are convinced that
Yale will not do – throw it up
& tell Klein. – I wonder if I could
manage it alone? – I mean I wonder
if it would pay – giving a sure
thousand as salary – You see
$1100. would not pay *both* of
us – How would it do to make
inquiries about the *Public* school
there also? You write & see what
result – It is as well to leave
no stone unturned – Do not neglect
now to write there. – Do not be too
much discouraged if you do not suc-
ceed immediately – it would be better
though if you were at home – one
whiff less in the freedom of farm
life & the prairies – when there is not
the *daily sure* drain of *money for*
living. – Send line *when* you have any
thing in the least favorable – /
Sarah. –

7/17

[illegible]
Direct to Chicago in 9 [illegible]

Yates. June 25th

Miss Sarah J. Armstrong

Yours of June 18th is at hand and contents noted. In reply I would say, there is a vacancy in the Academy of Yates. The Principal resigned at the close of the first term—

We let the Academy building to teachers only agreeing them to keep the property insured which costs about $20. per year.

The income for the first four years has cleared above expense of running & contingencies about

from $1100 to last year to $2000 in the most prosperous year. I think the prospect is good for the next five years —

I am unexpectedly called to leave so that I cannot say all that I would but if you think of commencing correspondence & unveiled with the know in your next whether you or your brother were prospecting Christians & if so to what denomination. You belong —

Hoping to hear from you & remain Yours Truly A. Lo

President of Trustees

American and Foreign Teachers Agency,

Miss M. J. YOUNG, Proprietor and Manager,

No. 23 Union Square, New York.

Supplies thoroughly competent Professors, Tutors and Teachers in every department of Instruction.
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Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1877.

Miss M. J. Young:

Dear Madam: I regret to learn of the probable closure of the Schermerhorn Educational Agency, and am glad, in view of its failure, to know that you propose to open a similar agency under your own personal direction. It meets an important practical necessity in the working of our general educational machinery, and your antecedents would seem to insure your possessing the qualifications for administering it successfully. Your extensive acquaintance with schools and teachers, and with the wants of both, and your judgment, matured by so many years of actual experience in the work, must enable you to be very useful to those who need the aid of such an agency. From my occasional opportunities of observation, and from the testimony of others, I have received a most favorable impression both of your conscientiousness and your intelligence in the discharge of such trust, and I heartily wish you success in your undertaking.

J. H. Raymond, D. D., LL.D., Pres't.

Heretofore, Miss M. J. Young, of New York, has been very successful in an important service for teachers and schools. Her success has been gained by courtesy, patience, conscientiousness, and skill in the rare art of bringing supply and demand to a prosperous meeting. Prof. Edward North.

Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1877.

For twelve years I have supplied my school with teachers for the various departments through Miss M. J. Young, connected with the "American School Institute." In almost every case the appointment has been satisfactory and successful.

H. N. Haskell,
Prin. Monticello Seminary, Godfrey, Ills.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Miss M. J. Young's Agency to those desirous of securing valuable instructors.

I have been personally acquainted with Miss Young for some years, and have always found her most polite and attentive in advancing the interest of her patrons. I consider that she has superior tact in selecting "the right person for the right place."

During her connection with the American School Institute, I availed myself of her services whenever it was necessary to make a change in my corps of teachers, and I was never disappointed in her estimate of ability.

Madame C. Mears.

222 *Madison Ave.*, New York, Feb. 8, 1877.

I have known Miss M. J. Young, through "American School Institute," for several years, and she has been of valuable service to myself and school. A number of my most reliable and successful assistants have been obtained for me through her instrumentality. I commend her thoroughly to both Principal and Assistant.

Rev. C. M. Selleck.

Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 8, 1877.

After an experience of many years, it gives me great pleasure to say that Miss Young's judgment in the selection of teachers is very satisfactory, and I very cheerfully recommend her Agency to others.

Germantown, Pa., Feb. 5, 1877. E. Clement.

Miss M. J. Young, while with the Messrs. Schermerhorn, supplied me with several visiting professors for my family, and I found her so reliable in her statements as to their qualifications and fitness, that I have repeatedly recommended her to my friends as an excellent judge in such matters, on account of her education, culture, judgment, and commendable scrupulousness, and I take much pleasure in adding my testimony to that of many others.

25 *Washington Place, New York*, Feb. 7, 1877. J. F. Navarro.

Dear Miss Young:—It was with great pleasure that I heard of your new enterprise, believing that with your experience, faithfulness and peculiarly ripe judgment for your work, you must command the confidence of all who intrust their business to your care. Through you, in connection with the "American School Institute," I have secured the finest teachers ever employed in my faculty, and you may feel assured that I shall consider it a privilege to be able still to rely upon you whenever I have a vacancy to fill. Eugenie Cuthbert.

Young Ladies' Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 6, 1877.

Miss M. J. Young is well known to me as a Christian lady of high character, great energy, strong integrity, and large experience in the business in which she is engaged; polite, prompt, and punctual in her management of all matters entrusted to her, she is worthy of implicit confidence, and I must heartily commend her to all who may require her services. W. Ormiston, D. D.

New York, Feb. 9th, 1877.

Educators, parents, and the public generally, will find Miss M. J. Young a conscientious and efficient person to consult in reference to schools and teachers. Her long experience and sound judgment are to be relied upon. I cordially recommend her, and bear testimony to the excellence of advice given, and assistance rendered in time past. Mrs. S. J Life.

Rye Seminary, Rye, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1877.

During a business acquaintance of several years, in which it has been my lot to need from time to time the assistance of new teachers, I have found Miss M. J. Young reliable—thoroughly so—in all her statements relative to candidates.

Otis Bisbee,
Riverview Academy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Owing to my connection with Columbia College Law School, I have had occasion for many years to become acquainted with the work of the "Educational Agency" in this city, under the management of Miss M. J. Young, acting for the Messrs. Schermerhorn. I have recommended, from time to time, great numbers of young men to apply to her to secure for them places as teachers, and they have, with almost entire uniformity, been supplied. I am rejoiced to learn that an institution so meritorious and so serviceable both to instructors and to pupils, is to be continued under such competent and skillful management as that of Miss Young, and shall strongly recommend persons with whom I may have influence, to avail themselves of her services.

New York, February 16, 1877. Theodore W. Dwight,
Columbia College Law School.

Ossining Institute, Sing Sing, N. Y., Feb. 12th, 1877.

My Dear Miss Young:

It gave me pleasure to learn that you intend to continue the Teachers Agency. The work has become a power for usefulness, mainly through your untiring devotion to its interests. It requires, in the person who would satisfactorily and successfully conduct it, a high standard of intellectual and moral excellence, a quick discernment of character, a readiness to apprehend the requirements of educators, and the qualifications of applicants, and that intuitive knowledge of the "fitness of things" that will send the right person to the right place. It needs, also, one who will not permit sympathy for those in need of employment to lead to the injustice of placing them in positions for which they are unfitted. It seems to me that you possess these requisites in a remarkable degree; and I have often been impressed with the tact, discrimination, and conscientiousness which you have shown in your work. I hope you may be greatly prospered in a work which so directly serves the cause of education.

Very truly, your friend,
Miss S. M. Van Vleck.

I have frequently had occasion to apply to Miss M J. Young, in charge of Schermerhorn's School Agency for Teachers, and have found abundant reason for relying upon her judgment and conscientious fidelity to the interests of her patrons. David H. Cochran,

Pres't *Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute*, Brooklyn, N. Y.

I have availed myself for several years of Miss Young's valuable services in securing teachers for St. John's School. It gives me great pleasure to say that the result has always been most satisfactory. I have great respect for her judgment, and have reason to thank her for her patient and persevering efforts to secure teachers for me. Rev. J. Breckenridge Gibson, D.D.,

St. John's School, Sing Sing, Feb. 5, 1877. Rector, &c.

Park Institute, Rye, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1877.

Miss M. J. Young:

My Dear Madam: I am very glad that you are going to open an office of your own, for the purpose of carrying on the business of the "American School Institute," which you have so long and so successfully conducted for Messrs. J. W. Schermerhorn & Co.

It is very desirable that this department of that firm's late establishment should continue in existence; and if they are not to go on, there is not only no impropriety in your taking the business into your own hands, but there is every reason why you ought to do this.

All who have had dealings with the "American School Institute," *and have known how to use it*, will bear testimony to the important work which it has done, in securing teachers for schools, and positions for teachers; and they know that for many years this work has been performed by you. As regards your old patrons, therefore, you need only to inform them of your plans to secure the continuance of their patronage, and their assistance in extending the usefulness of your Bureau. Very truly yours,

Henry Tatlock, A. M.

It gives me pleasure to say that during all the years I have known Miss Young, she has been uniformly courteous, quick to apprehend my wants, and prompt in supplying them. She is thoroughly honorable in all transactions. I unhesitatingly recommend her to all needing the aid of her Agency.

Your sincere friend,

Bishopthorpe, Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 6, 1877. Fannie I. Walsh.

Miss M. J. Young:

Dear Friend: I am very happy to learn that you are about to open an Agency for supplying schools, academies, &c., with desirable teachers.

For many years past we have been accustomed to depend so entirely upon you for teachers, that we should be at a loss to know where to look for aid if you retire from business. With the same sagacity and energy which have characterized your management in the past, your enterprise cannot fail of success.

Very cordially,

Houghton Seminary, Clinton, N. Y. J. C. Gallup, M.D.

Having been acquainted with Miss M. J. Young for the past four years, and knowing the interest she ever manifested in the applicants at the American School Institute, it affords me great pleasure to recommend the "American and Foreign Teachers Agency," of which she is Proprietor and Manager, to the favorable consideration of teachers desiring situations, and to School officers seeking competent teachers. I know of several worthy teachers who obtained situations through the American School Institute, of which she was the Manager.

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Respectfully,
Geo. H. Barton,
Principal Jersey City High School.

Miss M. J. Young:

Dear Madam: To-day, for the first time, I learn that you have opened an office as a substitute for the "American School Institute," lately under the direction of "J. W. Schermerhorn & Co." As you have done me excellent service in supplying my School with competent teachers for the last 10 years, I heartily recommend your Agency to all who wish to employ first-class teachers.

Feb. 19, 1877. C. B. Metcalf,
Sup't Highland Mil. Academy.

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Wm. Cochrane, D. D.
President Brantford Ladies' College, and Pastor of Zion Presbyterian Church.
Brantford, Ont., Feb. 13, 1877.

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TERMS.—Registration for one year, ***Two Dollars*** in Advance.

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Where were you educated?
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What Institution? When?

What experience have you had?
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Do you teach the Classics?
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What are your religious preferences?
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What salary do you expect?
Do you prefer any particular State?

Sign name and address in full.

Please read Terms carefully before signing.

OFFICE OF

Superintendent of Public Schools,

CITY OF FOND DU LAC.

Fond du Lac, Wis., June 26 1877

Mr Christie; There is
but one vacancy in our
Corps; 2.E. Staff Q.M.
Assistant in the U.S.
The Salary is $65.00.
Should you will
not Care for this.
Yours Truly
C. A. Hutchins.

Cambridge June 30th '79.

My Dear Sister:

Here is a chance for you in Fond du Lac. You can state to them that you heard of it through me, and I will write them of you, Refer. me ~~Take~~ to you for particulars. I will tell them of your Experience as teacher in high schools and Colleges, and your success as a "disciplinarian" — or to them — as "Government." The Principal there may be worth in need of assistance in the Preceptress besides to doing us harm in the "best regulated families."

Also see enclosed letter from Winona. Here's a chance. You may be too late for both. I will drop a line to Winona same as to Fond du L. to delay, if nothing more. I shall "dicker" for the Lodi school at 900# (they paid 800# last year, have paid 1000#) while fishing in Atlantic waters for bigger fish. I have not had time to write to Klein. Mike do to this &c.

Winona Minn June 27 1877

Dear Alex L. Christie

Sir

Yours etc 26th ult has
been a plow as assistant teacher
in our High School to be filled for the
ensuing year. But our assistants are females -
and I suppose ~~so continue~~ the places
will continue to be fill by women til
we are able to increase their pay -
We are only allowed to pay $600 a year
for our assistants.

Yours Respectfully

C. W. Berry

P.S. Sickly: I do not expect that I shall have to have any real help this year, and the duties of the office will be such that I shall not be able to give the time and attention to the Geography as I would like to. Should I find it necessary I will write you at once. Please do not.

Supt. Pub. Edu.

As to Yale Academy - I know neither Greek, Geology, Botany, Zoology, &c, &c. and effort in that direction would be fruitless, even were I a Church member - which I am not. I'll try to avoid a false position. And, as regards your lecturing. In that, as in all your schemes, you talk of probability, $10 a night, 4 nights in a week! Yours, who has been reading up for years in Excellent Libraries on the Eastern and cognate Questions, and who has a most Excellent lecture, thought he was Extremely Fortunate the other night to get 9 $ in a Church where he had often preached and is well known. Unless you intend to dwindle, how can you think of lecturing on the present war, or any other war, without first devoting a year exclusively to reading up on it? Let us not merely talk about virtue and honesty, but live in accordance with our professions. No South Sea Specs. or Mississippi Schemes for me. Ignorant people do not care for "Books and Reading", and other folks know far more of your subject than you do. No one need think of ventilating that subject unless possessed of a good knowledge of at least one Literature, - and without a good knowledge of German and French, with the chief works written in them, one's success would be very doubtful. I do not know how you stand on "Industrial Schools". I know nothing on the subject.

My advice is, get a school at 600 $ and save 300 $ and prepare for something better.

For my own part, I am Extremely anxious to get money honestly, to pay my debts and help Dave and Father. I expect Edatis and Pierce to get assist me to a place. I am giving the book line a brush of business its last trial. And the 20th Century or some Earlier Epoch, may see me in some other, with fair play in the teaching field I would get up rapidly. If this end in good sign of getting up this year, I may possibly "Get up and dust". We'll see. I have many years before me (that is, I have an Excellent physical constitution, and may reasonably calculate on moderate longevity) in which to advance the world's best interests, if the world will only let me, and let me and mine have a fair chance to live. We intend to live; and if the Educational Powers that Be do not with my brains, I can use them to my own advantage Elsewhere - if only in the Black Hills. At all events, my motto is, "Pay as you go!" Like the pulpits of Amsterdam and temples of Payanim Lands should ring with that text. Yours brother Alex.

Miss Sarah J. Christie

Good Thunder

Blue Earth Co.

Minnesota

Cambridge Mass. July 1" 77.

My Dear Father: Yours of 17th, finished 19th, was very welcome, but has waited several days for an answer. There was so much in it, and times were so hurried with me, that I thought best to let it lie till I had more leisure. As it is, I can only write to a small part of it. Dave's letter has since come, telling how the grain melts away before the grasshoppers. In all probability there will be nothing left to harvest. That makes the fix worse than ever, and what shall we do? Well, bad fix as it is, it is just nothing to the fixes common to Man and all animated creatures. Why, even here in Boston, folks starve to death with hunger and with cold, and scores suicide to avoid starvation or abject poverty; while famine rages over provinces

Jerusalem

Tourists probably send your papers on to Hiawatha. Effect, I suppose, is the same as if they were from Athens.

elsewhere, and war over kingdoms.
Let us just be thankful that it is no worse with us. We may be pinched a little, and Embarrassed a great deal, but none of us will starve, and with the blessing of God we will all live to see the better times for which we wait and toward which we work. I sent an X to Dave yesterday (I mention it in case it doesn't reach him), and in case of dire necessity I could raise 500# for the occasion. While pushing my studies in good shape, and in a direction that will count on my time in Harvard, I will, during the ensuing year, be earning money. You see we need not fear want. So I hope you will not be wholly cast down as you look over the bare fields of July. Thousands of Killed & Wounded here are, and have been for months, looking for a day's work; their daily bread a subject of daily anxiety. Let the Man with one barrel of flour and a Cow, wherever he may be, sing psalms of thankfulness and of rejoicing!

As to religious matters, Father, I shall have to be brief. The word-wide anxiety, distrust of documents, honest doubt, and fruitless search for truth, justifies and demands another revelation if there ever was one before. Until it come, and to me, I reserve the right to pay no attention to the claims of any one of the thousand and one divine systems. I do not know whether Pythagoras discovered the 47th of Euclid, or not, nor even whether Pythagoras Ever lived; but I know the 47th of Euclid to be true, And shall use it in its proper

place. That corner stone of the great superstructure of Geometry may have been known to men for a hundred thousand years. That is a question which we cannot determine; let us be thankful that that is not the Essential point to be determined by the young Geometer when he gets to that stage in his Edification. Let us be thankful that here, at least, the wisdom of the Creator is clearly displayed, in making Truth more essential than the accidents of its promulgation. Now, it is

↑ with the almost a matter of that mere intuition which acts its seal to the axioms of geometry, that God would not make Saving Truth perishable as parchment and papyrus rolls, nor link for one moment the most cardinal Verities with the changing fortunes

of the dense & syllabled speech
of men. The decree of things
may and do perish at the hand
of time or at the will or neglect
of the transcriber, but the purpose
of God to us-ward could not
be placed by Omniscience at the
mercy of Vandal and Moslem,
schismatic priest and tooth of
time, and, in case of destruction
beyond recovery. I know, as I know
the 47th of Euclid's, that blessed are
the peacemakers, and they that
hunger and thirst after righteous-
ness; but who first uttered these
words, whether they bubbled up in
the heart of man, or fell from the
lips of God, whether the Ever-Enduring
fact were first perceived, or
first Expressed, by living Poet,
or dying Soldier, I do not
know, nor have I means of
knowing, and I care no more

reasonably be expected to know, than to pocket the plants for a chronometer. But to hunger and thirst after righteousness! this would save the whole world, Whoever said it, or saw it, first. But why need I go on? Enough that I sign no creeds, neither geometries. But I study both, and wherever I find truth, I try to make use of it. I'm thankful for it however it may have come to me. The Bible contains much, just as placer diggings contain gold; and it is none the less true although men tell untruths about the truth and its environments and accidents.

I am sorry that Tom goes to Turkey to teach much truth and much Error. Among those barbarous peoples the truth will volatilize in a short time, leaving Error as an enduring residuum, lasting forms to vex the ages to come. The careful conservation of the inferior race at the expense of the superior, is the suicidal plank in the platform of progress. "The survival of the fittest" should not be interfered with. "Breed from your best", from the best European rather than the Australian native. I was waiting for a car at Bowdoin Square, Boston, the other day, in conversation with a graduate of Andover Seminary. A Chinaman came by. "There goes poor John", said my friend; and then I mentioned my fears of the racial conflicts in store for the American nation, conflicts which, in their enduring nation would destroy civilization, while fire should fight fire, reducing all to the same barbarous level, he spoke of Amalgamation as the

method of Escape. "That is Allegation Medical", said I. "But Another man is a mathematician, has a logical mind, has a mathematician's respect for a fact, and that classmate of Yours just smiled and gave it up as a bad job. Remember, we were not disputing. As mathematicians, ~~we were~~ with a mathematician's respect for a fact, we were both as much on one side as if we had been discussing oblique triangles instead of obligue Mongolians. Results agreed to the twelfth place of decimals. Why, Foster had given his attention to facts in University U (Pierce's room), and afterward promulgated them at the Naval Academy.. "Racial Contagions are bad, and Allegation Medical is worse." That is what a mathematician must think.

Sheboygan Wis. July 3/77

My Dear Aleck

Jour favor of June 21st Enclosing $22.50 I have received. And Endorsed on Jours Note $21.27 as interest up to Feby 23/77 on $212.72 the balance that was left when last we figured (I think when you was at Stock bridge) for which I am much obliged.

I was very glad to hear from Jou from the Classic Haes of old Harvard. and to Know that Jou was getting along so Nicely Jourself as well as doing so much for the other fellows. Now I hope Jou will stick right to this until the End Comes with all its Honors and also the Emoluments How does Tom get along and where is he. has he offered himself as a Sacrifice to the Heathen Yet. or is he in Jour vicinity?. How does Helen do?. Give me all the News. The folks at Clyman were all well when last I heard. and that was about two weeks ago. Jour Aunt Matilda was over there. Uncle William was at Jessies. he covets me after he came back from Minnesota. was perfectly disgusted with the Country I should Judge. will be cured never again be caught there unless he was carried there after death. I am afraid he made a mistake when he sold out. I hear that Duffy would not part with that place for $10.000.00 and I presume he would not just at present as he is.

Jour Aunt was at Rosines for over a month - and they are getting along very nicely - her health is good and she is as contented as one can possibly be - up in the morning by five and Breakfast over and Milk skimmed, Calves and pigs fed all her work out of the way by about — Seven. They are nicely and pleasantly located one mile from Hartford - Washington Co. just near enough the village and yet not in it - drives down in a few minutes any night after the Chores are done - Makes her Butter (and I guess it must be good) for they have had two cents pr pound more than market all along. I think she has got a good Husband very industrious and sober and temperate in all things - neither drinks nor uses Tobacco in any shape - and from what Jour Aunt says I have no fears but that they will get along - I wish you would drop her a few lines it would do them a great deal of good to receive a letter from you. His name is E.M. Anderson. address Hartford Washington Co Wis. Do you hear from Minnesota are they troubled with Grasshoppers this Jear - or will they have a Crop - from what I can learn I am fearful they have got "Em I am still in the old business - but it has been pretty dull this summer - I shall go to Manitowoc I think Aug 1st then it will be a little better - I dont know but - Hayes' civil service is all right but - I am hardly a Hayes man - I do really think that - if Hayes was Elected President that Packard was Governor of Louisana - and I look at it in the light that - Every thing that was fought for during the Rebellion so far as the principles of the Republican Party goes has been thrown to the dogs - and the Amendments to the Constitution will very soon be a dead letter. I must accow that - his Southern Policy has been peaceful so far - but - then there has been nothing to make any trouble - Wait until there is another Election and see how the Darkies will be used - I believe they have been sold to the Owls. By the way I see you have had a visit of his Excellency - how do you like him. Also notice how U. S. G. has been lionized in England - a Prophet is thought nothing of in his own Country. Let me hear from you soon - I think by the way things are working in this State that - it will be Democratic this fall a great many Republicans say they will vote the Democratic ticket Jours truly D S Bentley

Jo.

J. WILLIAMS,
Collector of Internal Revenue.
4th District, Wisconsin

Dated Beaver Dam, 186
Invitation to

Post Mark Ford

Blue Earth Co. Minn

Morning July 6. 1877.

My dear Brother. [Answered]

I wrote you a note to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 27th June — inclosing letter from Henderson & Red Wing — I wrote note as you suggest — I have nothing new in the direction of schools — Will do — Take when you have time — I wished especially this morning to let you know that the grasshoppers have left our fields entirely — Thanks be to God — Their ravages were beginning to be fully done — but now there will, at the very least, be a two thirds crop — The fields look beautifully from

a little distance - but - on close inspection - one can see that the leaves are cut - off badly - particularly at the borders of fields. The wheat is not - yet - in the head - so that - even the destroyed has a chance to recuperate. The grasshoppers may light down again, but - it is unlikely I think, until the grain is beyond them - The people of this neighborhood celebrated the fourth by a picnic under the hill South - of West - of Talkin's on Ulrich & Culver. - Everybody was there - Talkin is feeling pretty well lately, & I never saw him so socially inclined, or enjoy himself so heartily as he did yesterday - Elder Thurston acted as Chaplain & Orator. - Mr Stephens as general manager - or Marshall - Talkin feels no worse this morning for his yesterdays activity - I was afraid he would, for he smoked several cigars with Col. Smith, Vaughn, Jamieson & others - He was in a delightfully social mood, Dave, Marlin, Barney & the Ulrichs made & dispensed the lemonade of which there was profusion & free to all - All are well except little Don - He has had a hard cold for some days & it always goes badly with him. His lungs oppressed, & breathing asthmatic - He looks stout, but he will be raised only with great care. & fear. - He begins to look very much like the Strallons - Sandy is exactly like his father when he was at his age. - Mother did not go to the picnic - but she is well as usual - Perhaps we both take that Yale Academy after all, &

see what we can do at building up a first-class School - What do you think? They probably have never had teachers who could do as we can, if we set ourselves about it - I could keep it next year while you returned to Harvard - securing a good assistant, as I easily could - I am sure we could. You could give lectures & I also each in particular line. make it a popular school, but we will wait, & with further developments - Tell me what you think of Yale & what of Indianola! - To tell you the truth - Sandy, unless we ~~get~~ are both remarkably well situated next year - I think I could make more lecturing - & yet it may not - be wise to leave certainty for uncertainty - I am not well this morning, will account for my unusually bad working - although I did little yesterday but tend babies for Emma - but the heat was overpowering.

Sarah.

Spring Green.
Wis. July 5 1877

Miss Christie [Sarah]

Dear friend

I received your lovely and anx-
iously looked for letter, day
after "commencement. I was
delighted to hear from you
and that you were improving
I have been hoping and praying
too, that you may soon regain
your wonted health and vigor.
For I can faintly imagine how try-
ing it must be to one of your
temperament to remain in a state
of inactivity on account of ill
health. And beside that the world
can ill afford to do without the
service of such as you even
though it may not seem to be appre

at the time by some of its devotees.
As you probably observe by the heading of this letter I am now at home. Having arrived at 8. oclock last evening. I did not leave Wheaton immediately at the close of the term but tarried about a week. That is why I did not write immediately as you requested, for I did not know just where I would go.
My work in the line of study for the last two terms has been quite successful. In the Greek and Latin classes I have received the highest standing of any in the class. As I also did in the Algebra, if that is any criterion of success.
Commencement exercises passed off with its usual display of eloquence and splendor although there seemed to be lacking a little of the usual enthusiasm on such occasions

A new feature of the commencement was the graduation of the Senior Prep class into the college course It was originated here by Prof Moffat And was regarded as quite a complete success. Some of our class was quite opposed to it at first but finaly entered into it with a good deal of vigor and so we had quite an imposing commencement. The subject of my oration was "Education versus Adaptation" Another new feature of Commencements was the graduation of a couple from "single blessedness" to double bliss-ed-ness I presume they would have it/ which took place immediatly at the close of the regular exercises the happy subjects were Mr Bishop versus Miss Marsh. They immediatly departed on their honey moon trip. Mrs Marsh leaving the boarding

department in charge of Mrs Smith
a sister just from the south.
who will probably be the Matron
for the coming year. She is somewhat
after Mrs Nash's style although I
think a much more sensible woman.
Mr Dodd and Miss Smith were married
a day or so after the close of the term
Their marriage ceremony was quite
in contrast with that of Bishops
For while one was a gorgeous display
before a vast audience the other
took place so quietly that not even
a classmate knew it until after
the deed was done and the parties
had left town That may be the
opposite extreme but I confess it
is much more to my liking although
I am not supposed to be a good
judge of such matters being as I
suppose somewhat inclined to
fogyism. Mr Hauch is supposed
soon to step off with one of the
Parsons daughters. Miss Taylor.

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I presume you have heard ere this of the attack on Abraham College, by some of it professed and would be friends. (As the Chicago papers have been full of it for the last couple of weeks) in which a desperate attempt was made to oust the Blanchard rule. and place the college in the hands of other parties. It was carried on mainly by Prof Webster aided by Cobb, Chapman and others of the town. on the one side and The Blanchards on the other. A petition was presented to the board of trustees gotten up by the former named gentlemen and claiming about 400 signatures of the people of the county — setting forth the ~~the~~ critical state of the college

attributing it to Pres Blanchards
misrule and praying that the
college might not longer be run
in the interest of the Antimasons
but that the Congregationalists
might assume the control of its affairs
and pay its debt. The fight was
bitter but ended in the removal
of Prof Webster. and the mainte-
nance of the Blanchards. The
board were quite unanimous in
their support of the Pres. there being
as far as I can learn only three
dissenting votes. And the prospects
for the College seem to be better
at the present time than ever before
for as soon as a decision was
rendered there began to be subs
-criptions which had amounted
up to yesterday to $13,000. ~~to~~ And the
friend are in high hopes of lifting
the debt before the close of the

summer vacation and endowing
several chairs. The friends of Prof
Webster continue to write under
their defeat. Tuesday evening.
(partly to gratify their spleen at
Pres. Blanchard and also I suppose
to console Prof Webster,) they gave
a reception in behalf of the
latter named gentleman at the
courthouse. A Barouche and four
with streamers flying waited
on the Prof. at his residence and
bore him in triumph to the court
house where he was overwhelmed
with costly presents and eulogistic
speeches expressive of their confidence
in him as a citizen a christian
gentleman and a teacher, and
invectives poured on the Blanchards
The Prof. wept some as of course
was due the occasion, and went
home feeling that he had many

more friends than he had ever anticipated. It was a fine spectacle in a "dramatic point of view" but somewhat disgusting to sober good sense knowing the motives which prompted it all. The same corps of teachers will have their various positions as hitherto except Profs Webster and Stratton. Mr Baily at the head of the Preparatory And Miss Nash having charge of the young ladies. I have given up my position as teacher of Penmanship and Mr Warner will probably take my place. I could not maintain myself longer. Justly so I thought best to teach next year provided I am successful in getting a school. You wanted to know if I roomed with Johnston I did not as I was never able to get out of the College. Ally Bowles will try teaching next year. if he can get a school Charlie expects to come

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back he is trying now to make the senior Prep or rather Fresh man class in the classical course he will have the position of Janitor next year. Those are two dear good boys only Charlie has some peculiarities of temper that all people do not know how to deal with. "Our table" kept up its individuality to the last although we had some additions. Miss Norton and the Misses Carothers. together with 12 Bowlus and myself form ing the main figures of the group Bowlus is still attentive to Miss Lunny. Mr Markham pays his addresses to Miss Carothers far-ther than that the usual equilibrium of college life has been maintained in the halls. Snyder also

add that Bissell has been ~~quite~~ quite attentive to Miss Norwood only that, that is a natural consequence, Miss Carrie Dunham married Mr Mark Dunham ~~an uncle~~ uncle of Flora's and has gone to Europe. Now if I may be forgiven for this little gossip, I'll talk of something else. I found my folks all quite well My father especially I found better than I expected. One of my little brothers lies here on the grass before me trying to recover from the effects of over doses of lemonade, sodawater, and such other articles as boys are wont to indulge in on such occasions this being the day after the fourth But as he is stout I guess a little time will fix him all right I am sitting on under the shade of a pine tree in front of our house writing But I guess I shall soon have to go in as the clouds are gathering around for a rain. I wish I could see you Miss Christie then it so much I could tell you about and writing is such slow work I can scarce give you an epitome of all I would like to tell you and that I fear so meagre and disconnected that you will not know any more when you get through than when you began. You spoke of William I have not heard from him in a long time only indirectly. a copy of the Plainview news came to my address a day or two ago from his hand I suppose as a simple reminder that he still lives I should be very glad of such a change in William for the

better, and I think if we
exercise sufficient faith that
he will yet be a christian
man Miss Christie I did not
give up Wheaton College with
out a struggle It has been the
scene of so many pleasant rec
collections the foundation of
so many high hopes And the
place where God has peculiarly
blest me in more ways than
one. That it was hard to give
it up. But I am I trust extreme
ly thankful to God for what he
has already done, and shall turn
to him for guidance in the future
But I shall never think of any privile
enjoyed at Wheaton College except
in connection with you the
blessed instrument in Gods hands
of doing me so much good. And
I trust that a sweeter better reward than
even the sacred tribute of a grateful heart
will be yours in the sweet hereafter.

Ropidan. July 6th 1877.

My Dear Allen.

I have been your Letter to Jane and Sarah. (Excuse my shaky hand. it is very warm, Ther - 90 yesterday and the 4th, and Mosquito Make Sleep uncertain and small)

Am Troubled about your Keeping such a View of our Circumstances. they are not by any means so Bad as you seem to think. time enough and Bad enough to Bear other peoples burdens When they are real.

We will have a $\frac{2}{3}$ crop if the pests do not Lay his down on us from Abroad. I think Not less than 60 Bushels Certain.

Perhaps More Considerably, and I am Worried to See that you feel as if there "Were storm Clouds in the face." Cheer up Polly Pop."

If you had been out at the Bluffs West of us on the 4th you would have thought it had been raining All Good things from the Gods and that a Grasshopper had never been seen in Minnesota.

All the neighbors Gathered from Town to Daughn's (with the exception of Arnolds) and Each a Spread of Cake. Pie and many other Dishes. Iced Lemonade to Drink and a real Good time. a Prayer and Speech from Elder Thornton. Quiets. and Croquet. Agreable Conversation in little knots. I sat between the Elder and Dr. Smith as Good as any of them and Sent a much Grumbling "up higher Get thy Bonnet I see' dimmered Ed a Lord!"

The best thing of the kind ever I saw. No Rowdyism. Not one Word from the pit. All Gentle and Gentlemanly. fair and kind by the Whole people is dress and Look Quite Holyday like and as well mannered as the best.

I observed you sometime ago that your out Look for a Girl is not very bad considering. What it has Gone through and now I tell you to rest in hope. do what you can for Yourself and Trust in the Lord. that is, "Keep your powder dry Pa". All are in health little Sandy is Well and D. D. Bs. you are so Busy in Social Correspondence

I do not expect you to write much to me. But I do like to Get the regular 7 day letter. tell me all about

Jones finis. and tell him to write me Give my Respects to Parmie and Helen When You see them. and tell Helen I will write to her soon. I am Quite busy on my little farm Within the home Lot. No Hay Grass by I do not Have some. and a Spot of Beets. Peas. Lima and Bens. I have Quite a nice Garden. Greenpeas. turnips Radish and Lettuce to eat. potatoes in Blossom the best in this Section. the Whole Clean and neat. "Cheer up Polly Pop" but I do very little reading. Scarce any thinking. just Looking to the East all the time thinking of My two Boys there and worry myself Within all their Worry. and there not days I feel like "Sydney Smith" and would like to sit down in My bare Bones to Rest Cool.

Dear Rose I do not believe You Get all the letters I write to you. for You make no Allusions to My Ray.

I Look Anxiously

I have been some days for a letter from
My Brother in Portland. Now I trust is
all right. Have tele me, is it for
your best interest to stay in the East
in Vacation time? supposing you get no
school (it is quite matters the probabilities
is it not?) How will you do? —

Have you known more than one thing to fail
Bro? I hope you have - Yes Lent to
Sarah is just the thing. She let me read
it. She is Writing home I judge to Romona
Do as you desired - there is a Great deal
of trouble in this World if one Pores about
doing right is not there? Tell me Love
the power to Resume Love. Let us Exercise it.
And Whether we fail or succeed we shall
receive the Crown at the End of the Course
for every one Wins in this race. We have
right to Motive to try.

Hope to Get this posted today
& Stop Ind Day again: Cheer up polycotte.

Sincerely. L. E —

Good Thunder's Ford.
Blue Earth Co. Minn.
July 7. 1877.

G. N. Cox Esq.
Yales, N. Y.

Dear Sir.

In reply to question of your letter I would say that only brother is not a Church Member. I am a member of the Congregational Church.
There are many questions with reference to your Academy & the work it does upon which I would be glad to be informed.
1st Under the auspices of what denomination is it?
2d Does it prepare students for the Freshman class in Eastern Colleges in the regular classical Course?
3d If not what are the highest-

classes taught in Mathematics & Nat. Science?

4th. Are Latin & Greek taught & to what extent? also French & German?

~~5th. Is Painting in the Course & is Music Vocal & Instrumental?~~

6th. How many teachers heretofore have been necessary & is the Principal of Academy expected to pay them from income of Academy by tuitions?

7th. Would the Trustees accept of the services of a lady as Principal?

8th. Are there any private or select schools in the same town? Any Seminary, College or other Academy? Are the Public schools in a flourishing condition & popular?

9th. Is the building & grounds in a good state of repair?

10th. Does the Principal have privilege of making his own selection of Assistants?

Hoping for definite information as possible on all these points. I remain,

Yours Very Respectfully,
(Miss) Sarah J. Smith.

My dear Brother. [Alexander]

I have written letters of application to Winona, Red Wing, Fond du Lac & Henderson, to the latter place for the position of Principal - for I suppose the salary of $66.75 per month less than you would accept anywhere - Could you send me copies of letters written with reference to supply to Winona & Fond du Lac - If not, please tell me in your next - if you mentioned any one place when I had taught - Do not forget

this - I will think no more
of teaching this year - This is
all I wish to say in response
to your remarks. - The grasshoppers
are gone - There is one - left - one
for every square rod in the
fields - I send you just enough
of them - of Yates - send to Yates -
The reptiles will enable me
to take the measure of the
Cancers - Tushes & all. -
I hope you have not neglected
working to Klein - Have you
heard from Indiana - What -
did You write to Yates? All
are well except - Donnie who
has a bad cold - I had a
narrow escape day before yesterday -
While coming from the Ford I was chased
by a most - fearful looking man - a
tramp - I was walking - coming home
by the road - an unusual thing for me
but - it - was a terribly hot - day & I hoped
for a ride - It - was in the woods below
Pusk a good ways - a most - lonely place. -
I was afraid soon as I saw him but - I
plucked up courage & spoke to him - After
he had passed me some distance I heard
him stop - I looked fearfully over my shoulder to -

I went in nearly dead with fear
I dropped into a chair & asked
for water from the old man who
was the only one in the house.
I had just drunk it - when I heard
a wagon rolling & looking out -
saw Stephens - who must have
been behind me all the time -
I ran out - out - & asked to ride
up - The man had probably heard
the wagon behind & stopped. - I
looked so frightened & was so kind
& nervous & hysterical (for I
couldn't - speak without crying -
I was so frightened & yet - so thanks
full) that - I had to let Stephens.
He said he saw the man & that
he was an entire Stranger to him
a tramp probably. - I will not
walk to the Ford again - if it
can be avoided & never again
by that road alone - I do not
think I shall ever be quite so courageous
again - going everywhere & anywhere
at all times & alone - fearing nothing - as
I have done in the past. - I have much to thank God
for - Affectionately - Sarah.

had not – dared to before – in case he might, think I was afraid) & saw him face about – in an instant – with his horrible red Eyes – I cannot tell you how I felt – when I saw him start – towards me in another second – I had nothing but my parasol & I held on to it – Every thing flashing through my head in a second – Anger – & a determination to kill him or be killed if he caught me – I gathered up my skirts & went – like the wind – my feet scarcely touching the ground – desperate – after turning a corner of the road I did not hear him & I felt as if he had gone into the woods to cut across & head me off – I kept on, nearly dead until I came out in front of Inch – There I slackened my pace a little – but – fearing he might, suddenly appear – I started on again until I came to Roscrea

Alex. S. Christie,
No. 15 Mt. Auburn
Cambridge,
Mass.

July 7/77

Cambridge. July 9th 1877.

My Dear Father:

Today is my Birthday (46-77) and I have been out to the celebrated Mt. Auburn Cemetery (I have been living on the road to it for nearly a year), so that, as my thoughts naturally reverted to the beginning, I might have the End before my Eyes, and thus be entitled to take the view of life that I take today a compre-hensive one. If one wishes to go up an exceeding high moun-tain and see all the Kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, let him climb a tombstone.

The place is probably a couple of miles west of my lodgings, just beyond the last straggling houses of Cambridge, and comprises 126 acres, nearly all

already occupied. This is not an old cemetery, having been laid out in 1831. Well, I went in through the Egyptian gate where Hawes inscribed - "Then shall the dust return to the Earth as it was: and the Spirit shall return unto God who gave it" — but I took the precaution to buy a guide-book. I can get through Boston by the help of Uncle Williams advice - "Don't be afraid to ask questions" — but here in the Cemetery, which is a second Boston so far as innate Crookedness goes, built for the convenience and in accordance with the peculiar tastes of the Boston folks, and evidently traits which are strong in death, I wasn't so much afraid of asking questions, as I was of having them answered.

And to wipe, if not to our mutual astonishishment, the first monument I saw, and a beautiful one, was "Spurzheim" — the veritable Gaspar Spurzheim, who died in Boston in 1832, Nov 10. and lies buried here, the man who "gave to airy something, a local habitation and a name." Of course my hat was off in a jiffy, not to have my bumps manipulated, but to air my veneration. After all, it was more out of veneration for you than for the German Doctor, for I know little of him and less of his doctrine; but I could'nt help thinking of your phrenological studies in another hemisphere and on both. The next one

worthy of a philosopher's attention was that surmounted by a bronze statue of Dr. Nathaniel Bowditch — whose life I recently read in the Boston Public Library, and whose translation of La Place I have looked into, and hope to pencil through. — I might just as well devote the remainder of this letter to talking about Bowditch, and our venerable Peirce who read his proof-sheets, and brought the fourth volume up to the 1000th page for Bowditch's Eye to rest upon ere he died, — for, guide-book and all, at this point I became lost — not in thought, but in reality, and in one of the most real & sad realities, viz, a cemetery. This habit of getting lost, which my short residence in New England has aggravated, bids fair to become fixed before I leave this world

Boston, July 13. 1877 -

Dear Father ;

We leave by 8.30 A.M. train tomorrow - Sat. - for Moses-bridge Mass., where we spend the Sabbath. Hope to be in Ill. by Friday or Saturday of next week. Shall advise you from there respecting further movements, but expect to see you before the End of July. Have been buying & packing for a week, and are very tired ; goods go by Mediterranean Steamer of Aug. 4. We have great reason to bless God for His goodness in all things of our Experience lately - some of which ive shall be glad to recount with you when we meet. Hope to see Alice today. He has a good opportunity to tutor in Audover

for the summer; notified him of it lately, but have not had no answer as yet. Hope that means he is going, & shall know whether or not when I see him this P.M.

Tell Sarah I must postpone answering her inquiries till we meet. The carpet was shipped today by freight; would not pay to express it. Do not trouble too much with fitting up for us, — we come to see you, & will be content with that & any fare. I hope to send you a little money from Leicester; and to be able henceforth to furnish you at least $50, a year. But all these things when I see you. Write to Leicester Ill.

Your Aff. Son Thos. D. Christie

Goliah. If he lives he will do
a great good work in his field
I think - Sandy was out
at Andover last day and I
guess he was a little proud of
Tommy even if he doesn't
agree with him theologically
There is a young man there
by the name of Conrad
Bierert who told me
with real feeling how much
Tom and Carrie had done
for him - He is quite capable
and will do well, I think
How pleasant it was to
hear him speak as he did of
Tom and Carrie as being
his second father and mother
because through their means he
had become converted to God
Love to Sarah Tell her now that Jennie is
not here this city of Boston is a great
tiresome place to me Love Aunt Mary
and Dave & wife - I remain always
Yours affectionately Helen Christie

before they started for the West
yesterday morning Saturday
They propose staying over
Sunday at Stockbridge with
Carnes relations Tom
came off with flying colors
in Andover. He delivered
a splendid address before
a very appreciative audience
who interrupted him with
applause more than once
and gave him quite an ovation
shower of it at the end.
I am afraid it was against
polite rules for me to clap
my hands seeing neither
of his other relatives did but
I went with the crowd, and
applauded heartily He
made me believe for a while
that Andover was the little
David who was going to quell
over throw the Mohammedan

273 Broadway
South Boston
July 15th — 1877

Dear Uncle [James Chesters]

Father arrived safely in Holland and proposes to leave it again on the third of next month. He has tired of it sooner than he expected and I should not wonder if he wishes he had not sold out the farm in Clymon. I do — It must be tiresome travelling around like that. Emerson says "Who art thou who hast not task to keep thee at home?" and that is the way I feel about it now. I almost envy old Thomas of Kempis who stayed in his monastery all his life. Our Tom and Carrie called to see me

Andover July 16th 1877.

My Dear Sister, — [Sarah Christie]

I inclose card
rec'd today. I have responded
by sending my best testimo-
nials, and also by stating in
general terms your long Ex-
perience in High Schools &
Colleges (but without men-
tioning any localities) and
recommending you as 1st Assist.
in case I should not be satisfied
with Terms, and wishing you
to be with me (the other assist.)
in case they should agree with
me. I do not budge a foot
for less than $1000, I have
not mentioned my price. It is
Mr Hutchins's business to tell
what they pay. I stay in
Harvard rather than go back
to the beggarly Elements of
my former scholastic

A line from Helen tells me
that Uncle is sick & Scotland
and will sail for home Aug 30
in ~~City~~ "State of Indiana."
Tom and Carrie will soon
be with you, but only for a
little while. Then they go for
East, and God be with them
— and I believe He will be.

But I must close.
"What of the night?"

Affectionately

Alexander

Rapidan, July 17th 1877

My Dear Son [Alexander]

Your Excellent

Letter of the 8th inst. reach, read also with

much pleasure, indicating as it does the

vigor of your faculties, Kindly it is to me

your Epistolary Chef d'oeuvre Witty, yet

not funny. Serious. not Melancholy:

and Wide Awake without Haste or Hurry.

You are becoming Philosophical.

Your performance Due in Telling me

of Helen's Reception. Certainly She Has

had a Most intense inner Life and poetry

is born of deep heart throes. yes I did not

think She had found utterance in Verse.

and I am Glad that the Cambridge poet

Gave her some Encouragement. it is

much to the uncertain opinion in

any Line, to see a Master unsicken by

your first Efforts. please tele Helen

to send me Copy. that I also may

read and learn and Speak truly to her.

Giving her also My Respects.

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell
Care Mrs Hubbard
Cambridge Mass
U.S.A.

and have Ko hat of Tom. Cormie and Anna? I have heard nothing done from you of the Girls of the Andover Class. And become dubious about the Morality of Mail Agents. I sent you a little letter a few days ago speaking of Corp prospects. and now again I must say that as I stated to you once before We will have more to hear than last year. And having read all your letters to David. I earnestly Entreat of you Not to Go into debt to help us here. it is an outrage against Ordinary prudence. Entirely Ridiculous on the face of it. Nor is there any Special need. It would be a Long story to Give you a history of Grasshopper battle. and let it suffice to say they are Gone and Lots of Wheat Left

I have also am Glad to think You seem to have made up your mind to Contentment Where You are. and that You see some reason for fighting it out Just There

to me it is Almost Without doubt that You have found your true place for the present time.

I have confidence that you will succeed Where you are. at least in Your own development Morally and Mentally. that is all that We can take out of the World With us. any Little Good We can do to others Goes before us, and are the True Blessings of Life.

Merciful God Grant Little David may be Led by!

David is begun to the Way. it is Good. the rain did it and also made the Grain Grow so that the Locust did not succeed in absorbing all the Growth. No telling it out on Shares this Year. the Critters dont know this much or they would be happy. just so is it With ourselves. We know not What is preparing for us. it is Well. and Considered up that the Good Many a Time Surpasses what they We not hope for.

To day Rex Thomas the Call Another
is go and she is over the Creek Zeke
asks me to go a visiting to Jamieson-
and I feel much less like it than Ever.
7 Oclock in the Morning. Ther at 80
& Noth Minutes blowing Gently. a Clear Blue
Sky. Grass. Grain and Oxygen Galore. one
the Young feel the pulsing Life Coming
Back to them and the aged feel set
up not a Little Also.

A Very large Swarm of Bees Lit down
in My pear at South End a few days ago.
the Uncell them and they are Working Right
Like - Bees. they are a Mystery to me, and
I must read up on them and try to Keep
them. the tree I set out this Spring are all
in full Leaf Growing Vigorously some 500 of them
Cotton Wood. I have a Good Garden full of Peas
potatoes, Turnips. Beets. Carrot. Cabbage
Lettuce. Ruta Baga. the Dogs frightened away
the Coons from it. and the deer from that
Not Hunt is Much. and although Frost Killed
down to the Ground in Early June. yet the Look
for a crop. Look is Going to Go Thunder and
Finish. do not fail in Prayer. H.

Andover. July 19th 1877.

My Dear Father;

Yesterday I wrote to Sarah, Tom and Jennie left Boston Saturday for Stockbridge in this State, to go on to Albany and down the Hudson Monday. I got a line from Lennie written from Stockbridge, and now we (Garrod & I) also expect another from Lee Center, Mass. They left me here among as one could with Mr. Bierwirth and I are living together happily. I teach him Geometry and Algebra, while he teaches me German, and we read an act in Shakespeare each day together, I reading the Eng. while he watches

the German and notes differences. The German translation often throws light on the meaning of the Eng. We have just finished Merchant of Venice, and this Evening take up Julius Caesar.

I am living rent, with no trouble over board-bill. Of course, I do twice the tutoring necessary to pay my way even at Andover prices, for I give Young Tillotson 12 hours each week - 6 in Geom, 6 in Alg. -, but that is a light affliction for me. I am bound to put him into Harvard with credit, so far as Geom and Alg. may conduce to that result. His intention is to pass on a part of the studies this fall, and take the remainder and enter next year. A large grown boy of 18 with a sleepy temperament, but doing very well with me thus far. I may go out teaching - over at Fond du Lac -, and if I do not I will stay at Harvard. In either case I shall be doing well. Now I hope you are all in health and a happy sigh. Much was nice mail "for America" on Aug. 3rd "77" in ship "State of Indiana."

If you had been with him I do not think he would have returned so soon.

So Mother is Three Score Years & Ten. I thought of it all day Tuesday. With Love to Both,

Alex Anderson

Sunday Evening

Dear Mother & Father

Sorry I have not written before but I have been very busy & have had a very busy week. I received your letter on Wednesday & was very glad to hear from you & that you were all well. I received a letter from Mrs Sanderson on Thursday & I have written to her & posted it this morning. I received a letter from Mrs Sanderson on Thursday & I have written to her & posted it this morning. I received a letter from Mrs Sanderson on Thursday & I have written to her & posted it this morning.

Little Sandy - the Sweet little man - has just come toddling over - bringing some mail - a letter to Father from Tom of the 13th - just before they're going to Stockbridge - & one from you of the 12th inst.

I will try to drop you a line though Sandy is up here & he is very active & talkative & I have to watch him & keep him out of mischief & to prevent - his getting a tumble down stairs - I have just given him a little blank book & pencil & he is in the bed busy writing letters to Uncle Sandy - the trouble is they are so short & he has to let me read each one - This is the second

time he has come over to Brandt's alone - he will be there year's day the 11th of August - next - He is now astride any bunks - riding to "Montalo" to get - "sugar & tea" for Ina - "Candy for Son." & "Bacca" for Grandpa - I can say but - a few words - as I am to send this at - once to the "Ford" have no news to impart - We are grateful & glad to hear of your good fortune in securing home for the summer - It - is the Providence of God in providing for you in these ways. All here feel that - if you don't get - an extra good salary, you ought - to stay in Harvard next - year - This year coming, could be shaved through in some way & it does seem to me that - your future & the future of others, depends on your staying there - if you can by any good fortune or good Providence make it - possible. - I am doing what - I can to secure place - nothing definite as yet - & have just - written to Klein to find me

If I could once get a good ~~will~~ situation in Boston, would like to go to my own home [illegible]

Principalship if possible of a village School - that - perhaps he cannot - find place suitable for both together - Berlin you speak of - how do you know it would require classical work - aside from a little Latin - which I can teach - thoroughly - so far as I go - into Caesar. - Three fourths of the High Schools in the West - do not - have any more than the Eng. & Reader & many none at - all. - I know this to be fact - as you do probably. - I have written to Fond du Lac & Wisconsin & many other points - As to Boston - I am glad beyond measure you have thought of that - See the Supt. - without delay. - In speaking of me, do not mention Carleton at all. - All other places speak of - If references are required - you may give following - I have their permission to use names - I might have more - but - I hate that kind of thing, & dice not - wish to take trouble to ask them. - Chyman - F. J. Walsberg, Lowell - Dr L. M. Benson. - Beloit - Rev.

Do your school - with Supt. - for me.

Dane Hall - Harvard Law School
Prof. Beale - Will live in Cambridge
Prof. Williston - " " " "

E. Royce & J. Brittan Esqr. both prin-
cipal men in Board when I taught-
there.— Lancaster. F. W. Ryland Esq;
Good Thunder's Lord, W L. Stephens &
H. Eberhard - Esqrs - Wheaton. Pres. J.
Blanchard. - I'd hard Sandy to get me
any kind of place in Boston - I think
the least they pay them is $600. I would
live down & board myself - & I could
do a great deal for you in taking
care of clothing & cooking - & you
could mark out - line of study & help
me in it. - You know I will never
marry Sandy, & I want to be a schol-
arly woman - & a useful one -
When I am free from these bonds - I
hope to be helpful to Father & mother
in their old days, & maybe to Dave's
Children - & Willie's - These are am-
bitions that I hold to through all thus-
I want you to help me get place in
Boston - Don't say anything to Helen of it-
I like her well enough but she instinctively
dislikes me - she thinks I have stood be-
tween her & my brothers on several occasions
& I went - there I would wish for no intim-
imacy with her or the Prays - neither will
I be dependent upon them in any degree -

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Miss Sarah J. Christie,
Care of Thrasher's Ford,
Blue Earth Co. Minn.

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Fond du Lac, July 21. 77

Miss Christie, Your application will be kept on this office. At present I am not able to offer you any Encouragement. When the cases of those whose applications are made prior to yours, have been decided I may write again. Yours truly

C. R. Hutchins

Lee Center, Ill.
July 23. '74.

Dear Father;

Here we are, all safe & sound, after a long & tiresome journey from the East. Stopped at Stockbridge, went down the Hudson to N. Y. & had a good day there with Dr. Buck our District Sec. of the Am Board. Then home via Niagara, getting here Saturday pretty tired but happy. I have to lecture once or twice to get funds, & then we are off for you. — Say about the middle of next week, so that we may reach you before Sunday the 3d Aug. Shall come to you from the South, & see Will & Clyman on return. Do not look for a long visit, as we are rushed

with engagement. Must be in Beloit 20th Aug. for ordination & in Boston before Sept 1st, that we may reach M. before rainy season sets in.

Left Alex well & doing well. Hope he will stay in Harvard next year.

Shall either send or bring some money, for we do not wish to add a feather to your heavy burdens. You will hear again from me in time to tell you where to meet us.

C sends love; We shall be overjoyed to see you all again. Truly, "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Your affec. Sons & Brother

Tom.

P.S. Plan now is, to start from here on Monday next, & so reach you on Tuesday the 31st inst. Shall stop, of course, at Good Thunder.

T.

Rapidan B. E. Co. Minn.
July 27. 1877.

My dear Brother, [Deponent]

Since Writing Down your to-
date of 19. to Hallie - I thought-
I would write you a few lines
this morning & inclose Postal Drew
some days ago from Fond du Lac
which explains itself - This is the-
Kind that comes in constantly to-
me & it is getting to be very
wearing to my nerves - This is
why I write to you - & feel-
about nothing outwardly here
& speak of nothing that troubles
me, as it my habit - I have
Schooled myself to it - but this
Suspense about what I am to-
do next - year is getting hard to-
bear - It is getting late in the-
season & still nothing definate-
It is said that misfortunes never

come singly" + added to all else I have to bear - I don't know what I would do if I could not get good situation for next year. Places in Mankato are all filled + I look towards no place with any hope - I have not heard definitely from Winona yet - but the last I got from there was little encouragement - I have not heard from Klein in some time but have a little hope in that direction - I wish much you could secure me a foothold of any kind in the East - particularly in Boston - My upward way there would be surer + in the East - They pay women better, making salary depend more on quality + quality of work alone than on sex as in the West. - That in the West is a crying injustice - + is very galling to women of brains + experience - I have heard many speak of it bitterly - Women whose scholarship is undoubted + experience large graduates of College - receiving a little over one third the salary of men in the same institution - Men too, who are their inferiors in every respect - Get me any kind of place in Boston if you can Sandy - anything will do to begin on - before the year is out I will get into places higher up - There are vacancies constantly occurring in the large cities - As Prof. Peabody wrote me last year that - if I could afford to come + stay awhile - I would doubtless get a place after a time. - So, if I got position of any kind I would soon get higher - + if I have been informed rightly the lowest they pay is $600. I want to that

You should teach me the higher
Mathematics - & I wish to study
Latin & Greek further - & hope
to rise there & be paid for my
work - while here it is impossible.
I want money & am willing to
work hard for it - but to work
hard, & not get - but a mere
pittance is wretched - Write to
me at once Mary - with reference
to this - I know it is difficult
getting a foothold in such cities
but - when you're in - you're in. &
can go in no direction but up
unless out & fool or worse. -
Have you seen Lizzie, - all - Damon
& what hopes? All well - Dave
has three very large stacks of
hay up & making more wheat-
farming - he is to use Frank & Myra's
March harness & Barney is to work
with him to bind - & I am to drive
reaper - he will not - need other help
he thinks - at - least - not much - for
he is well himself & Myron is a stout fellow -
Sarah.

Lee Centre Ills July 30th 1877

Mr James Christie

My Dear Sir

Thomas tells me you wish a letter which may introduce such correspondence as is fitting between those closely united in interests & sympathies — I should be glad rather to see you & converse face to face Sorry Thomas must be alone in visiting you — Little Anna is a treasure & we wish you might see her Ours is a rich visit — Before us tis a little dark for thoughts of separation sadden us but beyond is a light not of earth — Shall it not cheer us all — Of course you

will have a fine visit
with Thomas. Let us hear
from you at his return
Truly Yours
James Boeve

Rakidan Mines.
Mon. July 30. '77.

My dear Brother.

Just a line - Nothing hopeful as yet - for me in line of school - I am doing very well - but - am unusually unlucky yet - goods things may be in store shortly - I live in hope always will let - you know soon as I have anything definite - All well Dave begins wheat - harvest - tomorrow + Lou & Carrie are coming by way of Enid Thursday or the Evening train tomorrow! We all go to the Ford to meet them except - Mother - & Dave rec'd letter from Cousin Willie last night saying that he is coming up here - will be here before harvest - is over - Dave wrote to him at once last Evening -

Willie says he wishes to look through this state + Iowa for chances + if he to California + Oregon perhaps thinks of settling permanently in Oregon - told Dave to ask me to write to him about teaching + salaries + if I could give him any information in California - As I happen to be well posted & wrote today -

This is all I can say - Myron is going to the mail - thought - I would let - you know these things - all well here & hope you are - Affectionately

Sarah -

Sept 30/77