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Rapids, March 1st 1878.

My Dear Alexander—

I received yours

of Sunday 24th ult. and others to us all.

You seem to be in health and spirit
or you good naturedly say so. to put us
in the state you describe, this itself is a
good sign of real health in you anyway.

I think it is to be deplored that you
are from the necessities of life compelled to
confine yourself so completely to these deep
and dry mathematical studies so continuously.

Such things make a man all intellect
usually they beget a habit of clear
thinking on all topics. But I do not
wonder that you should feel a little
weary of them, and persist only because
through them you hope to cut your
way through the Army of opposing Circum-
stances that have surrounded you
from your introduction into this life.

If by their means you can discover
the Will where you may sit down
and rest looking out on, and through
all the vistas of Life it were well.

I hope such may be the case yet,
but feel sometimes that you will be
dejected in the process. And there
again I see such signs in your letters
of a loving and kindly heart that I do
not despair. Yes, as I have told you
previously I have received "Littell" and
Carmie & quite thankful for both.

Had a dream this morning in
the first Watch after midnight. of a
military occupation of portions of some City
I can see nothing in it. But this, it
occurred in the first hours of this month
of May and it set me thinking. I have
previously thought on the same topic
and mean now to tell you of it.

You do not think that our
Months were named at hap hazard,
or from whim, or personal Ambitions

or from more blind piety towards
the Gods? It is my Opinion that
they were named by the College of Pontiffs
a Priestly and prophetic Class having in their
possession a knowledge of Nature above
what is common, in fact knowing the
Arcana of Things. There is a certain likeness
in all things. And in consequence of this. Man's
bodily and spiritual Nature has relations
to Godhead Nature not seen by every one.

"Muma pompilius" King, priest, and
Communicator with the unseen world
instructed as he said by the Nymph
"Egeria" (yet he really did not know
by whom) amongst his other Religious
Arrangements added Two Months to
the Roman Year. thus bringing it into
Harmony with Nature and Man, and also
with the Year of the more ancient Religions
Systems of the East. The first ~~the~~ called
January. after Jan. us. and Janus Italian
God. Where the Romans call John in
Gaelic is Jan. Jan. Jan. can and
the Roman termination. - us. making it

Janus, Represented with two faces
looking behind and before, with a
staff in his hand, a traveller of course
His two faces symbolizing Retrospection
and progressive Hope. These are the
two principal ~~states~~ of the Human
soul in the Condition called Repentance

This Temple also is man always open
until peace comes to the soul, this
peace being the Gift of God to the truly
Repentant. Astronomically, this state
in man is Represented in the Higher
Apex of our Earth. The turning again
this is the initial condition in progress
towards the City of the Visible Heavens,
as it is in man in his progress towards
the Sun behind the Sun. The fleeing from
darkness and darkness, towards Light. Righte-
ousness and God. This is really the initial
Condition also in the Life of the Human
being the turning to the source and true
Centre of existence - the Higher Apex
of Humanity - the precursor of that glorious
effort to reach the eternal source of all Light.
The true Beginning of the "Acceptable Year"

of the Lord" the next "pompeian"
Month. February. from Februa. to
purge-purification. to cast
away all taint acquir'd in the
Centrifugal Rebellion. in this Month
these ancient Nations rejoic'd in the
use of Bitter Herbs. It was their
Lent, as also the Christian Lent. begins
in this Season. Then in the Ancient
usage the Sacrifice of the Yearly Expiation
was offered for the past sins of the people.
this was the vicarious purification
agreeing very nearly in time also with
the Mosaic Paschal Lamb. Which was
for the same purpose, All this is called
by the Unbelieving, Priest-Craft. But
it is not so. It is truly a felt Want
of Humanity. and a very deep and powerful
feeling it is in all those whose better
Nature has been trampled by the desire
of purity and Holiness. in all those
who rejoice in the Nace set before
us. Little old old Volney knows
that it was just as he said it would

have been if it were true, God Has Written
it on the Face of the Heavens - But
~~but~~ perverted Philosophy needs
Enlightenment of the Spirit to enable
Her to read the Story of the Wandering Stars,
to see the real significance of what is
expressing before our Eyes.

These lines of mine contain only
more hints of all that is involved in these
things. You if You should ever come to see
- with the Interior Eye may yet expand
all these bare lines into volumes.

Hence we come to "March". Merz, the
Herb God. The Hebrew "Mer" = to Bitterness
The God also of the Boundaries. As seen in
the Germans and English, March. He is therefore
the Guardian of the Marches. March one is a War,
marching then forward, The March now recedes,
after the "turning again", and the Medicaments
of Yehsua, the War arising within of the
Two Contending principles. The Awakened
Love of the Light and the Good, Centrifugal in
the Source of all Existence, and the passionate
Lores inherent in ^{the} Earthly Time.

Hence the War, a Universal Condition of things,
necessarily so in a system of progress.

Astronomically seen in the War between the
Centrifugal and Centrifugal forces, resulting
in the Elliptic Motion, which is a compromise,
as is also the life progressive of a Regenerated
Man a compromise between the Centrifugal
passions and the Centrifugal passions.
Which last if yielded to would lead to
Transgression of the Boundaries, as is
recorded of Enock. "Who walked with God,
and was not, for God took Him. His Walk
long flight to the Centre carried Him
within the Limiting Repulsive force so
he was absorbed and evaporated. Was not
note also the transgression of the Boundaries
of those who reach the Higher Aspire and do
not turn again. They the "Wandering Stars"
of the Moral Order, for "Whom" are reserved
the Blackness of Darkness forever."

Yes we are now in March, attested this
very morning by its Characteristic High
Winds, the Symbols of that War which
rages within (the Counter Currents

also of the Sea of Truth, raising the waves
to toss our frail Bark to and fro under
the different tendencies they incline us to.)

The Unseen Presence also reigning
around us, principles and powers
contending for our possessions, these
conditions are visible alike in Nature
Without, in our own Souls, and felt
as operating in the Unseen World. There
are Universal principles, true in all time,
space, and personalities, therefore Historically
True. The Reconciliation of these contending
forces results in peace, an Elliptic Orbit
Within Eccentric Wanderings. Stability.
Man is a microcosm of the Universal Being.
All things and Conditions are in Him, as
necessarily must be so. Being the Image of Him
from whom all things proceeded, for being like
to the One he must be like to the All. The higher
Aspect of Man is also the higher Aspect of all
Nature. Man's return to God is the return of
all nature, for the whole Creation groans
until this Reconciliation shall be accomplished.
Lisheel, ^{but I must close, for to get this away} If you think shall of it I shall follow
up, through this acceptable year of progress -
Yours. J. C.

Rapidan, Minn.
Sunday, March 10. 1875.

My dear Brother, [dear Sir]

Yours to me of Jan 21 was
received + also Boston Public School Circular
at the same time + lately letter ac-
compraising the Books on Harvard, for
all of which I thank you - The book
has interested me much. It is an ed-
ucation in itself to live in the midst
of such associations - that is - if we
have it in us to appreciate them -
as very many have not - It is worth
much even, just to look at the
buildings daily - and to think of
the history each has - even the
list of them - One cannot help
feeling grateful that people of wealth
have it put into their hearts occa-
sionally to use part of their substance
in doing good in these ways that -

are of such lasting benefit to
humanity - This is what I am to
do with my surplus wealth? After
I have paid my debts (of the debt of
Nature be not called for first) & provided
for the education of all the children
of my several brothers & for Aunt
Jessie & all her children & grand-
children & for all the other who can
claim kin by blood & brought-up
the old farm in Chymar & fitted
it up for a summer residence &
collected ornaments on various kinds
heartless people (most of them Irish)
who were good to me in Auld
Lang Lane & since - why then
I will found an Institution of
learning on a magnificently liberal
scale & making all things therein
free to the poor - & I will liberally
endow a James Christ's Professorship
"You must neither laugh nor smile"

but just go beyond that - if you
can in your wildest dreams or
in actual fact? - The Boston Circulation
interested me. The requirements certainly
are many - yet I think I might
be able to meet some of them satisfac-
torily on the 5th grade perhaps!

Your interview with Philbrick was
not encouraging certainly - & you
were rejoiced probably when you
knew he had been superseded
by Dr Elliott. I have seen many
men like Mr P. & have learned
to hold in contempt, not always
concealed, (all the worse for me) all
men who stand off for the time
being "dressed in a little brief au-
thority" - Women I have always found
different - They are always kind
at least & pleasant - simply because
as a general thing, they are better.
They are never brutal as men
can be so readily. Some men
are too refined to be brutally

brutal. - They have too much
"culture" - but - only brutal in a
refined way - They know how -
Women never are I think - so
much for my sex, whom you
seem to think it is every woman's
nature to feel uncharitably towards.
I for one, love my sex & God
helping me will do something for
it - before I leave this world - in
one or two directions at least. -

With so I feel uncharitably towards
individual women, even when looking
fact in the face - If I did, some
that I could name would suffer -
I am of that soft-hearted kind that
can forgive anything & everything - put-
ting infirmity wherever found - and
remaining always - unceasingly
Kind, (not to be misinterpreted - to
the unthankful & the evil - Prefer-
ring to be silent - always, rather
than descend to speak of evil -
Rather does not look quite as well)

lately⁽⁵⁾ - He has been writing & reading
too much - He uses little judgment
in some directions - He is continually
overdoing the thing in the direction
of reading particularly & then complaining
to himself until he feels better - then
is ready to do the same next-day
if he can lay hand on new book
magazine or paper - I am glad
and glad, though that you sent -
Littell - On everybody's account - but
especially on Dave's - He reads it - &
it is something wonderful for him
to read anything - I am always
rejoiced to see him with a book
or paper - He is looking pretty
well now, is busy putting in grain
This is a most-wonderfully early
spring - Everyone nearly putting in
wheat - already - - Dave, you know
got - to smoking tobacco for Asthma
He ^{if habit} has been growing on him
& I was very sorry to see it - He
told me one day that - he felt
that - it - was hurting him fearfully

& that - Stramonium was also -
I could see it - in his face - he
was being poisoned. About that
time he stopped using it - (in Jan. I
think - about - New Year) - but not
relinquished it - since - it - was a hard
struggle for long enough - but - I grieve
in the Christian jail he displayed.
Some of the Stratton tribe have re-
sorted to all kinds of arts & devices
to get him to using tobacco again,
but - all futile - Heaven be praised,
not - only for his own sake, but - for
the sake of his two sweet - little boys.
Ellen Carr was here about - seven
weeks during the winter - stayed
most - of the time at - Dave's - She
is, without - doubt - in my mind - a
very bad woman - She used all
the influence she possessed with -
Dave to get him to smoke also -
but - enough - I suppose it - will
do no harm at - all to tell you
that - Emma is in the family
way again - I am very glad, as I

told her - She told me she thought -
she would be confined in July -
If you are coming home at - Fall I
hope you will be here by that - time
for our mother's death - makes me fear
& feel keenly about - every woman - who
is in the same condition - She has
told me that - she does not - think the
old Danish woman who has been with
her at - such times, treated her rightly
& that - when Dennis was born, she
jealous some of the time she could not -
live - & she is now fearful for the
future - I insist - when talking with
her that - she must - have an expe-
rienced & regularly educated Physician
next - time, & I hope you will be here
to insist - on the same - Dennis had
quite a bad lung attack again last
week - but - the little man is better
again - They are both - very nice
children - If they have good care
& live - they will make noble men -
Dave has hired Joe again for
8 months I believe - He has been

working for his board part of the
winter at Davis, & attending school. I
have been glad for father & mother's
sake - for Joe has been unceasing in
his kindness to them since father's ac-
cident - & he was to me in my
illness - I would have suffered often
had it not been for him - Myson
has left Davis & he & his brother go
with Martin upon their place this year
working on shares - Martin, (the best
of the Strattons) has sold out to the
Klrichs & has bought a farm near
his brother-in-law George Cooper in Shelby.
but for this year works the boys' place.
John Stratton has sold out to Wilbur
who sold his forty to the Klrichs also &
is going to Michigan - While I think of
it - let me say this that I owe Dr
Freilicke \$30. for his visits & he says
he will never take a cent for it &
he would not charge father a cent
for two visits & he freely gave
several visits to Emma while her
face was so bad last spring & fall &

in Dominic's illness. & besides cut-off
half a dollar from each of the
other visits to Dominic & Emma. charging
\$2.50 instead of \$3.00 for coming the
seven miles each time & yet the
bill is \$26.00. Dave feels it - very
keenly. I think, that he cannot pay
it - just now - for he knows that the
Doctor needs the money - although
he very kindly & cheerfully told Dave
he was willing to wait - Dave told
him he could not pay him until
next July. (when the school money
comes in) Now I know that everyone
is very dilatory about paying Dr. Smith
- because he is so easy & kind-
hearted (of course that is not the reason
in Dave's case) & I know too that he
has to just "live out-of-the-store"
as Annie says & large bills owing to
him unpaid - He has been remarkably
kind to all of us - & I thought I would
tell you this on my own responsibility
that - if you feel like it - as I know
you send money to Dave & father

consequently that - when you do again
you might - just - suggest - it - as part -
on Doctor's bill if there be any -
You asked about - Annie's side of
of your letters - She is the same
innocent - good girl - always frank
& noble in her simple way & yet -
Courageous as a lion where need
be - She is the same true sister
to me - She has been a great comfort
to me here in my loneliness - Her
father is dead - Property all divided
to Lou & the unmarried sisters
left without - a place to lay their
heads - Maggie is working her way
in Waterloo Wis - Katie has a pleas-
ant home & a kind friend in
Dr Mellick's house - If the Doctor
should be taken out - of the world
it - would be a sad thing for
both, for neither is strong enough
to do for self - The hereditary disease
is beginning to lay a heavy hand
on both - I dread the future or
to think of myself without Annie's

friendship & love if I should live
after her -

Have they loved back thy love & when
strangers approach thee with blame
Have they covered thy fault - with their
kisses & loved thee the same
(Mae Brownlee)
Annie has. I have one week more
of this term to teach - the days
drag slowly - I have so little bodily
vigor now that - it - is all I can do
to get through the day & lie down
at night - This is why I do not
write letters to anyone - I have not
strength - This is unusual - I felt that
I must write to you & you see I
could make it long - I am alone
& have taken the whole day to it -
besides getting my meals - I have
contracts for the summer school
are also - of two months - May & June
They have given me liberty to go
right on this spring if I choose, but
I feel too unable - I am not able
to teach school longer steadily - without

longer will than I can afford to & I
have ceased to think of Boston or else-
where - I intend to begin the practice
of Medicine in the fall - I have studied
more or less during the last three
years - rather hopelessly; until this year
Dr. Mullick has helped me also Dr.
Bornberg of Wankato - I shall spend
little to start on - \$50. will more
than cover ^{for books & medicines.} all - Both Doctors have
full faith in my entire success & I
have myself - I will make specially of
Obstetrics & diseases of women & children.
The Doctors say I will make as much
the first year as I could do in the
best situation teaching - I would like
two courses of lectures & Diploma but
cannot - for some years - will sometimes
my heart is in it - it will be a
change - & I am physically unable
to teach longer - I think could tell
you how utterly worn out & weak
I am - I can see no other way &
these Doctors say I cannot - lose by
it - and my experience & observation
tells me the same - I will begin in

(13.)
a large city - at once - near Council
if necessary - larger practice - libraries
&c - where the poor are too - I will
attend the Homeopathic College of the Boston
University - sometime, when I have paid
my debts - & I may sit - in a Professor's
chair there, yet - Two women are in
^{the College Faculty}
at - now - at least - Dr. Millicke will
finish there next - winter or in Chicago
& Annie will go with him this time,
on account - of her health - so you may
possibly see them there next - winter.

You will probably dislike this in me but
bear in mind that - I am utterly
worn out - teaching & this winter's
teaching has in a very easy school
has taught me that - I must stop, or
die, or be a confirmed invalid -
God help me, if that were the case!
It will not be, if I can help it -
I must stop now - I would suggest - to
you before closing, that - if you have
anything unpleasant - to say of me that -
you do not - in letters to Dave - Whether
you do lately, or not - I do not - know
but - at some times since I came home

you have, for I have heard your
remarks from the neighbors - & every
boy in my school knows - I suppose
you know that all Emma hears or
knows, her mother does, & then the
country does & a story passed through
a Whittier's mouth loses nothing. I have
said nothing here - am silent - as usual -
make no fuss, or talk of any kind
& care but - little - I have ceased to
care for what - "people say" - It is
no bugbear to me - but - I offer the
suggestion thinking that - you might -
care perhaps - I have never even
contradicted a single say so about -
myself although vitally standard - but -
did take pains to contradict some
standards about - yourself & Dave - Now
I have said more to you than to anyone
on this subject - for it is an unpleasant
one & moreover I care not - I really
don't - have strength to care, or to
spend on it - Now I will have a
long vacation, & can write often -
for it - will be quite a rest - until

May - We are all glad to get Tom's
interesting letters - with the late good
news of the baby's improvement - in
health - However Tom has changed pretty
or such reports are somewhat exaggerated
I cannot believe that - "large doses of
genuine three times a day" would kill
disease, & leave a delicate child in
any condition physically, but - a deplora-
ble one - and one one - of which she
will not - come for months, if ever -
I know of what I speak - However
it may be that my fears are unfounded
in part at least - I hope so with all my heart.

We are all glad at your really enimant
success - You have found your true
niche in which I hope you will remain.
Father is proud every day of his life
about it - I am sure it gives him
more genuine happiness than anything
that ever happened to any of his
children - And he is very grateful
at your thoughtfulness for him - He
often speaks of it - to me - Write soon -
Affectionately - Sarah.

Marash, Mar. 18. 1848.

My Dear Father;

Our first son came into the world yesterday (Sunday) morning, at ten minutes before ten. Mother & Child doing well. You see he is a young Irishman - yesterday being St Patrick's Day. He is quite small, but perfectly developed in every way, including voice; little sleep did I get last night! He is an eight month's child, & we were all greatly surprised by his advent - but he found a hearty welcome. Maumma had good care from our two married Missionary ladies, & from our excellent Hakim (Dr.) Kevork, the Protestant Physician. Both C & I had attacks of ague last week, - mine a dumb ague (pains in every bone almost, racking headache, but no chills), hers quite severe chill and fever. The Doctor gave us medicines, and my trouble was over by Saturday; but he's ended yes-

terday morning in her premature confinement. If she had had a long run of ague we should now be very much concerned for her, - but as it is her strength does not seem reduced at all - in fact she feels much better than she did after Anna's birth. The malarial trouble seems to have left her altogether. I will write further when the mail goes.

The little man has blue eyes, and a head and face "just the picture of his father" - so you see he cannot boast of much beauty, in fact, he is the homeliest infant I think I ever set eyes on. But I hope he will grow up to be a good man and a strong one, to help lift the world out of its ruts. His name, selected long ago, is to be "Emerson Brewer," and we hope to have him baptized a month hence, when all the Missionaries of the C. T. M. are to be here for our Annual Meeting.

I need not say that we are both filled with joy and thankful-

ness at having a son. It is wonderful how many "Castles in the air" I find myself building already - chiefly with regard to his Education. But I desire to realize that he is not mine absolutely, only lent to me, and he can be taken away at any moment in love by Him who has given him in love.

Mar. 21.

All well; home full of joy over the young heir. I feel an inch taller since Sunday.

Your nice long letter of Jan 18. & 21. came today. Sorry for that bad ankle. Take care of yourself, for I want you yet to lay hands of blessing on my children's heads.

Enjoy your thoughts much in re the Ethnical Religions; see Paul's speech on Mars Hill.

The Missing Herat goes to you free, as to all parents of Missionaries. Simply notify them each year that you are entitled to it. I made that all right in Boston. But you

must have the Congregationalist.
I write to Alex. by this mail to have
it sent. Sorry you have lost so many
numbers.

You see the haste in
ah. I write. Mail waits. Love to
all — & do tell us something
about the children & D. & E.

In high hope

J. D. Christie.

All ague has left C. and me.
She grows rapidly strong again.

You will congratulate us I
know.

Good Thunder Main
Mar. 10, 1878

[Alexander]

My Dear Friend, It seemed good to
hear from you again, and best of all that
your health was good and you were pleased
with your work, so it is I believe we are
best off when we have plenty to do
hope you will not injure your health
with so much to do, well I am as busy
as usual and do not expect much
leisure in this life. I have sold a
half interest in my property here to
Quayle of Garden City who has sold
to Friend and will move over in
about two weeks, we are going to
build a six run merchant-mill
this summer and have everything
on the ground except a few stones which
the breaking in of Spring hinders hauling

do not expect to get the new mill
ready for business before first of July.
I have a good power here and good
situation for buying wheat and think
I shall not sell again soon so you
will know where to find me when you come.
Well you made a great many figures
to show how many problems you had
worked in a week but I could tell
more about it by the number of pencils
which you say you have worn up in
a week. if I did now know you I should
think the Tales of the Arabian Knights
about as probable. please excuse this
last and also my Grammar which you
will remember I was too young to study
when in school. About those things
from the Holy land I am sure any
thing from there would be very acceptable.
how I would like to have been with
Josh when he visited those places so
dear to all of us where Jesus "walked
upon the sea" and where his hand was

ever ready to do good. do you think He has
yet the same interest in humanity
that He once had. and do you not
think we should be as eager to seek
helpings as those were who followed him
in Judea. what a privilege to handle
and read the Book which John Bunyan
handled and read. and what recollections
it brings up. I have lately read the
good mans life. we have it in our S.S.
Library and what a sound faith he
had. he did not think the story of the
cross might be truly. he knew it to be true
as many have known and do know
to this day. and it is pleasant to think
when we have done with our voyage
and have crossed the Jordan into
the promised land we shall not
find nations and foes to be driven out
as the Jews did but will find such as
Bunyan and the multitude of the
Martyrs and Redeemed who have
gone before us. Well the Small

fox scare proved to be chicken fox so
you see we were more scared than hurt
and we are well. Father's health has
been pretty good for him this winter
although I think I can see that he is
failing some. he comes over to see us quite
often and takes an ^{quite} interest in the new mill
Edwin is still at Mahleton buying wheat.
The R.R. Company are making a desperate
effort to control all the stations on the road
so he is somewhat afraid of them.

his health has not been first-rate this winter
hope you will find time to read this and
you can answer at your leisure although ^{thrice} welcome
at all times I would not like to take up
time you can ill spare do not work too hard
and promise to meet me in these parts soon
we all remember you in this

W Dyer

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Carte-Correspondance



Mr. Conrad Bierwirth,
Andover,
Mass.
U.S.A.

Marash, March 26. 1878 -

Dear Conrad; The letter to you, long promised, is not yet ready - but you shall have it ere long. I am much taken up with care of things just now. The last post took a letter to you with information of the birth of a son to us on the 17th. I write now simply to say that all goes well with us. the new-comer grows fast - & would need to, for he is very small. C. improves rapidly, & has good care. Anna you would scarcely know - so rosy and plump has she become. She grows more interesting every day.

I have bought a horse, a fine little fellow with Arab blood in him. Cost only \$41.00!
Your letters do us a world of good. Y. D. C.

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Carte-Correspondance



Mr. Conrad Bierwerth.
Andover,
Mass.
U.S.A.



Marash, Mar. 18. '78 -
Address with picture of
Riley - Ora, Clara, William,
Alice & Grace
New.

Dear Courad; Yesterday morning
at 9.50, Emerson Brewer Christie, our
first-born son, was heartily welcomed
in our little home. All are doing very
well. Please notify friends.

I am sorry the last mail needlessly alarm-
ed you respecting my health. I have had a touch
of ague, but am quite well again. We all got
malaria into us at Beilau. Shall put in a word
again when mail goes. So Trioumpe! over your taking that
prize. Shall write your special letter for next mail.

Mar. 21. All well & prospering. Our hearts very joyful.
Yours of Feb. 3. with full money acct. came today. Many thanks
for so good a letter. Shall answer next mail.
Your Brother Christie.

Rapidian March 12th 1873

My Dear Alexander

All well here.
Love my Aunt. Who is getting well very
slowly. send your love to David

In my last
to you speaking of a Universal Law entering
into all things. I took in hand to show you
that there is something of this seen in a
certain resemblance in the seasons to the
nature of our own souls in their seasons
or conditions of being. Characterized by
similar conditions and succeeding one another
as do the various months of the year.

I think in this first section of my talk
to make you observe and notice, that I do
not mean that this resemblance is to be
found in ^{all} them alike. But, only in those
who have come into soul relations of
a special kind with the Unseen powers.

In these only is this Acceptable Year
of the Lord to be seen. That soul year
has its regular and regulated steps of

progressions. just as the seasons of
External Nature. First the Blade. then the
Ear. then the Corn in the Year. Spring, Summer
and Autumn. Repentance. Grace. and Fruit of
Grace. The Natural life of man is not so
regulated. being without any turning to-
wards God. It can receive no supernatural
showers, and necessarily can ^{not} produce any
Fruits of Grace. Which are, works of disin-
terested Love.

Now, recurring to my first
letter to you, in speaking of January. James,
I forgot to mention that this month is also
Identical with Aquarius of the Zodiac into
which sign the sun enters in this month.
This is the man bearing a pitcher of water
and you will see he is pouring it out
upon the world. That is, he is baptizing.

This act is the beginning of the Year, as is
also the Baptism of the Spirit of Truth
is the beginning in him of his progress to
towards the source of his existence. The condition
in which takes place this higher crisis -
This Baptism reaches no further than to

the Illumination of the Understanding
by a supernatural Delineation of it & the
recompenser. and by the application
of Natural Truth. (represented by water)
to the reasoning powers. Which shows to
him that his Natural Condition of Heart
is not the right one. and that he must seek
to someone higher than himself. Then
he begins to "flee from the Wrath to come"
and endeavours to bring forth ^{the} fruit of his
new Condition. That is, turning away from
all Unrighteousness he seeks to the source
of all Good. But he knows that the
Illuminated Understanding is yet incapable
of purifying the Heart. No Application of
Natural Truth can purify the Affections
as in the Affections lies the Life of our souls
in order to Salvation. Therefore another
Baptism is necessary. He therefore finds
John saying. "I baptize you with water
But there is one standing amongst you
who shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit
and with fire" This is equivalent to saying
you must be baptized by the Spirit of
Holy Love. Fire = Heat. Love. Thus

it is Love in Holiness, that is, in
purity - not contaminated with the
sensuality - This Baptism of Water
There is that sufficient intellectual
illumination to enable us to see that
there is such a ~~condition~~ as that which
is called the Kingdom of Heaven. That is, the
Kingdom of Love, or God. Succeeded by a second
Baptism of the Spirit, of Life, in the Superior
Affections. After this a man can enter in to
the Celestial Kingdom. Acquiesces therefore
Baptized with Water that this ^{second} condition
may be ~~very~~ manifest to Israel.

Now I wish you to note that
these things are true. and must be experien-
ced by every man who would enter into peace
passing through the region of Doubt.
and seeing these eternal principles.
Lying Behind all the personalities of
whose Existence Historically there is so
much need of more evidence for. I do not
go at all into the Question of their Existence
and have nothing to do with History.
these principles. these Conditions of man's
soul are shadowed forth in the progress

5) of the Year. This is the Subject I meant
to illustrate. This is the Open Secret.
Open to all Eyes. and yet Secreted from
all who have not received this Ray
of Illumination. I have been telling you
about it. It is a reality which I myself
have experienced. and therefore I feel
speak of that I know, that which is
Born of the Flesh. (The intellectual powers
of the Natural Man) is Flesh. and that which
is Born of the Spirit is spirit. Mercie
not therefore if it is said to you. "You
must be Born again."

We went over in the last the Purgation
of February, and we also alluded to the
Roaring Winds (Pneuma) of March.
I shall now speak of April.

The Key to its Symbolism is found also in
its Name. Aprise. to Open. to receive the
Showers. to give forth the Leaves.

These Conditions are necessarily preliminary
to May & June. In Man there is now.
(after the previous progress which he has
made under the Influence of the Spirit) just
such a Condition takes place. He turns

Open His Whole Soul to the influences
Which pour down upon them from
the Clouds of the Unseen Treasures, and
then the first Blades of the New Life
begin to break through the Ground of His
Earthly Nature, then is the Manifestation
of the New Life, it comes to the Light. In
order that it may aspire in the Spirit
and feed on the ~~Light~~ of the Light, building
itself up by incarnating the Light itself.
and thus the Tree of the Holy Affections
rises up into the Heavens from where
its Life came. Spirit is rooted in the
Earth, and the Body is of Earthly Elements.
Its very leaves, the Instrumentalities by
which it resides are of the Earth. yet its
Symmetry, its Beauty, the Expressions of its Life,
are Divine. These although inhering in the
Forms and Colors, are neither form nor color
are not of the Earth. But Spiritual.

The frost bound field can receive no
shower, nor can the frost bound soul.
nor can the Earth open her own blossom.
That is accomplished by the Entrance of her

Returned Lord. So it is with us. The
Love descending through the Pneuma
unlocks the Bars of the Heart and
it opens to the reception of the Life
Giving Stimulus. Nevertheless of the inability
inherent in the Planet and the Soul to open
their own Avenues to the Entrance of their
Ransom. Yet neither is it possible for
them to receive in deepinity. The planet
climbs the Ecliptic and turns the frozen
pole to the Sun Instinctively, and Man
needs also to turn towards the Divine
Manufacturer, energizing towards the Blessing.
and Man also has an Intuition. Which if
left unsophisticated by materialistic thought
would lead him to climb his Ecliptic to-
wards the Unseen Sun of his Salvation.
The need of course to believe in the Sun
We do not see, or, unthawing of him. We
wander in Darkness and Cold. unthawed
unlived. ~~and unpermeated~~ and unpermeated
lingering on in the Regions of Barrenness
We finally lose the way, and shooting off
in despair plunge into eternal Night

Q. The Radical Way Alone is Safe. See
how Comets are subjected to the power
of greater Bodies than themselves. Biele's
knocked to pieces by Jupiter only a year or
two ago. It is just so with men who
wander from the course of a Rational
Faith. They are always getting driven out
of their own course, drawn hither and
thither by one thinker and another. Great ones
who themselves may be driving towards the
unsundered darkness, also leading astray
the weak and vacillating. There is a
"Radical Light" in the heavens of our
souls. And if in the spring of our seasons
we do not see the sun, if we lift our eyes
to the North we will see the Light that
follows the sun of Righteousness, the
steady glory shines in the faces of the seven
sisters. We see it in the faces of only six.
There the seven Holy Offshoots forever fell
by the Light of the Lord. The seventh the
shall behold when inhabiting ourselves, Celestial
spaces. Deceived now because of degraded
Mortal Love being united to it. They cannot
subsist together. ~~Marrying~~ marriage
not celebrated in Quebec

Q. and Her face has been covered ever since. Your Majesty - J.

Cambridge. Mch 13th 1878.

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Your excellent long letter recd. There is much in that view - far more than in many a big book. I am not philologist enough for James, but it is too obvious. Latin is a Celtic tongue.

I write this in great haste. I have not had time this wk for a letter, and this is simply to tell you that I am in health. Nothing from you for some time. I sent the box of supplies last week. I have money of theirs for such purposes, and when that is done I hope to have some of my own.

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forgotten that I might
 probably give
 me a home
 for a week or
 two if necessary.
 I would not
 hesitate to ask
 her - she never
 was charged
 a cent - for her
 home with
 us all of that
 summer - now
 please write
 immediately so
 I can
 have one
 something that
 you think of
 & I will
 hope before
 in this case
 O. H. P.
 Chas.
 Sarah

My school closed
 Friday so that this is my 5th day of
 rest - & it has done me good - I feel
 very differently from what I did a
 few days ago - My term lacked
 4 1/2 days of being finished but I received
 permission to teach them when I
 began the summer term in May.
 I felt unable to go on longer - but
 it is perfectly marvelous to myself
 what a few days of entire rest
 always do for me - I am beginning
 to feel my strength coming back
 already - I have been thinking during
 these five days - Perhaps to avoid
 what might be a mistake despite
 what Drs Dornberg & Meilicke say I
 ought to after resting teach another
 year - persist in it for another year
 or two, & perhaps the way might

them open for me to take a
term at a Medical College. before
beginning practice - I do not really
know what to do - I am in a
state of great unrest & disquietude
about it - If I felt thoroughly able
but my spirit is broken somewhat &
I give up to discouragement more easily
than I used to & I fear to break down
entirely if I keep on teaching - I took
out those circulars of requirements for
Boston teachers you sent me, again
today - & I think I have made
up my mind to try for a
place there if you are willing
to go in again for me & if you
think it is best - If I teach, or
if I am to live, I was going to
say I must get out of this dead

atmosphere - I love Father more &
more all the time & Dave & his
children & all of them & it would
give much pain to say Good Bye
again knowing the uncertainties of
this life as I do - but if I am
to do anything I must get away
from here - It would kill the hope
& courage out of me, half my age
& I will not be dragged down
in mind to the level of the people
of this neighborhood - It is wretched
Do you realize in memory what
this life is? & what the people
here are? I wish to Heaven that
Dave were out of it - Among
the Brits in Chamonix was far prefer-
able - Father lives like an old re-
cluse & if anyone does come to the

door it - it a matter of ejaculations &
wonderment. - So much so that people
forget to be civil - I wish I had
a homer Sandy - I have always
wished that since I was a child -
I could have them if I would marry
for them - but - I shall never marry
until out of debt - & not then if
the "supreme affection" be wanting as
Joseph Cook terms it - And I think
I am too old for that now - I have
seen too much of the world now to love
any man very violently who is not
closely related. - What I said above,
of comers being subject of wonderment -
makes me think as I glanced over
it - again, of what Annie Dempsey told
me once of a tour she made among
the "wild Irish" in East ^{Collecting for the Church.} She went
round to the door ^{off one figure} unobserved by
the inmates until she stood in front
of the entrance & the door was open -
There was a half-grown, tangled-
headed girl in the middle of the
floor sneaking & the mother was
in one corner washing dishes - When
they saw Annie the little children
huddled round the mother half-affrighted
seemingly, & stared with wild eyes - The
mother dropped the dish-cloth with a

"Howdy Mary!" & the big girl in the middle sat - the broom fall on the floor, clasped her hands, & screamed out - Oh, my God! What this! That actually took place - Annie was a perfect-mimic of the Irish & I have heard her use it more than once with all details -

You mustn't think I have any trouble here with anyone - for I have not - Poor mother, you know is a fearful cook & housekeeper, but I never find any fault - for she works hard poor little body & is a perfect slave to father. + I have a very tender feeling for her. Father seemingly enjoys my company more than he ever did in his life - He is not satisfied when I go away & always glad when I go come back & we talk nearly all the time when not reading or writing - But this is not about teaching + that is what I sat down to write about - Perhaps you would stand a little better chance for me, now that Dr. Elliott is in & Philbrick out - I would like you to see him - find out - if new irregular are valued, or are to be, if

So secure. Copies for me - find out -
when it would be necessary for me
to go East - for examination - If I should
be able to get position there, I would
hire couple of rooms & board myself.
It would be so much cheaper & then
you would have a home to go to in
Boston, & you could go in & go to
Church with me & stay over Sunday
sometimes - My groceries for 3 months
& three weeks of school this winter, board-
ing myself cost exactly \$5.35 - I
need three small loads of wood,
50 pounds of flour - $1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of
potatoes - 3 doz. eggs - about four
pounds of butter - some of lard - about
12 pounds of meat - & milk occasional -
all as I could get it from home -
It would cost me just a little more having
in Boston for I needed better food
than I cooked for myself here &

I would want - considerable fresh
meat - One cannot work & thrive
on poor food. Of course all but the
groceries here, I got for nothing from
John & Jane. But - after all, to buy
everything, it is cheaper to board oneself
anywhere than to pay city board
rates - One can get cheap board
at such places, but connected with
associations not pleasant - always among
mean people, or the low & ignorant -
& I would rather be alone - Such people
in cities are different from some class
in the country - sharper & more dis-
gusting - that is, to have to associate
with continually - Now, will you see
to this at once Sandy. See Dr
Elliot - Do not say anything of my
having taught in College anywhere.
My examination would not show to
I will try for highest -

grade however, & if you can do
anything for me there I will
master the requirements this summer.
I would be satisfied to begin on
\$50. but - if I pass the examinations
& think I can, & with my experience
I will get \$100. I will try anyway.
There is no harm in that. - If you would
only come home & put me through in
Mathematics! - Can you not? first -
make a business of putting me through
for Boston Schools & good salary. -
Would you be willing? Can you
make anything by staying there? If
so, I could not - ask you to come but -
if you could it - would be of great
advantage to me - It would not
be necessary to rent rooms in the
city, but - in one of the near suburbs
where rents are lower - I have several
friends in Chicago who do that - or if
not - in suburbs - at least - not in the
heart of the city where rents are
dear - If it were necessary for me to
go some earlier than school, open for ex. I
would stay out the time with Eliza Thompson
in Lawrence - I helped her extra work all
one summer, & she stayed at our house
& roomed with mother & me & went to school
to me - preparing to teach, after she became a
widow & didn't know which way to turn to make
a living & I encouraged her & helped her to the

Newton

March 25th 1878

My Dear Cousin Alex

I wrote -
to you in a very tired state of
mind and I am glad you
delayed your answer till I got
out of it or I might have been
ill natured and weak and given
a continuance of the winter history
of the family!! Do not be afraid
of my talking to any one other
person in the world about
such things! I believe you are the
only one in the family I can trust
absolutely about such and not harm
them, and as for the rest of the
world bless your soul. it is really
nonsensical to advise me not to talk
to them as I said to you even my
best friend has never received any
explanations from me. All my friends
my dear true friends have had to take

me on trial as it were and hold on or
let go just as they pleased. As for
you if I ever send to you for a word
of sympathy again. I beg of you
to give it quickly - for truly
I shall have to be much in
need of it. Ah well! it is a mad
world of my masters" but you and
Sandy are not the mad ones in it
and neither one nor the other of us
need ever try to escape from the real
sorrows of this life by imagining it
one moment of each ^{others}. I remember
the time when your Sarah came
down from Lowell, in a real fright
and told ^{me} she was afraid you were
going out of your wits! It was just
after some of your comical capers
singing out on the green at midnight
or something of that kind. That
merry fit of laughter I went into
really comforted poor Sarah. I shall
always remember the look upon her
face while she was telling me and
the feeling with which I gradually took

in: the fact that she actually believed and
was frightened. I assumed ^{her} we did not
belong to that side of the house neither
one of us three. Do you know when
I came to that sentence in your letter it
struck me in the same manner that
the expression on Sarah's face did, and the
Shakespearean humor came over me and
made laugh in spite of your anxiety.

Did you ever notice the ^{rich} humor of
that all knowing man. It is not
bitter but through all the kind geniality
of it there is the tone of melancholy. Is
it the laugh of a man who sees through
and through life and beholds its absurdities.

The clown digging Ophelia's grave used
to perplex me. I used to think it was
so strange to hear through them the
author's quiet laugh. in the midst
of such horrible things— Oh Shakes-
peare had got quite beyond the most of us.

The sweet wholesomeness combined
with the all knowingness of this great
great man has been something to
help and compose my mind ever since I

became acquainted with it. There is ~~sure~~
like him none. — By the manner you
speak of poor old Clyman. you seem
to have had almost an unpleasant ^{impression} left
upon your mind. from it. With me it
is very different. I thank God for keeping
me there until I had fought out and
overcome the sorrows and absolute
despairs which came to me there. Now
it is all wholesome and sweet and ^{good}

The skies beautifully blue and the
fields a lovely green, and the people
are not the worst people in the world
if they ^{are not} would be a happy place to
live in. Well good bye. Do not
make yourself sick with overwork. God
willing you have a good long day work
before you in this world. — I was in
town to see my little chickens the other
day and I found out easily about the
coat of arms. There are no less than
four different ones mentioned. All of them I
think have the St Andrews cross and the four
point star — or spurs — The ^{one with the} withered holly branch
sprouting out anew — has for its motto *Life Viresco*
Love to Sarah when you write and respect to your
father, I remain always affectionally yours
Helen

University, Mch. 14-78.

Dear Miss Christie,

You know, do you not, that when my judgement and my inclination are at war my judgement is pretty likely to suffer a defeat? And why should the present case be any exception to the rule? I shall then answer your letter which has been received so short a time.

I am glad to ~~hear~~^{hear} that your health has improved, and I hope it may continue to do so until you have nothing more to wish for in that line. They tell me that I do not know how to sympathize with them

who are feeble in health.

It may be true in part, but I am certain that nothing else arouses in me so much of pity as the illness of others. I am glad that you have so much hope for the future.

An object that has been cherished for a long time in one's breast becomes only less dear than life itself, and whatever renews or increases our hope of accomplishing it is like a new lease of life and activity.

You are to be congratulated upon your brother's success in Harvard. I had heard only a day or two before I received your letter quite as flattering an account of his work as you give. Do you suppose Julia or Kate will

ever have the opportunity of speaking as enthusiastically of their brother as you do of yours? It is highly improbable, but it will still do to dream about.

I went to Northfield last Saturday and staid till Monday Evening. It was a very enjoyable visit indeed, although there are only a baker's dozen of the students whom I remember. Parker's Class has 7 members, and our old class 3 or 4, I think. I met Miss Linney & Miss Rolfe, also Misses Hunt & James. They were the only lady students that I knew. You know, of course, of the changes in the faculty since you left. They come far short of perfection, but still do very good work.

I am, for a number of
reasons, more glad than
ever that I came here
instead of going back to St.
Parker is the same old fellow.
Always faithful - "to whom?"
do you ask? Well, to himself,
of course, and his work; and
to me, too, I reckon.

My admiration for his
mental power increases
every time I see him. I would
give my head for his intuition.
It is marvellous. It is in this
chiefly, I think, that his su-
periority consists.

Hattie has been here all the
year so far, and will stay until
the first part of May. Julia
has been away since Nov. 10,
but she will be back in a week
or so. She had Scarlet fever

doing more than she is oblig-
ed to do to keep her ^{class} work
along. She says, however, that
she is improving continually,
and will be entirely well
before long. I will do as you
ask about writing you if
she is again seriously unwell.

Our Commencement
occurs June 6, - Thursday.

Address me, if you please,
at the University.

I believe I am no longer
"unsettled as regards my life-
work". I shall study law.
Is it not a noble profession
my ambition is to make it so.
The end of all my dreams is
to sit on the bench of some
court of high authority. Can
I reach it?

Your friend - C. J. Rockwood

University, Mch. 28th 1878

Dear Friend, [Miss Sarah J. Christie]

I received your letter, and also the book which you so kindly sent, some days ago. I had previously seen a notice of Harvard and its surroundings, and was very desirous of seeing it. I have learned more about the surroundings of Harvard from the book than I ever knew before. I call it quite a wonderful little book - multum in parvo. — don't you think there is something quite inspiring in learning about work that is done on a scale so magnificent? What a sight Memorial Hall must be! Good architecture is a thing

so unusual in American buildings, that when it is seen it is no less than enchanting.

You ask me to tell you what I have heard about your father, and from what source it came. Certainly I have no objection to doing so; but I do not believe I am asked to tell you anything that will be new to you. I am not sure but you are yourself the authority for all of my information, though indirectly. Father told me more than I have heard elsewhere. He said that Mr. C. passed the Examinations to the Sophomore class and that his rank in entrance was ~~st~~ ^{the} best ever known in the University, - which is certainly a very flattering compliment to his scholar-

ship. He is promised also, Mr. C. says, a tutorship when he graduates, with the prospect of a Professorship at a future time. He is doing especially well with the Mathematics, Italian, &c. There is a great deal implied in the few sentences that express all that I have been told in regard to your brother.

I do not yet know where I shall be during the coming vacation. If I do not stay in Minneapolis (it seems probable, however, that I shall,) I think of going to L.C. to work on the farm.

Miss Christie, do you not know that it would have been impossible for me to enter the ministry; and

that, had it been possible, it would have been unwise: leaving spiritual qualifications wholly out of the account, I am mentally unfit for the work demanded of a minister. If I believed that your conception of the first years of a lawyer's practice were necessarily the true one I certainly should never study law. I could cite instances of young lawyers - rising lawyers to whom I believe to be as honorable in their business as you could wish them to be. In the first place I do not believe there is often a case which is absolutely undefensible, or which is not really deserving of defense. And managing cases in court is not by any means the whole of a lawyer's business.

I have heard of lawyers whose time
 was spent chiefly in settling
 suits and quarrels which were likely
 to become suits, and who found
 it profitable, too. Now as far as
 making a reputation is concerned,
 I believe it to be a fact that one
 triumph on the right side of a
 hard fought trial will raise
 a lawyer's name more than ten
 victories on the wrong side. Honesty
 is the best policy with lawyers no
 less than with other men. For the
 influence of a lawyer who is known
 to be upright and high-principled
 is sometimes enough of itself to
 gain his case. ^{But} men are not all igno-
 rant of this, though many may be.
 Well, I mean to be a lawyer all honest one.

Miss Knox has the "H. & Co. S." I will
return it to you as soon as
she is through with it.

Always, your friend,

Chelsea J. Rockwood.

Rapidan, March 28th 1878.

My Dear Alice.

Your single page

received. Still glad to hear of your health. There
all in a pair way from youngest to eldest.

What nearly all in the Ground. But All in
an unexpected fact in all of my Agricultural
Experiences. The bees flying out daily and coming
back loaded with pollen from flowers in the
woods and from the Willows. in these days when
the two poles of our house being simultaneously
in the Light, the Grace of Life equally distributed.
We should suppose all would equally benefit.
But it is not so. All are not lifted alike by
the opportunities of Circumstance. Some are never
ready. to them the Gift goes by by default.

The flood and the ebb. Ebb and flood, of the sea.
The blood and the air. Caloric. Electric. May enter
the rhythm of the song of Universal Nature.
Produced or regulated by the Law of Boundaries
the Maximum and Minimum of Life.

Little by little, a step at a time, this also is
Universal. All things advance by measured
progressions. yet we know not how to take
advantage of the Change of the times and the tides

you must pardon my incoherence
way of writing
I write & I
my own thoughts
in my own time
& my own way

3) This reverence is not Arbitrary nor
in pride exalted from us against our
pride. it is natural as the relations
of the Low and the High. it is in the nature
of things, and inevitable. Must be, or
Okeos again. Humility of Will. to the Stronger
as it should be. force must be triumphant
as it will be. and cannot be otherwise.
Humility of thought before the Highest.
else should be Absurd. because facts,
Humility of Heart before the Good. for the
one not Good. You Absurd our Greatness
have check our Will. have little our Wisdom
have small our Goodness / / / the Dream
of the Meek man is that the one anything
of ourselves. the perfection of Wisdom is
Love of the Lord from Whose procedure
all Good. to Him we should trace in
Heart and Will and thought. for He is
Higher than the Highest. Wiser than the
Wise. Better than the Best. Supreme
in all thing. Lord of All. and all this
is but a heaping together of words. an attempt
to make clear. that which cannot be made clear
or than in its direct perception by the whole
soul. but a soul in Rebellion. saying "I am
forgetting or unwilling to say "from thee".

2) The one All-Lame. and cannot take
ourselves into the Water when the time
comes. When the Angel of Healing dips
his being in the flood. a Higher knowledge
than the process is needed to give us use
of the Universal Agencies of Progress.
But time and tide wait for no
man. nor angel. if not ready we must lie
stranded on the Shallows. None necessary
is it then for us to have help. / the regular
and regulated order of all things is unchangeable
and eternal. Because it is the Best, and the
Government of the Universal All is Autocratic
One Supreme Will. One Good Way. One Beneficent
Result. It cannot be otherwise. Let us then
build faith upon Reason. and yielding
to its Dictates look for Help from Above.
Implores the Giver of all Good to depute His
Ministers to bring us into the flood of progress.
Now reasonable / and now imperatively necessary,
Oh, pride must stoop to conquer. the Head
must be lowered to avoid the Lintel which
throws back the proud. We cannot cross
the Threshold unless the Head in reverence
to ^{the} barring power Above.

14/ Whatever may be said to the contrary. Faith is begotten of Knowledge. to see is ~~faith~~ to believe. it is contact with the unseen which produces belief in it. it would be foolish in the extreme to think anything existed if it had not manifested itself. We are not required to believe in that which is not. and that which is will speak for itself. and the whisper in the corner will proclaim itself from the Roof top. There is nothing hidden which shall not be revealed. Knowledge also defines the Limits of Faith.

This also is declared in Scripture. read the last Chapter of John's Gospel. There you will find Peter told that when he was young he "Girded". that is "Bounded" ^{or limited} himself but that when he was ^{older} ~~young~~ another would Gird him and carry him. Where he would not be willing to go. Peter is allowed & all to be representative of faith. There is nothing can limit faith but Knowledge. and Knowledge always carries us to truth. where eventually all Believing faith will be borne to, and limited by. and put to death by. Crucified with the feet up, that is. the reason dominant, uppermost -

(+ this alludes to the knowing traditions of Peter's death)

This Limitation of faith by Knowledge
is What will destroy all that is false
in all creeds, false Chronology, false History,
false Science, and false Gods. Gods who are
immortal. Gods who are fools, and Gods who
are finite. All these perish before the truth.
There are the fables which have destroyed
so many religions already, and is now
destroying Paganisms. Zoroastrianism
and some other isms. See also how Peter
has been burned even in Christianity. the
progressives have limited of faithful faith
again and again, and still the cry is. Demon-
strate. Show us the basis in fact.

Whatever is Historical is incapable
of Ocular proof. And if received, must be received
on Circumstantial Evidence, under which all
reading in of books is included, the Testimony of
the Cur. and also this ^{either} of the Natural or Spiritual
Ear must ultimately be tested by Knowledge derived
from other sources. It must be in accordance
with all things or is false. if in accordance
with all the known Powers at any given
time. it is not unreasonable to believe it.
to make it unreasonable it must be plainly out
of Harmony with other known truths.

But now again I repeat, that Faith which is positive and personal is caused by a new knowledge, and the ranks of the Faithful are recruited by this Cause.

They experience in themselves a supernatural power of operations and therefore they believe. Each Genuine Conversion is Miraculous, and no A priori Arguments can move them from that which they know. But, having experienced that they often are ready to believe much which reason would not confirm, Faith being young believes all and reasons unhesitatingly. Miracle can prove nothing but the Existence of a power able to perform it, if one is told a Lie and he who tells it performs a miracle in attestation of it, that would be no proof of the truth of his Lie, it would only amount to a proof of his Miraculous power. Nearly all the Religions of men have been at some time or other ~~long~~ endeavored to be upheld by Miraculous Evidence, and they died before the Light nevertheless. Miracles power is but the Higher Science of another race of Beings, perhaps our own race disappointed

Y many monstrous systems of immorality have been upheld by miracle, so that in this knowledge we would not take miracle as proof of the truth of any system. I cite the Bible for evidence of this position. For the miracle of the Egyptians' plagues, Moses defeated them by the assistance of a Higher Grade of supernatural power. His miracles out ranking theirs in the manipulation of power. Yet even his miracles were no proof that he or he who does any thing more than an assumed name perhaps of a Noble Character — But if miracles are benificent they are proof of a benificent power in action, and if the Miraculous Conversions of any one from the power of evil habit is accomplished miraculously then we conclude justly that the power is benificent, and worthy of all obedience. I have been speaking above very freely of a Miraculous power, to you this appears as a mere Assumption, but if you would read History, of any nation you will notice a class of facts appearing now and again which indicate something besides mere Natural powers, and even in these

Says the same class of facts appear as often occurring.
all pencils also have something of this kind
to tell. and many individuals since around
you can or could disclose specimens facts
of the same class. My own experience of such
has been quite extensive and quite varied.
and here I must tell you about the most
recent of them. One day about 3 weeks ago -
about midday standing in front of my Bell as
contemplating to lie down and rest. Suddenly
I heard one speaking to me from above me
and close to me. With a rapid utterance
telling me that from then I should not
derive any more facts. I was much Astonis-
-hed principally by the unexpectedness of the
utterance. and then began to think that the
facts I had been said I had received. must
have been by the projection of certain
thoughts into my mind when writing or
thinking. not being aware of any other mode in
which I could have received them. and I
further conjectured that the supply must
be stopped because I had not used them
as had been desired. Having recently come to
the know ledge of some very curious things
in regard to certain parts of scripture which to
speak of would do no good: and so after having
written all out. and thoughts of and all around
I concluded to burn. and did.

Joseph was witness to the Burning.
But no one else than you and me
knows of the incident I am telling you of.
and this I tell you. that if you have no
idea that I am insane or dishonest. you
may set down in memory as a genuine fact
showing that the unseen personalities of another
state of being see our doings and know our
thoughts and are pleased or displeased with us
just as we are with one another and for the same
causes. Why should I publicize anything that
my judgment and conscience tells me could do
no good and perhaps much harm? I find I am
responsible to God for whatever I do. and His
vicary in conscience tells me to do or not to
do. if I would have peace with Him. I must
obey His vicar. Why then should I submit
myself to one whom I do not know. ~~and~~
whose purposes I am not acquainted with
"This servant you are ^{to} whom you ^{your selves} have ^{to} submit
to obey." There is no use in interrogating such
persons as to who they are so far as I know.
for if the Laws of their state of being are the same
as ours. they could call themselves by any name.
as to us they are in a strict incognito
speaking through any mask they may assume

The longer I live the more do I prize
as a proper Guide to men our scriptures.
they were Dictated from the place of know-
ledge to be a Guide to those who know
but little, and that man does best
to himself who is ruled in his actions
by what they Dictate. There is much
in them which is not suspected. Hiddens
in Cypher. Which may ultimately be disclosed
when the advance of Man may require it. But
to the many that time is not yet come.

There were twelve Tribes in Israel. and 12
Apostles. We have only the preaching of 3 or 4
of them. The other 8 or 9 have yet to be heard
and Judas will be the Last one. Then will
come the End of this Dispensation. This time
is not yet come. Although no doubt the
clamours to be heard. We know what this
function will be, from what it is said
his function always has been hitherto,
it is to Betray the Truth. for which men are
not yet ready. for they would put it to death
in not obeying it. and therefore add to their
sin. But I must close. for the Love of God
and Man. Keep quiet and silent. With all
good affection. Yours &c. —

March 28, 1878. Very important.

Mr. Alex. S. Christie

No. 4 Divinity Hall

Cambridge

J. C.

Mass

March 28/78



April 2 - 1878.

Dear Father: I have neglected writing you for a long time. Pressed with work, I have had hardly time to write a letter on financial matters, & to keep up my correspondence on problems with my Newark friend.

I can write but a few words now. I heard Booth in Hamlet, & a good share of the time I thought of that real tragedy in Ford's Theatre, Washington, April 1865. Away with Theatre's! None of their stage-acting for me! One dose is enough. I heard Genl.

O. O. Howard in McKenzie's Cong.
Church at the Washington Elm.
He disappointed me by his ap-
pearance, & by his evident lack
of great intellectual power. &
I am sorry to say (he spoke in
defense of religion) that there
was some appearance of hypo-
cisy & a good deal of cant.
Still, God bless the man with
the empty sleeve, the Man of
Gettysburg! I can't crit-
icize a man adversely who stood
so nobly for Right in the dark
days of the Republic.

Mrak's letter rec^d. will answer in
a day or two. The Cloud is black
in the East. Affly Alexander.

<sup>Dear & loving Father,
I hope to talk long with
you soon & tell you all
the news.</sup> Marash, April 2. 1898 -
My Dear Father;

"Our Boy" is still the subject of swarms of joyful thoughts in our little house. He is still of a size to justify his title "King of Liliput," but his health and appetite are excellent, and we hope to see soon a marked increase of bodily proportions. Carnie grows stronger every day; sat up a little yesterday, but I do not let her out of bed for long at a time. Sweet little Anna, (I sent you her picture last week) when she is asked how big her brother is, measures off with much gesture and grimace the first joint of her forefinger, and says "wulla, wulla, wulla, - so big"!

We "moved" on Friday last, for the twelfth time since marriage; house in the same yard as our former one; he was carried across the yard in a rocking-chain. For one with as much Inhabituveness as I have, it seems strange that I should be such a wanderer. Perhaps it is to teach me that I am only a "sojourner" in this world, & that I am to look for a better country. In the fall, after coming down from Kesham, our summer residence, we must "move" again, to our new house away up on the hill.

and hope that will be our permanent home. It is now being built, & is beside the house to which Bro. M. has recently moved. Our grounds for the Theo. Sem. are there, & another year will see the additional buildings up we hope. It is a fine healthful site, above the malaria of the filthy town.

Mail tonight but nothing from you. Two letters from Conrad, snailing six within a ~~month~~. He is a most affectionate and grateful soul, and his letters straight from his honest German heart do us much good. He incloses a letter from A. to himself, by wh. I see that A. was reaping another harvest among the Harvard men getting ready for examinations. Had booked \$100. worth of work, of wh. \$69. were already earned. Had pupils from every one of the Math. classes in the University! Conrad writes that he is giving 21 lessons a week, & has cleared \$120. since Sept. (to Feb.) over & above all his expenses! These boys of mine are beating me out of sight. They are

doing more work, and earning more money twice over I should think, than even I did in a like time. Really, the career of each of them up to this time has been something extraordinary; it goes beyond even my sanguine anticipations. They are a veritable Damon and Pythias too, in friendship.

It is with great self-complacency that I remember now the many times I have had to take each of them by the collar, as it were, shake him up, and cry "Courage!" in his ear. If you could hear the talks I have had with them, and especially with Alex. ! Trying to infuse hope and courage into their sinking hearts, — and now, the fellows are fairly amazed at their own success. I counted on it, as a sure thing from the beginning, — though they have done better than I ever hoped. But with regard to A. especially, I never had any doubt of good success: the only thing necessary as I knew, was simply to give him time to become known at Harvard. There was no risk in the matter;

I knew the big Christie brain would win in the end. A. has genius, - that is, an extraordinary capacity for work, and compared with the average College student (a genus I am well acquainted with) I always felt assured he would be a lion among jackals. The result has proved it.

And now, - would that he had that "wisdom which is profitable to direct." There is just the one thing needful to him. If I could see him in the possession of that how happy would I be!

I am glad you are reading Joseph Cook every week. Last night (I write April 3.) brought us his noble discussion of the Eastern Q. I read it to C. & swinging the paper above my head I fairly cheered. God is raising up great men, thinkers, to become the champions of His Missionary work. You remember that in my own little speech on the subject, I tried to show that "the American Missionaries in Turkey are doing more to settle the Eastern Q. than are all the armies and diplomats." How grandly J. C. expresses the same thought! His lecture on Heredity wh. followed must have been of great interest to you. But other duties press & I must stop - though I should

Rapidan Minn.
April 7 5/1878.

Mrs Christie [Sarah]

As I do not have
any understanding of the
convening summer school
of which I think is my duty,
because my children would consti-
tute the largest portion of the
summer term. As I do not
wish to tax the district for giving
high wages for so few scholars,
which I think is not necessary.
Therefore I think it would
be necessary for you, to have an
understanding with the board
in regard to price.

Yours Respectfully, H. C. Eberhart
Director

Miss S. Christie
Addressed.

Lowell, Wis. 4-10-1878.

Dear Friend Christie,

Yours of Mar.

30th was received April 6th. Inclosed I found \$6, which was indorsed on your note. You should not have sent me so much as 10% is all I shall take. You now owe me much less than \$50 as you have each time paid part of the principal. Please keep the money another year, at least, and not worry about my wanting it. I shall get along well without it and am glad to accomodate you. Please accept my sincere thanks for the able views expressed in regard to works on Algebra and Geometry. I should have answered yours before but have been sick with the old complaint a few days.

I can hardly write now.

I have no news to write except,
Fremont B. and Anna Coleman were
married last Saturday evening.
If you wish to know about any
matter here please write and
ask questions and we will answer.
All send their kindest regards
and hope to hear from you often.

Yours very truly,
L. M. Benson.

April 10th [To Alexander Christie]

[1878]

These last two days have been quite rainy. Genuine Spring rains full of life. the wheat all through the surface, already tinging the earth with green. the buds of the little trees around our house opening themselves, inexpressible. Bees all at home waiting for the fair sunshine. full of wisdom they know when to come and to go. Wiser than men as being led by the Infalible. These winged creatures seem to dwell beneath the Universal thing near the Heart of the Great Mystery.

I sometimes get a postal card from Monash. They in health on the 13th Feb. and none of my letters having reached them.

I feel quite chagrined by it, having written some 56 pages in three letters on very thin paper. Sending them direct. Not to the Missionary room. and I fear for that reason lost. I had a letter recently too from Lee Centre. Enclosing one sent to you and Council by Carmie. a very friendly letter was Mr Brewers. Thanking me for my letter

and requesting me to keep writing to him
being he says, Eminently Suggestive to
him. Yet his letters are also characterized
by a certain Clerical Non-Commitalism
as if he were on the look out for sunken
rocks in the way of orthodoxy.

I sent one to him this week with
some rather startling enunciations

In which I spoke of a 'Universal In-
carnation of the Word', as I think implied
if not directly declared in the 2nd Chap.
of St John's Gospel. Where it is declared that
the Word enlightens Every Man that comes into
the World. and also on another topic
I draw his attention to a very difficult
passage in the 20th Luke. 34th 35. and 36th
verses. Where it is very plainly declared
there is no Entrance into Heaven for
the Married. they being considered Un-
worthy to obtain ~~that~~, or the resurrection
from the Dead. These things being reserved
alone for the Celibates, this looks a little

severe on our Protestant Opponents of
Roman Christianity. Whether the resurrection
here spoken of is to be read as of the General
resurrection, or of the resurrection of the
spiritually dead, it is all the same as to
the admittance through these portals.
for in the first case they are excluded by
their non resurrection, and in the second
case because of their being married. for
it is said that those who here ^{be} spiritually
resurrected do not marry. Rome is at
least consistent. I solicited from Mr
Brewer a solution of this difficulty
I did the same from Elder Thurstone
in conversation. He evaded any reply
whatever. I will not press him, it is
in fact unanswerable. Protestantism
teaches that through Grace the married
may enter Heaven. While Romanism
I suspect teaches I suspect that the Grace
is shown in keeping the Grace Gifted from
the Allurements of marriage, so permitting
a Heavenly Entrance. I really do these

things as intellectual occupations, and
to set men to look for the truth themselves,
not taking their creed as by inheritance.
Besides, let us know what is really
declared in these books.

Recently also I observed Elder Thurston's attention to a
very curious little hint between Matthew's Gospel
and St John's. in Matthew Jesus is seen as, not
knowing if there were any fruit on a tree until
He came close up to it. Having expected to get some
on it. Being hungry. While in John's Gospel
He sees a man under a tree at so great a distance
that from the impossibility of mortal sight to have
done so. Nathaniel draws the conclusion that
being supernaturally seen the seer must be the
Son of God, the King of Israel. There is no trouble
arising from these things if the literal sense is
deserted. Let it be deserted if it is absurd.

The truth lies behind the letter of ^{which} that Book as
it does behind the letter of Nature, ^{is} the
beldest of all Books. Man himself is just such
a Book also. Who can read the truth about him
unless he sees more than the letter of him. Which
is simply his bodily appearance. The judge of one
another from the real man. Who shines through
the bodily appearance, just as the old judge of the God
Who shines behind the letter of Nature and the
letter of the Book, and looking through all three
We see the God as Human and Divine.
Yours, Advisingly and Enquiringly. D

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

Apr. 10, 1878. Very important.

Mr Alex. S. Christie.

4 Divinity Hall.

Harvard University,
Cambridge

Mass



Newark, N.J. Apr. 12. 1876.

Dear Sir

Will you please
send solutions of Ex 40. p 362
Geom. & in Callantus 3^d Ed.
p 266. Ex 15. p 274 Ex 10. 13. 18. 19.
I have not solved the
14th but I think I can
submit if I see the
solution of the 13th.

Respectfully yours

W. W. Buntin.

Mr. Chas. P. Christie
Cambridge
Mass.

P.S. I made a mistake
before in the page which you wrote me about
but I corrected
it in my next.

Northfield Minn.
April 18th 1848.

Miss M. J. Christie.

Dear Friend,

Have you forgotten your promise, made so long ago, to be here next commencement? Then this will remind you of it.

Rockwood will be here, and he said the last time I saw him — he came down for a few days in March — that Miss Knapp ~~would~~ was intending to come down then too.

You know Miss Finney graduates them from English course.

You will see lots of friends.

Ad come! Yours, E. W. Parker

Rapistan, Minnesota. April 26th 1878.

My Dear Alice -

A cool and bright morning. The newly risen sun sending his rays across to us adlant the wheatfields they look beautifully green, giving beautiful promise.

All of us are also in health, and we can only wish that all of our friends, and indeed all the worlds population were well also. Why it is not always so. I have never been able to understand, knowing indeed the near and immediate causes of all suffering to be ignorance and unwillingness of obedience to what we do know. The necessary condensation our selves, but why we should not obey those good laws by which we are environed I know not. and in my ignorance experiencing and seeing so much suffering I sometimes wish all had been Optimistic, as perhaps it is, and is to be seen to be, and so turning out well in the end. All shall be well.

I look for a letter from you to night.
as one seems to be due, and as I long for it.

There is a Great future here now
for emigration West. John Stratten has sold
and has been to Big Stone Lake and taken a
true Claim. Tressenmyer Mr Stratten
near Hubbard has also done the same. Withen
intends also. Martin has moved away to
near Coopers. Will Wilkie is now in
Martin's house. No permanency here now
anywhere. All is one the same. Where your
Uncle William and Willie is I do not know
not having heard from them since William
left Plymouth. Been dreaming about him
and very anxious to hear of him. got a
postal card from you last week dated 24th
Feb. all well, and telling my first letter
to them had finally arrived. April 21st no
letter from you as expected. Was any of my late
letters disturbed your thoughts? Some
of them probably made you fear for me. That
I may be (possibly) getting a little ~~unwell~~?

I regret having pointed out to you the
inharmonious aspect of the two incidents
connected with the High tree. But they
are no bar to the acceptance of the Truth
Literally inharmonious surely yet both
in perfect agreement in the Great System.
The High tree representative of a certain
human passion. in the one case declared
to be henceforth incapable of producing any
religious fruit, and easily capable of being
killed in any man who has genuine faith.
in the other case, a genuine Quaker
Disciple is declared to have been standing
under its influence and power when called
to become a Christian. That is about all.
I know nothing of what our commentators
say of these things, it is simply impossible
to make both appear true, unless on the
supposition that the Christ was liable
to alternating periods of dimness and clear
seeing, and this I imagine should not be
admitted.

It is possible you are so occupied
with work that you have no time to
write. on this supposition I acquit you

What has become of Volney? I would
like again to read him. Although I think now
he must be of little value. the second
part of his little book entitled "Natural
Law" is nothing but a little talk about
Natural Law. And is very empty of any statements
of Natural Law. in my youth I thought Volney
to be a most eloquent and very wise man.
the most agreeable and philosophic of teachers.
But Judge now that he must have been
only a mere surface phenomenon, without
any true depth of right whatever. Send it,
and I will keep it from the eyes of all it wants
hurt. or dispose of it as you may dictate.
So as to hurt no one. Volney's treatise prints
not knowing their knowledge. nor seeing the
necessity of man for guides towards peace
here and hereafter. No doubt a very amiable
man in himself. the result likely of the training
by priests on his ancestry.

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Monday 22. A Great Storm passed over us last night. the Wind furious, with a Continuous Deluge of rain. and the unceasing roar and flash of the Clouds causing great excitement in my nervous system. Now this morning I awoke, and must finish my letter to you. I am so sure that my whole being participates in the External disturbances, All men are more or less so, and I have been so from youth. But at that time I rejoiced in a storm. Strongly I entered into the spirit of the Tempest and was full of physical vivacity. Now it agitates me within and my moral nature is aroused into an intense activity. I think much of you and am always glad to hear from you trusting you are strong in mind and body. taking care also not to overdo mentally, for what does it make to a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own health either of body or soul. That is like breaking your pitcher preparatory and in the attempt to fill it. There can be no true acquisition unless with it comes also the health of the whole man.

You must be in the receipt of letters from Tom surely. What is the burden of them? Now that he is settled down, and the contest ~~over~~ which goes to settle his position in life. We may expect that his mind will turn more into reflective states. As to the descriptions has been the usual character of his letters. I am trusting he will by some arrangement be assigned to Corfah, as the people there wish to have him come amongst them, as I see by his previous letter in the Herald. The place is in a healthy state from its situation on the high plains of Oregon. Beside the young Euphrates as it ripples from the plateau. Like northern Minnesota in all but Latitude. Sending down also from its altitude a great view to the south to a Gulf adjacent to the tropics.

Corfah also being the really initial point of our previous Christian Civilization, as being the "Honeystead" of the family in which ~~Christianity~~ ^{Christianity first} originated. Should be exalted by the establishment of a great Institution of Learning under the

Control of the Churches of the West.

Abraham was a Great Man. And a Type of the foremost Condition of Humanity. His own spirit. Subjected to no man. Subject only to the Supreme powers. The original dissemination also of the Monothestic Idea. Held also in its tripartite Unity as we can very well see by his holding the Cross as his Symbol of the Divine Nature. in which learning in faith he labored in the coming into the world ^{to} manifestation of supernatural power for its redemption. in fact, he was a Christian. Whose faith was superseded by Mosesism, to be renewed at the beginning of our Era. I wish that Tom could lay all this before the American Churches as he could and ought and identify his own name with the Institution as the Idea while also founding an institution for the dissemination of Light, Mental and Moral as also the Ancient name of the place signifies, "New Light, in which all good things begin."

Have been doing a little gardening
these past few days. I sent to Gregory in
Marblehead, Mass, for a few kinds of Vegetables
and flowers, and two new varieties of potatoes.
The season is a full month ahead of usual.
My Garden is to be strong in Cabbages. Beets
and Ruta Bagas. and potatoes. Utility taking
precedence of Ornament. Great also in Sweet
Smelling Herbs. Basil, Marjoram, Savory, Melis-
-salva, Rosemary, Flavour herb. and Broad leaved
English Thyme. These plants will remind me
of European days, and give me the pleasure of the
fields and Gardens of Old Scotland and Ireland.

I will enough to do to keep these little potatoes
in order through the summer. Here also I wish
to make. They will ripen early, and we must
be prepared to use them.

Let nothing I may say to you prevent
you from writing to me, I look anxiously
for a letter from you. Mine due.

With Continued Anxiety for your
Welfare. I remain Yours J. Christie

Newton, Sunday Evening
April 28 1878

My Dear Cousin [Alec]

I write
a word to remind you that
I rely on you to send me a
little note (if you hear anything
from Tommy and Carmel.

Now that their letters are stop
one begins to realize how far
away from any of our help
they are. Doubtless they
replied that with every
added mile they went from
home but I have not
until these troubles ^{about getting} and the
rumors of revolt in upper
Syria I dreamt of
Tom last night and thought
he had come back here for
business, and left Carmel and

the baby alone there to look after
themselves, and when I broke
up I had a good laugh to
myself at the absurdity of it.

The last letter I had
from father, he said Will had
bought 110 acres of good land
near Atlanta on the Chicago
Rock Island and Pacific R.R.
straight west of Chicago. I
suppose in Iowa, but he
did not say. - He is going
out to help Will put up
a house on it - has gone I
suppose by this time.

I have been having one
of my old sick spells out
there all alone, and am
thanking God every minute
and singing hymns all
day because I have got
safely over it again and
am wondering if the time will
ever come when I shall be
able just the same to thank
God when I am sick as

when ^{I am} in health. If one is a real
Christian, Christ's presence
is with them always and the
knowledge of it ought to be
with them always (it seems
to me). When you write
to Sarah I wish especially
you would remember to say
that I send my love to her.
I was thinking of her very
often when I was sick,
and was saying to myself that
doubtless we should never
see each other anymore in
this world. How sorry I am
that I forgot the time
for that Farewell Meeting!
That will always seem glad
to me as long as I live.

Well - in thinking of Tom
and Carrie as being in an
danger, what a comfort it
is to know that they are
Christians - Truly and
I am afraid I do not think

down in my heart that you
good Cambridge Unitarians
are really — Christians

You are philosophers and
philosophy has the moon
and the stars of truth,
but not the Sun of Righteousness.

It may be a summer night
in which all sweet things
bud and blossom, but it is
only the night after all.

The Unitarians "no need
of the Atonement" is really
as far from ^{God} truth it seems
to me as the Catholic's
"Do Penance" — There may be
obedience to God without the
knowledge of Christ but how
there can be any joy in God
I cannot understand. There
can be no Divine Comfort
without the knowledge of
God as Love and this is

Revealed only when we see Christ
as God - "wounded for our
transgressions." Through all
statue and everywhere ^{else} we may
look, we find only the God
of the Law; it is only
Christ as the Stonement
which reveals to us the God
whom we can serve joyfully
and therefore righteously (for
the service which is (not) the
service of love is slavery
and felt to be such -)

I think you wise
Cambridge people laugh at the
Plan of Salvation proclaimed
by us, poor benighted Colonians
etc, but after all there can be
but one way to sing rightly
even an old song, and so
there is but one true Plan
of Salvation for life and growth.
It is not the Unitarian plan.

Marach. Turkey in Asia

Dear Father C. April 3rd 1878.

Your letters have been coming by almost every mail of late, and we have enjoyed the reading of them much. You have been sending you some long ones of late. Last week we could not write an account of the Annual Meeting which kept us all very much occupied. You will give you an account of it some time. We were glad to hear that you are recovering from the accident you had in the winter. Anna is having a slight attack of ague just now but Baby Boy keeps very well. - is a fine child - grows amazingly and has a most lovable disposition. Tom says "he is a perfect angel" He has a fine head & is in every way well built. We have sent you Anna's picture. Mail must go out now but next week we shall try to send you more. We always think of you with love.
A common sent about 1878

وَحَبِيبُنا عَمْرُو بْنُ الْحَقِيقِ بِمَحَلَّةِ رَافِدِيَّةِ

Administration des Postes I. Ottomane

Carte-Correspondance



James Christie.
Good Thunder.

U. S. A.

Blue Earth County
Minnesota

Cambridge, April 30th 1878.

Dear Father: I wrote you a day or two ago, but I cannot resist the impulse to send you these Memorabilia.

"I remember reading the Life of Mrs. Somerville a few years ago, in which she speaks of your having called upon her, and that you afterwards sent to her a copy of your Linear Algebra; and I noticed that in her very latest years she was still studying, expressing her thankfulness for the intellectual pleasure afforded her in her old age in these new realms of analysis. What of her Mechanism of the Heavens?"

"If a man had written it we should have thought little of it, but it was a wonderful achievement for one of the unmathematical sex. Yes, I remember

her well. It was in '70, the last time I was abroad. She was very old, and still studying, especially the modern algebra; and as she was anxious to get all the original memoirs on the subject, and ~~was~~ ^{was} courteously mentioned mine, I promised that she should have it as soon as I got home. Yes, she was very old to desire to look into that book — "and then, unable to resist the temptation, a dull twinkle in his eye and an unsteadiness in the facial muscles — perhaps that was what killed her!"

One must know the book, to appreciate the full force of the ~~remark~~ ^{remark}. The Linear Algebra has "killed" many a mathematician; and as he wrote it, and I have vainly tried to read it, we both went home laughing.

Today, as we walked homeward I said — "As apropos to your remark the other day, that without an eternity for man, wherein to look into

that order which it has been his delight in this life to study, and which he so strongly desires to further contemplate, The universe would not be harmonious, not ultimately a cosmos, but, ^{in this much} a chaos; I recently ran across a saying of Goethe 'If Nature has endowed me with these faculties, and I use them faithfully to the end, she is bound still further to answer the questions they ask.' " He was much interested, and asked me where I had found it. I added — "The saying is German in its boldness — much in the style of Luther." "It is not too bold" he replied; ^{it is only very true} would you ~~call~~ ^{call} this a bold saying? The Creator is bound to be our Father in heaven"? "No; anything else would seem less true." "Yet this includes the other and much more — it includes all that our higher nature aspires after, hopes for, immortality, and much that we know not now to ask for."

I need not say that this is the great mathematician — Benjamin Peirce of Harvard.

A note from Helen says that
Millie has bought 110 acres of
land west of Chicago (she thinks in
Iowa) at Atlanta, on the Chicago,
Rock Island & Pacific R.R. and
Uncle has gone to help put up a
house on it.