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DO YOU WANT A BETTER EDUCATION?

FOX LAKE SEMINARY.

(Chartered as Wisconsin Female College.)

1855---1879.

This institution is a Boarding and Day School for Young Ladies, on the basis of the best Female Seminaries, as the course of study will show.

Young men are now admitted as day scholars, but not as boarding pupils.

It is believed that this plan secures the acknowledged advantages of a co-education of the sexes, and avoids its evils.

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ALBERT O. WRIGHT, M. A., *Principal, and Instructor in Mental and Moral Science and History.*

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Condensed Courses of Study.

PREPARATORY CLASSES.

Arithmetic, generally six classes each term.
Grammar, generally two classes each term.
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Reading, one or two classes each term.
Geography, a review class one term in each year.
Penmanship and Spelling, a general exercise each day.

COLLEGIATE CLASSES.

Year.	Term.	CLASSICAL COURSE.	ENGLISH COURSE.
First.	1	Latin Reader, Algebra, Physical Geography.	Algebra, Physical Geography, Bookkeeping.
	2	Latin Reader, Algebra, Physiology.	Algebra, Physiology, Bookkeeping.
	3	Cæsar, Algebra, Botany.	Algebra, Botany, Sentential Analysis.
Second.	1	Cæsar, Algebra, Natural Philosophy.	Algebra, Natural Philosophy, German.
	2	Virgil, Plane Geometry, Ancient History.	Plane Geometry, Ancient History, German.
	3	Virgil, Trigonometry, Modern History.	Trigonometry, Modern History, German.
Junior.	1	Sallust, English Literature, Rhetoric.	English Literature, Rhetoric, German.
	2	Cicero, Chemistry, Astronomy.	Chemistry, Astronomy, German.
	3	Cicero, Zoology, Civil Government.	Zoology, Civil Government, German.
Senior.	1	Horace, Political Economy, Mental Philosophy.	Political Economy, Mental Philosophy, German.
	2	Geology, History of England, Philosophy of History.	Geology, History of England, Philosophy of History.
	3	Moral Science, Evidences of Christianity.	Moral Science, Evidences of Christianity.

Solid Geometry and Greek are optional studies.

Weekly exercises in Composition, Declamation, Reading in English Literature, and Bible Study.

SPECIAL COURSE FOR TEACHERS.

Persons wishing to prepare for a Third Grade Certificate will find suitable classes any term.

Persons holding a *good* Third Grade Certificate and able to work hard, and only such persons, can take the following course:

Fall Term—Algebra, Physical Geography, Natural Philosophy.

Winter Term—Algebra, Physiology, Plane Geometry.

Spring Term—Algebra, Sentential Analysis, Solid Geometry.

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Expenses.

FOR BOARDING PUPILS.—YOUNG LADIES ONLY.

Board, Room, and Tuition for whole year $150.00
Washing, lights and fuel at cost, averaging about $10. 00 per year.
Music, per lesson 50

Those who wish can reduce their bills to some extent by work in the domestic department.

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Tuition, Fall and Spring Term, (12 weeks,) $9.00
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Board, room, fuel, and washing from $2.50 to $3.50 per week.

Rooms, without board, can be rented for 25 to 50 cents a week for each occupant.

One or more clubs of young men will be organized this fall, which will furnish table board at cost, probably from $1.40 to $1.60 a week.

Students, every term, board themselves at much cheaper rates.

Calendar.

Fall Term begins	Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1879.
Fall Term closes	Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1879.
Winter Term begins	Monday, Dec. 1, 1879.
Christmas Recess begins	Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1879.
Christmas Recess ends	Monday, Jan. 5, 1880.
Winter Term ends	Wednesday, Mar. 17, 1880.
Spring Term begins	Wednesday, Mar. 24, 1880.
Spring Term ends—and Anniversary . . .	Wednesday, June 16, 1880.

ADVANTAGES

OF

FOX LAKE SEMINARY.

1. Young ladies can here obtain an education equal to that given in the best Female Seminaries.

2. Young men who wish to take a course about two years shorter than the full University or College course, can do so here. For a young man who cannot afford the time and expense of a full College course, this institution offers a shorter course, which is complete in itself.

3. Young men who wish to prepare for College can be prepared here, either for the Classical or Scientific courses.

4. Young people of either sex who have a good common school education, and wish to take a few terms only away at school, can do so to better advantage here than in the Preparatory Departments of Colleges and Universities.

5. Persons wishing to teach, and teachers wishing to gain a higher grade of certificate, will find some special advantages in our Normal course.

6. A religious education is given, not in any narrow or sectarian sense but upon the broad platform of *Evangelical Christianity*.

7. The expenses are as low as they can be made. Many boarding schools charge three or four times as much. But on the other hand enough is charged for board to provide *good board*.

8. Students who are persistently mischievous or indolent are not allowed to remain to interfere with the progress and good order of the rest.

9. The system of instruction and of examinations is such as to require thoroughness in the pupils.

10. Especial care is taken of the health of boarding pupils.

[after 1879]

My Dear Sarah.

You have not ah
Meeting Yesterday. and I did not feel happy
over Your Absence thinking You might
be in Someway too ill to Come. I hope it
was nothing Serious prevented You —

Our Purpose You know
not Sent. of an Independent. but You
not Yet received One!

Elder Whitelaw's Discourse
Yesterday Quite Good upon
the Matter of it. Because it was
read too fast I presume the
Most of it did not Get into
the Minds of the People Generally.

I want much to know
What Agreement Did What Salary
the Ford Baptist have Made
Do agree to pay him.

I trust You are all as
usual in health. My Cough is
no Better.

Love

Mrs. W. L. Stearns,

Woodville Farm,

Rapidan,

[after 1879]

Plymouth Aug. 11th

Dear Mother [Mrs. S.G.C. Stevens]

Yours of the 9th just
received to day. I will answer
and send by P.O.R.R.M. north
so you can get tomorrow morn-
ing. Should you happen in
the "Ford". I think you did
not receive my last. for in
that I told you about speak-
ing to Mr W. about my leaving this
month. Oh! Mother I can't
stay any longer. I am getting
sick of this place I am getting
so I don't like Mrs. W. one
bit. She tells me every thing
I have to watch all I say
and do on my guard all the
time. Besides She has talked
bad of me. Still good as can

on to my face. I have told
Mr W. I was going and I meant
to. even though Mr L. cant give
me a position. for I think
it best for me to leave here
I didn't know what to say
when I read your letter. or
all of it. I have set my heart
on being free from this place
soon as this month was
out, & now I don't know
what to do. I would though
if I had a few more debts. Oh
well I am young I can
stand it if the creditors can
wait. But I don't think I
shall stay here. Do you think
I had better Mother?
Please answer this soon as
you get it. I shall anxiously
watch every day for a reply
little one comes. I wanted to
say so much but only had
a little while to say it in
If you can read it I shall
be glad Many many Thanks
for those words of cheer Mother
they done me lots of good. A
kiss for you and Bessie
Love to All
Buell

Mother I shall surely leave
this place soon as this month
is up. Had'nt I better
B

[ca 1879?]

Plymouth June Dec 19

My Dear Mother;

[Sarah C. Stevens]

I thought
I about Time I was send-
ing you That money you
let me have so long ago
if I had Thought you was
in Pressing need I could
send it before. But I truly
hain needed it until now
could use it at present but
but the chance has presented
itself to pay you and I will
do so as Soon as my
mind. I am ever so much
obliged to you for the kind-
ness in loaning it to me.
Enclosed you will find
$ 12.00. If that will do for

Principal and interest.
I saw by a Minneapolis paper that Frances Knox graduated at the Normal School in Mankato this spring, I didn't know as she attended there, also Minnie Pattens, they were the only two that I knew of the names given.
It is cloudy and raining some to day the first time since last Fall, with the exception of a little mist last winter But even now I am afraid it is more of a sleet than a real rain storm, The Farmers have all commenced seeding here. the ground is in very good condition having not rain I received a letter from Berlin yesterday There the roads were almost impassable. I guess Plymouth is the favored spot this Spring all around us has been snow blockades. But a good many are almost sick with sore Throats I surely thought I would have to give up one time, I did not get scarcely any sleep for Four nights my throat was so sore, But am a good deal better now. Last Sunday evening the S. School had a concert, we had a Full House, and a very good time. They were almost all there little children, we only practised three times before the concert, I suppose Frances is liking it very much there in her Eastern home. I knew Father wrote that he was not feeling very well the last letter he wrote home, I hope he won't be taken sick so as to put

I trust the money will reach
you all safe.

Truly
Buell

[ca 1879 ?]

Dear Sarah,

Kitty forgot to tell you to put sugar on your sweet-pickles - Put in a cup & a half cupfuls to every two gallons.

Bro. Evans tells me that you have been to Brownsboro

If you brought any bed-spread please send it to the Ford - leave it at Brown's

Pro tem

Annie

Soft. yeast = Rilles recipe

10 or 12 good sized potatoes
boil - handful hops - boil
in 3 pints water same time as potatoes
mash potatoes fine after
pouring off water - Strain
hot - hop water into potatoes
Let - on fire - & let - come
to boil - then stir in batter
let - cook about - five minutes
take off - let - Cool - Put - in
1/2 cup sugar - 2 tablespoons
salt - teaspoon ginger -
When Cool Enough - Put - in
one yeast - Cake - let - rise for
about a day -- bottle up - use
1/2 cup for a baking

Annie's recipe

Sweet Pickles (Tomatoes)

Slice thick - put in layers with salt - between - let stand 3 hours wash in cold water - Put in kettle - pour boiling water over & Put in vinegar to harden Boil till tender - skim then out into jar - Put in vinegar & boil - put in spices - then pour over fruit

~~Commission~~

~~Allspice~~

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~~Sugar~~

Vinegar

73
219
59
278

40 - 21
36 - 32
3 - 49
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59
300
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23

81
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357

Mrs. Thos.

S. Evans,

Good Thunder,

Minn

17	3.90 Butler
15	.50 Sparling
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17	1.00 Juys Church
2,55	7.67

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7.07
50
7.57

The great Storm.

We have just had such a tempest of wind and snow as the memory of "the oldest inhabitant" of Marash fails to parallel. Our Minnesota friends will know what it was like when I call it a "Dakota derie" in which the tremendous fury of the wind made up for the Extreme cold accompanying its American counterpart: the mercury here never fell below 15° above Zero, but the wind displayed a savage fury such as non of us Ever saw equalled, and the whole air was absolutely filled with driving snow. On the day night before Christmas fell the first snow of the season, to the depth of about nine inches or a foot. Christmas Day was pleasant, and so was the succeeding night until about four in the morning, when the north wind began to rise. By daylight it was blowing a hurricane, and so it continued until a little after noon, when the air cleared of snow, although the wind howled savagely through the day and night; since then we have had

four or five days of pretty severe cold, in striking and somewhat unpleasant contrast with the Indian-Summer-like weather of the past two months. The great storm came on so suddenly that many men and animals were caught at unawares by it upon the roads, and we now hear of several dead bodies having been found in the snow-drifts in various places. There are stories of sixteen dead men having been discovered near the bridge over the Jihan, a few hours N. W. of us, and of five or six in another place, — but there is doubtless great Exaggeration in these accounts

However, the storm, hitherto unprecedented in this part of Turkey, has destroyed, doubtless, scores of human lives throughout this region. The poor people are clad mostly in ~~thin~~ cotton, and with little or no protection for the hands and feet; their food is of such a character as to give them but little vitality; their courage and presence of mind soon fail them in an Emergency, — and so a storm at which a Minnesotian would laugh might prove fatal to multitudes here.

They tell of a party of Christian muleteers who some mounted soldiers found quite near the city,

while the storm was raging. The poor fellows were ~~utterly~~ bewildered, huddled together, crouching down to escape the dreadful wind, and with no speek of courage left in them. The zabtiehs with their whips and the Kooks of their carbines actually drove the men with repeated blows into the city and saved their lives.

Just to come to our own Experiences. Our houses are well up on the mountain slope to the north of the city, and we got them fore the full force of the tempest. Mr. Montgomery's house, and the Seminary building in which we live, are both in an unfinished state, and must remain so until we get the word we hope for from Boston that the appropriation for which we asked has been voted us. In default of glass we had filled many of our windows with white cloth, — and you can fancy what shook work that howling fury of a wind made with the frail substitute. Some windows had shutters, & several of these shutters are now lying in various parts of our yard, along with bricks from the chimnies, tiles from the roofs, and debris of many kinds. Our rooms were soon filled with driving snow: things were already in a

bad state when we Christians waked up in the morn-
ing, — snow everywhere, and not a stove in the
house, in which a fire could be kindled. So we just bundled
up the best babies and dashed across to Mr. Mont-
gomery's with them. There, although the south pair
of the house was full of snow, yet two rooms in the
south end were comparatively tight, and the stove
worked well. The Martins managed to keep a fire
going in their sitting room, although three chim-
neys were blown from their house, one of them
crushing in the kitchen roof, and in the upper
part of the house the wind and snow had their own
way for a time. Food for all three of the fam-
ilies had to be cooked and eaten at Mr. Montgomery's
and to increase the interest of the occasion we had
with us as a guest Mr. Henderson, English Consul
at Aleppo. For two days Mrs Montgomery and
her good Armenia had us all on their hands, while
we men busied ourselves in preventing or repairing
damages from the outside, — shovelling snow out
of halls and rooms, nailing up windows and doors,
making our poor trembling horses as comfortable as
we could &c &c. I changed my thoroughly soaked
clothes three times that day. One of the men-

servant, managed to reach us from the city, but so completely used up by his exertions in facing the storm as to excite serious apprehensions for a time with regard to his recovery. Mr. Montgomery's Garden with his son Elisha tried to bring us over Milk for the day: but they were utterly "beat out" before they could reach the gate, and had to leave the milk - cans in the snow and get down the hill for their lives. The rage of the wind just outside of our walls was simply awful: no mortal could make head against it. The snow filled the air so thickly that although the Seminary building is only a rod or two distant from Mr. Montgomery's house, there were times when the one could not be seen from the other. At 3 P. M. the belfry of the First Church went down, fortunately without any damage to the house to leeward of it, in which were Mrs Goffing, Miss Spencer, and the twenty girls under their care; the bell itself, also, was not injured, although all the machinery for working it, and all the wood-work of the belfry, were broken into fragments. Not soon shall we forget "the great Storm" of Dec. 26. '78.

J. D. C.

Jan. 1. '79.

A Happy New Year to you, Father and mother, and the brother and sister beside you!

It has been a very busy day with us here. 1200 people in the church at Sunrise; singing, speeches &c. I talked 5 minutes in Turkish without notes, — my first attempt, success gratifying. Work will tell, in time. 500 came back as I got each a papyrograph card with text (Eph. 5: 15, 16, 17.) printed before their eyes.

Then in P.M. we men called on people in town. Very tired tonight, but the day has been a good one for bringing us all nearer together.

Iyi Yıllar Yeniniz Mubarek Olsun
Our new Year blessed May it be!
Amen.

Andover Mass. Jan. 1st. 1879.

My Dear Father;

Here we are in the first week of new year, and I am sure it doesn't startle me a bit. We get used to it after a while. For what is one year against the background of Thirty, more or less? What there is much sand in the glass the steady stream hardly seems to augment it. I wish however that I could be with you today. Sarah wrote me from Austin of her going home, and of what a time she was having to get home, and it reminds me of a manner of a Chicago lousy whom I saw at Ramsey when I was coming East, and who had lost 16 hours at Austin and Ramsey through the sheer ugliness, the innate cussedness of two railroads & companies who were trying how not to connect. Well, if I can't be with you, believe me I think of you all, and heartily wish you a Happy New Year. And I believe that '79 will be a better year to us than '78 has been, tho', all things considered, we cannot very much complain. I am glad that the Diphtheria is not so threatening. There are some cases here very like it, if not diptheria itself.

I return to Cambridge tomorrow P.M. Shall not resume my studies for the few remaining days, unless I find it convenient to go into a lecture, for it is hardly worth while; and besides, I ought to spend a few days in looking round, before leaving Cambridge & Boston for I know not how long. Besides, the rest from hard brain-work will be an excellent preparation for the rest I will have for a few weeks in my new position. I have been here a read with Conrad. I do not like to go away from him, he has been a good friend to me, and we have often helped

Each other in many ways, and I look forword in anticipation to his spending his summer, hot as it will be, in Washington Studying a little math. with me, and helping me in German. We will find some cool place in town where life will be endurable. I have met a brother of Prof. Emerson of Beloit, who is a teacher in Virginia. He taught school all through the war in the Shen. Valley! Have been in to some of Prof. Park's lectures on Theology. All very well as an able attempt to do the impossible - but it were the work of a child to prick the bubble in a dozen places Each hour. And think of the postulata! A big book of books and a thousand other things.

"Let it be granted: That the Original of the Bible is God's Word; That the Greek New Testament and the Hebrew OT Testament constitute the Original; That we have them as communicated to men, which implies that priests were honest and scribes unerring; and That we understand them now that we have them." Ah! There is no end to that tangle, and for one, I must be content with looking only to my daily life for the next year. I indose $2.00 for your Mother, trusting that the time comes space in which I can send you more.

Affly Your Son

Alex. S. Christie.

P.S. I will send you The II from Cambridge

Saratoga Jan: 2nd 1879

Dear Brother, We have now a very cold snap. and so I will try and write to you. at more length than in my last. I believe that it is a philosophical axiom. That the Effect cannot exceed the cause. from these premises then the Evolution Theory cannot be correct. for the simple reason that if Intelegence is not at the bottom of all that has been brought to its present condition intelegence would not be in existence. as you may see. for there could not be such a thing as intelligence brought out of blind force. nor outside or any Chemical action we can concieve of. My way of looking at this subject is as follows. as far as we can see the intellegence of man. or his intellectual part is the only power we know of among the many phases of life we see, that can take cognisance of what is going on arround him. and puting his faculties into play can. to a limmited extent produce similar effects. to those he sees produced by the Intelligence. that has produced all we see,

or can take cognizesence &c.

Tis true there are manz things that look verz contradictorz to the foregone conclusion yet if we look at everz side of the subject we must see that as far as anz biological reason -ing goes there must be this we call intellegence to produce it. all animals seem to have memorz. but only in a limmited degree. and have also intellegence in the same waz. they have also constructiveness. and are also cappable of addapt -ing themselves to a certain ammount of change of circumstances. but up given point. and then thez must perish. not so with man he can control circumstances. and learn an indefinite ammount of knowledge and also overcome an indefinete ammount of makarial influences. physzicalz. mentall -z. and moralz. and rising superior to all that is possable to arise against him in this life. accend to a higher and better one in a more extended sphere of exsistence. and so go on progressing forever. Life as seen in plants shows that must be intelligence aside from anz chemical actions that maz be going on. for you know that know matter how close various vegetables me be together each one will choose what is adapted to its own use and all things being favorable the one will not distorz the other. and so there is no telling in this case anything about the survival of the fittest. and so I think all through the dom -ain of nature we are taught the same things. Now whether the principle that we call intellegence exsists in an individual form or a diffused condition in nature I do not know. nor dare I assume. although I would like to think of as an individual -ity cappable of hearing, and feeling our wants and necessities. and caring for us in a paternal way. but I can not do so for it seems if an all seeing father exsisted there would be a better condition of things than there is. for it does not seem that justice is equallz dealt out to all. It seems to me that the idea "that might makes right" is still extant in the earth as it was. only in a new form and so the selfishness of man predominates over him. now as of old. a disjointed and olde thing of a letter you once say, so it is,

The newyear has commenced with us here and not in a very encouraging way. I have no seed wheat, and only enough to make us flour until May. Mary will be confined in about six weeks, and we have need of some things in the house, we dont have, and we should have them soon. Storekeepers in St Charles will not credit, and five dollars would help us in a most necessary way, I do not know how we are to make out. all my neibors are as badly off as myself and have lived up to their means so close they have to borrow money to pay the help they had to raise the farm with. if we were not paying interest it would not be as with us. Now can you not accomadate me with that small sum, and oblige us beyond your comprehension, we are all in good health, at present and we manage to keep warm in spite of our all thanks. I had a letter from Father the evening of the same day I sent you the last letter you had from me, hoping you a happy and useful New year we are your loving brother and Sister

W & M D Christie

Please answer by return mail,

AGENT FOR CORALVILLE WRAPPING PAPERS.

Iowa City, Iowa, Jan 7 1879.

M Miss Christie

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James Lee

Mullin

Andover, Mass. 1/7. 79.

Dear Alexander, —

Your card of this A. M. to hand. You seem to think that I can get my p; and yet, with some difficulty. But what do you mean by this sentence: "In Chicago you would have to prove 5 years resid; but would not have to reside there any longer". Longer than what? "I was conferred pro". Mr B. and Mr. Coy seem to think that I can get my p. by affid. from Chicago. The Lawyer in Lawrence has not yet responded and I hardly ~~expect~~ to hear from him without going over myself he comes under the same con'ti

1 head

I am exceedingly anxious to get my papers, and I will move the States and their father U. S. to accomplish my end. It is too bad that I should not see father and home, as long as I have the means of going. More on Saturday.

Good night.

Your Conrad.

P. S.

From Chicago (i.e. my friend, the German Lawyer) no answer as yet.

C.

that faithless watchmaker I presume. Now, think and look and talk this case up as well as you can till Sat. when I expect to see you. When I start I cannot yet tell, but I shall probably not be out there before 7 or 8 o'cl.

As to money, Alex., I must say that I have not been fortunate enough to get another supply. Mr. McC. who owes me $26. has not yet been out to draw the m. from their bank; and one of the boys returned but for one reason or other without the money ($28.00). So, to speak not sub rosa, I must say, Alex. that it is very doubtful whether I can let you have

any more before you go, however disappointed I myself feel at this. A third party owing me $60 is sick. If you can delay borrowing from some one else till Saturday or Monday next, you may wait till I arrive. It is possible may likely, that I shall have some to spare then, but yet it is uncertain. This is really too bad, Alex; but I feel that you are convinced of my good will and you have to accept that for the deed this time. You see it is accidents occurring to other persons but myself which prevent me from helping you as I desired to do.

33 l Straye.

Cambridge, Mass. Jan 3d 79.

My Dear Father:

I inclose 3 vee Thaler with a "Prosit Neu-Jahr" — "May the New Year be prosperous" — and shall probably write you next from Washington. I feel elated over that Washington appointment, and have just rec'd. Tom's congratulations from Marath, with references to that time — now really long ago — when we strolled about there together. I feel more and more knit to brother Tom. Surely he has been a good brother to me. I owe this good fortune to him, — and as I glance back to many a scene in the past, I remember his brotherly heart and hand. How well do I remember that May

coming into camp just back
of Alexandria. The last mile
of 600 miles, and Tom wait-
ing for me with his pocket
full of Eatables — just the thing
I needed most, next to a shake
of his hand and a glance at a
brother's familiar face!
I find that as I grow older I think
more and more of all my kith
and kin. And after all, isn't this
the main thing, that we love
one another? Well, the
New Year has come, a year
that will leave us better than
it found us, I hope. And I
believe it will.
Sarah has been with you — that
is good, and I wish I had been
with you two. So a Happy
New Year to all.
Yours — Alex. S. Christie.

Box, 526,

Ark. Home Rapid
an

Wednesday, Jan. 15. '79

My dear Sarah [Miss S. J. Christian]

Yours written Sun'y
Jan. 12, just rec'd & haste to reply
you did not say in this that you
had received a leter or note from
me Since you have been at Jon
City — I have written 3 times since you left here
Ryou ought to have had one
last week & all three before this
time I am glad to hear that you
are settled and like your room
mate — & I am more than glad that
you have not forgotten me I hope
you are well — you did not say —
It is snowing and has been all
day not very fast but a fine gentle
snow just as it usually sets in
when we get a heavy fall of snow

Burn this and all my other letters at once

It looks and seems to me that winter has just commenced for good & ernest We are all well I saw Davie yesterday he said his family were well and your father and mother also - I have not seen Donnie & Sandy since last Thursday they were just as frisky as ever and little Don wanted up - If it should storm tomorrow so that I could not go to Mankato I will go over to your fathers and see how they are and tell you more about them you requested me to burn all your letters I put them all in the stove yesterday excepting one or two from you when at Carlton C. Northfield & 2 or 3 when you were at Wheaton C. Ill I have a very small store of news to write to you this time My dear if it storms it is posible that it might be 3 or 4 days before I could go to Mankato to post this letter if it should be that long you may know I will feel worried about it on your account - but you will forgive me if it is for you dear. How happy I am when I think that it is only six or seven weeks more when we will be together if we both live We will talk and read & be very happy - Since you have been gone this time I have not had that lonesome feeling that I had the first time you were away I feel perfectly sure & know that nothing will keep you away from me but death I wish I could see you tonight - I would squeeze your hand & kiss you I am feeling ever so much better than I did when you were here I am improving in every direction in the way of health I must close Good Bye dear

Please burn this and all

Yours affectionately - William

St James Hotel, Pennsylvania
Avenue, Washington, D.C.
5-30 P.M. Wed. Jan. 15/79.

My Dear Father;

How familiar seems this
place! and how matter-of-fact I take this
sudden transition! Here so many years
ago Tom, Willie, and myself, Uncle Tom,
Charlie McQuivey, and many an old ac-
quaintance from Dodge Co, Boys from
the Minnesota Battery and 2d Minn. Inf.
strolled about here together, thronged
these public buildings, gazed up to
the Goddess of Liberty on the Capitol
or to the heights west of the Potomac, or
camped together in the skirts of the
District. Ah! how many of us then! and
I am here alone! Some are dead,
some drunken, and one is beyond seas
— I would that for one moment I
could catch a glimpse of his cheerful
face on these familiar streets and
plazas! Nevertheless I thank God that
it is so well with him, so well with us all,

And when the life of the May is in tree and flower I will go devotedly over all the ground we trod together in that May of our youth—of our boyhood. But enough of this, and to the events of the immediate yesterday. I left Cambridge about 2^30 P.M. Monday Jan. 13th 1879. Fourteen years before, to a day, I left our Wisconsin home to enlist! On the 16th I enlisted, and tomorrow (the 16th) I begin work in the Astronomical division of the U.S. Coast Survey Office! But I am anticipating. I left Cambridge without seeing half of those to whom I wished to say Good Bye. Byerly held on to me like a brother. I think we never so completely felt our friendship before, and when I left he put into my hand a letter to a friend in Washington, one of his acquaintances when he taught at Cornell, and in it the simple but sufficient statement that I was his friend and fellow worker at Harvard. Benj. Peirce gave me excellent letters to Prof. Hilgard, Assistant in Charge of the Office, and to Sylvester of Baltimore. How strange to carry a letter from Benj. Peirce to "Professor J. J. Sylvester, Member of the French Institute, &c, &c, &c." When I bid Prof. Eustis Good Bye I learned that he had not been in Washington since he came through with the Army; and Professor Lovering said "The last time I was in Washington seems like yesterday. It was at the Grand Review in May '65. I had stood up all the way from Phila. the cars were so crowded. On the 23^d Grant's Army passed before us, and the next day Sherman's. I certainly liked the Western men the best." "Will you excuse me," said I, unable to resist the temptation, "but I had the honor to be one of those same dusty fellows!" I was really moved at parting with Prof. Lovering. He was my old schoolmaster, as I may say, a man whom I cannot help loving. There he has stood for 41 years at that desk! And I shall never forget the feeling of the trembling old mathematician as he thanked me for my faithful work and for having not failed to call to bid an old man good bye. But time sped on and I was forced to hurry away to Boston. The Elms faded out of sight—Harvard, with all its associations and all its meaning for me and for Mem, faded out with them. "Tho' lost to sight, to memory dear!" Ran out of Boston on the Face Rock train at 6 P.M. took the boat for New York about 8, and then till six next morning we were speeding along in the Sound My first experience in a berth. Passed Hart Island in the gray of the morning. I did not see it, for I could not be out

all the time in the bitterly cold wind. The East River was full of floating ice and the air was chilly. New York and Brooklin were very much as I remembered them, tho' a new feature was the lofty towers and gigantic catenaries of the half-finished suspension bridge between. I carried certain papers given to Conrad by the German Corps, and my object was to find out what was the force as regards Ls relations to the Emperor as a subject. Poor Conrad! He has been almost crazy over it. He wants to see his parents this summer, but cannot get his nat. papers in time, so that he feared the home govt would press him into the army. I was directed to the German Consul's office on Broadway (pronounced as two words Broad way) near Castle Gardens and the Battery. "die Deutsche Gesellschaft der Stadt New-York" was the sign. "The German Assoc. of the City of New York" — not what I wanted, but the gentlemanly clerk told me where I would find the Kaufmann, and

to my great joy I found that
so long as I had meat back only
for a visit — pay 3 mos. — the
Government would regard him
as an alien and permit him
to come and go without military
service. This sent to C. I set out
to see the City. The Tribune Building
and all the celebrated Establishments in
in that quarter — Herald, World,
Sun, &c, &c, &c, the immense P.O.
with a trip half way up by Elevator,
the other half a climb, and a look
down on 2 million people from
a height of 200 feet — then to
the Central Park. Paid 10¢ for some
six or seven miles of a ride to the Park
on the Elevated R.R. Runs about 30 ft
above the streets, and turns and winds
about prodigiously. In turning
corners of immense stone blocks,
I could hardly refrain from calling
out "Ho, hard-a-port there, Ho-o-o!!!"
Vast miles of skating, acres of museum,
Menageries, &c, Statuary and all that.
There is the Astor Museum and the
Museum of Nat. History. The latter
is an immense structure, Many stories
high and well stocked, yet the part built
is but 1/16 of the whole as planned! A very

interesting object was the Statue of Mazzini, at the unveiling of which Bryant was lost to us. Of course I saw nothing in the night, from N.Y. to Washington. I slept a good deal and rested in the belief that the "country is safe." Now, what of Washington? I have simply glanced at it. Saw Butler on the floor of the house and heard Alexander H. Stephens called for, though he wasn't there. The Senate was in executive session and so I could not get into the gallery. It's a big house, but I must lay the subject on the table. After a day or two I will be able to tell more about my work. Tomorrow at 9 A.M. I shall report for duty in the Astronomical division of the office, and probably begin working up the results of observations of Lat. & Lon. of important points determined by the survey. The cheapest room, furnished, that I can find is 6$ per mo. But it is horribly unhealthful. The cheapest I can do at present is 10$ per mo. My board will cost 14$ more, washing 3$, ftc, ftc, ftc, so that I will manage to save 35 out of 70. Pay will improve. I feel elate over the situation. Will have a talk with the Supt. tomorrow if he is in town. Direct to Coast Survey Office till you hear from me again.

Affly Your Son,

C.P.F. ("Old public functionary")

My dear Hampson

The bearer of this note,
Mr Christie, has just left me to
enter the employ of the Coast
Survey. He is a friend of mine
and I think you will like
each other.

Very truly yours
W. C. Bryant

Cambridge Jan 12 '29

To Mr. Thomas Hampson.

484 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D.C. Jan 17/79.

My Dear Sister, Yours of 12th, forwarded from Cambridge, was passed to me this P.M. by a messenger at the Office of the Survey, but not read till after 4 o'clock — I confine strictly to rules, perhaps as an example to older members of the Corps. I cannot reply at length tonight, for a letter must be written to Cambridge, and all the time remaining given to the work of the Survey coming up tomorrow. You can form no idea of the difficulty, the complexity of the considerations which must occupy us. Ordinary Professors of Mathematics in our Colleges could make neither head nor tail of them — I utterly despise the Ord. Prof. Maths — and I must face

The music as it comes. Thanks to the industry of former years- decked by many objectless, insane industry - I handle everything at sight. But I must give attention to it till the rush is over. I am put into a room along with two excellent mathematicians and experienced computers, Marcus Baker (well-known as a writer for the math. Journals) and Courtenay (son of the Prof. Courtenay whose Calculus I gave to Tom to take with him - the largest and best American work yet written). (I will tell you a good story of how Dr. Schott, chief of the division, found out where Neosho is).

I sent Dave 100$ borrowed of Mr. Thompson of Lawrence. And John Ray says on a card received today that Dave's note of 6 3/4 has been extended till May 4th with Mr. Stevens signing - and I will pay that in full when due. I can do nothing more now. Poor Willie has missed wheat - I sent him $ to get things necessary when Mary is confined, but could do nothing more for him. Dave and Willie will get all I can save for years, but I must not get into a snarl here. By order of Secy Sherman - I read it today - no one is retained in the Survey who has trouble over his bills. I will have to scratch to meet my obligations this Spring and Summer. I am here now in a strange city, where bills are paid in advance, with 4cts in my pocket, and no pay till Jan 30th. I must get a little of Lowell to get through. Lowell goes to Germany this summer, and I must pay

him 140$ I owe him. You
see how it is. I will pay
Ray the 3^{74} — more than
this I can't do. Perhaps in
July or August I may see
my way to send Dave a little
— but I can promise nothing
of moment before next Jan.
My pay may be raised. But
that depends on how I do and
what. To do good work in
Astronomy and Geodetics I
must not be worried about
anything else. As taxes the best
I can to their uttermost —
hence I must keep financial
difficulties out of my mind.
Next year I shall lay a golden
Egg — 35$ day — Every month
— now it won't pay to kill
the goose. I sent, prepaid
to Montalto, a box from Boston
containing bedding &c, and an
old coat and pair of pants — all

—that I had. These may help a little.
Now let me dismiss the subject — I
have done all that I could do,
and in order that I may be able
to do something in the future
I must think no more about
it. I do not dismiss this trouble
to go off to the theatre — but to
trace lines on the ellipsoid and
apply least squares.

So you are to marry. I
have hardly time to pay or think
anything I do so important a
step. If I do not, you must
forgive me, and remember that
if I stop to think of anything
other than my business the train
will go over me. Do not expect
to hear from me again for two
weeks. Then I shall have
time. I am in splendid con-
dition physically, and do not
lack in mental. Let fools
pass their opinions on my spirit-
ual needs — I have my time to pray
and no inclination to preach. Adf.

Still address to U.S. Survey Office. I don't
know what kind of a place 4824 is,
and can't stop to enquire. The city is
full of blear eyes, red noses, and
painted women — a queer place,
and I have my opinion of it.

Box 526. At home Rapidan
Sunday Jan 17. 1897

My dear dear Sarah [Christie]

your letter written on Sunday last is recd & the note written on the 15th and sent to the Ford is at hand That letter you sent to Mankato last Sunday made me so light hearted and happy that I cannot scarcely realize that you are away from me but I know it is so How much I do wish you were with me today How glad how very glad I will be to receive the welcome very welcome letter notifying me of the time for me to meet my dearest darling at Albert Lea I can hardly waite for the time to come We will be happy wont we dear I hope you will keep well

P.S. will write again next week will send on Sunday to Albert Lea before 9th

We are all well I dont know of any sickness in this neighborhood I went over to your fathers with the mail the day before yesterday he came & met me at the gate he was very cordial he asked me to go in & I did but I was in a hurry to get home and only stayed a few minutes I have seen him when I thought he looked as well as he did that day for a long time he seemed to be very happy your Mother was looking about as usual she asked me to stay a while and visit I thanked her & said I would come over some other time your father said he had not heard from Alex since the 2nd of this month he said then that he expected to be in Washington in a few days & it was necessary for him to be prepared to meet his brother Administrations there in good order I have some mail here now for Davie & your father that I got at the Po office last night & with it there is a postal from Sandy to D. B. Christie posted at Philadelphia on the 15th inst I was tempted to read it & tell you what he wrote but that would be very much out of place & I couldnt do it The Independent is here for James Christie this must be the first number I will send Eddie over with it in the morning or take it over myself I was at Bairds a few minutes day before yesterd he was away after wood Emma & the Children were all well they looked very nice indeed Donnie & Sandy were very glad to see me they didnt look as if they could be sick very soon you wanted to know what Daine & J went down to Mankato together for he was owing some to the Bank and I went down to indorse the Note They wouldnt promise to give but 4 months time but thought they would extend the time if they could

There was a frightful accident happened
at Lake Crystal last week one of
those Painful accidents Which resulted
in the killing of a German by the
name of Meske The Railroad Company
have a Steam Wood Sawing Machine
at work near the Town Which is a
new thing There and attracted a consi-
derable attention many going over
to see it work on Monday 5 oclock PM
Meske went there and Sat down
on the wood near by and was told
by the two men working the saw to
moove as he was in the way he was
there Probably not to exceed three minutes
and as the men turned around to
throw away a severd Stick he Started
to moove away And when they turned
their heads again he had fallen or
thrown himself onto the saw Striking
on his breast which mutilated him
in a horible manner one of the men
caught the frame and pulled it back
throwing him from the saw but he
was dead he never Spoke after the saw
Struck him he had been drinking
he was from Wisconsin and a Stranger

My darling I thought Several Months
ago that I loved you then as much
as I Ever Could but I am glad to
know that my love and affection
for you is growing Stronger and
Stronger Every Moment of my life I am
Carried this Moment by imagination
back to the many happy hours & days that I Spent
with you last Summer & this last
time you were at home I can see
you now by Imagnations Eye as you
were when you were here The Morning
you left to go down to Iowa City and
it Seems to me Sometimes that you
are only over to Davids Oh how I Wish
you were I would go over there with
a bound how dear if you are too
tired any time to write to me you
can defer writing untill you feel
rested I Shall be Ever so glad to
hear from you just as often as you
can find time to write. But I hope
I am not Selfish Enough to want

you to over tax yourself to please
me you are too precious to me
for that your letters to me are
more than good - Diphtheria still
lurks around Mankato a German
family living just out of Town buried
one Child a week ago yesterday and
two on sunday last I will tell
you how Lawyer Buck treated the fearful
disease in his family he has four
four Children one was taken with
the dred disease and Mr Buck
says he had used - Dr. Durkees
Cough Balsam in his family for
some time very successfully and
knowing the properties it possessed
for loosing Phlegm from the lungs
and throat - thought it might work
in the same way with this disease
and at once commenced using it
and after continueing it for one
night - found it was clearing the
throat - and kept on until the
little fellows throat was entirely
freed and he was as well as usual
excepting a slight weakness From
this experience Mr Buck became
satisfied that it would cure the
disease and if it will Cure Why
will it not prevent was the
reasoning of Mr Buck and he
continued its use on the rest of
the Children and none of them
had the disease The same
medicine has been tried by several
others all report the same
success is not that good I am glad
they have found something to
reach the disease and save the
patient - Buell wrote the next
day after you left - the letter with
him he said he was very glad to
get the money and he said some thing
in it about you it was not anything
out of the way if this letter was not
so large I would send it to you and
let you see it - I will keep it
and let you see it when you
Come home it was about our Engagement

I have not had a letter from Francis for a long time Stella had one from him about a week ago he was well then and seemed to like it in the timber very well he did not answer my last letter I must write to him soon The weather is fine and clear but it is some colder now than it has been Mercury was six degrees below zero This morning at Eight oclock We have not had any sleighing yet the roads ~~are~~ are splendid for wagons The Clock has just struck ten and I must close I will go down to Mankato tomorrow I expect to get the letter you wrote to me last Wednesday I think a very nice long sweet one I wish I could see you tonight I would kiss you real hard on both cheeks I love you dear so much all the time It seems now only a short time until the first of March Good Bye darling Yours Affectionately

Williams

1. Conrad.
2. Alex.
3. Father B.
4. " L.

English Consulate, Aleppo.
Jan. 22. 1879.

Dear Friends: I am overtired tonight, but must send you a line from here, as the post goes in the morning, & a letter from Aleppo will reach you much sooner than would one from Marash, — besides, I have some interesting items for you. Excuse great brevity for two reasons: I have not time for details, and, secondly, I have a printed letter almost done in Marash giving a full account of the same affair to which the present is devoted.

That affair pertains to Zeitoon, a town (Christian) 36 miles N. W. of Marash. You have heard of the troubles there last summer, & of the Vali's visit to Z. last fall with troops. We all thought the difficulties were ended, when news came that the

outlaws had come down from the mountains on New Year's day & set the prisoners free in Zeitoon. (This prison was a most horrible place, & the men were little to blame.) Then the Marash Govt. sent up 115 Circassians: with these the outlaws had a street fight & defeated them, some 12 men being killed on both sides. Next, troops were ordered to Z. again, & the determination expressed to carry fire & sword into the whole town. But England stopped that game, or we should have had the Bulgarian Massacres on a small scale. Mr. Henderson Eng. Consul here made the Vali hold back the troops till our Mr. Marden could go to Z. & try to effect an arrangement. This word came to us by telegraph a week ago Sat. Evening. M. went up at once to Z. & staid a week: settled affairs in first-rate shape, & returned to find 800 soldiers & two field pieces at Marash on the way to Zeitoon, with the declared purpose by the Marash Govr & officers to give Z. a lesson a la Eski Zaghra &c. The thing was too horrible to be allowed. M. & I rushed to the telegraph office on Sunday morning & gave message for Henderson & the Vali here. All day long the rascally officials kept us waiting, giving one excuse after another for not sending, until at 3.30 they declared the wire was broken & no message could be sent that day. All this time the preparations were going forward for pushing the troops & Circassians on to Z. At 3.30 we left the office: "Well," said I, "Marden, we will see if Anglo-American pluck is'nt more than a match for them yet! you stay here to go with the troops to Z. if necessary, & publish & the Civilized world what they do then, & I will see to it that Henderson get your report — as soon as horseflesh can carry it & him." M. wrote letter to H. & the Vali & enclosed the papers he had recd. from the Z. people, in wh. they disavowed all complicity with the violent deeds done there! & proclaimed their

readiness to submit to the Vale's authority.
I fed my two horses & myself, & C hastily
got things ready. At dark I was in the sad-
dle, & with me Revork, the student who had
acted as interpreter for Mr. Marden in Z.
Got across the plain: night pitch dark, & a
little rain falling. Young horse flinched at
a ravine he should have crossed, & followed up
it till I saw we were off the road. Then fol-
lowed two hours of fruitless searching, over
rocks & ac &c, — & at last, to avoid breaking
our necks we went fain at midnight to tie
up the horses & lie down under a bush in the
rain. Rubbers protected us a little & we got a
bit of much-needed sleep. At dawn we could
not tell wh. way to go for the road, — went wrong
way, found it out an hour after, — & so, to
make a long story short — did not reach Ain.
tak till evening. Put up horses & got others fr.
the Missionaries, men & women. Set out at
8 for Killis 36 miles south. Great fog came
up, the darkness could almost be cut with a
knife, rain & wind, road a mere track over
great plains full of rocks — we turned back
& slept well that night. Yesterday morning
early got off again & rode all day over the

very worst road I have seen since I first put foot in Stirrup. Rained heavily, soaked us. I walked much of the way to spare the little Jalfrey Miss Hollister had generously offered & wh. I was so careless as to take on such a trip. At dark in Killis: sent out for new animals, ate a bite, got 20 mins. sleep & mounted. Jogged all night over the great plain of Aleppo on mules - terribly slow business. Baited them at 3 & got another 20 mins sleep. A man walked before us all night carrying lantern. At noon today rode into Aleppo, 36 miles fr. Killis. 72 miles without drawing rein save to bait on change horses. Henderson delighted to see me & get the word I brought. We both together called on the Vali: result - the Marash Govr, the Zeitoon Govr & the tel. operator dismissed, & ordered to Aleppo to give acct of conduct: troops not to go to Z., but instead of them a good govr selected by Mr. Henderson, Outlaws & prisoners to be forgiven & a policy of reconciliation to be entered upon. Laus Deo Soli!

Oh! how my bones ache! off to bed, with good Queen Vic looking down from the wall above my pillow, God bless her!

T. D. L.

Dear Ida
Received April 3rd
Jan 27/19
James Christie

Dear Ida — Yours part
& Arnold
to hand
Rack to record
letters but
Crest from hear
Chapman
Yours
Chapman
Yours
Yours
Yours

but I feel myself here in Clapman
quite put apt to house and
home and am very sure also
that ~~in~~ I would be worse off
so that there is no prospect
of my paying you a visit
for my dear there. I inclose
in this a little collar for
Sarah knitted by Laura D
Bridgman the celebrated blind and
deaf mute. I made her
acquaintance when in Boston
and Aleph cousin left money to be
paid her for knit collars one of
them intended for Sarah, she
wrote me a little letter with
them but I cannot divide
it or I would be glad to
send a word or two for
Sarah Poor Laura! she
is quite a lady-like woman
& for rhyme I'll my dear Uncle
I have more worth sending you
kind love to aunt Darcus and
David and Sarah, and believe me
always your affectionate niece Helen

Over hundred cords in the ground
of wood for it to have chopped.
There is not any more and I
guess you will find this pretty dry
Oh yes Will Lenard was here last
week for it the same old boy enjoy
more wilde he wants to work here sometime
Summer ; Write soon give my love to all
Your Loving Sist Grace Thunder Fish 2nd
Sister 1879
Dearest Brother Chick [Buell Steven]
I received your welcome letter
a few days ago. It seems as
though you were almost the
only one left to me and
I wish you would come home
perhaps it would seem more
like the old place if you were
here. I do'nt know as I ought
to talk so for I am sure
I could not ask for a more
pleasant amiable person than
Father Wife is, still I am
lost in the home I have lived
in so long and by my habits

have grown with me so that it is all most impossiable for me to do different, but she is very very plesant and in time I think we shall grow accustourd to her so that we would miss her very much indeed if she were to be taken away. They were married last Thursday Jan 27th and came home the next day I acted like an insane person I guess for I cryed all day and when she came I sat down for a good long cry. She was here nearly an hour before I spoke to her at all. Then I went to her room and we both indulged in a tearfull greeting.
As for Edd he sat on the back stairs and enjoyed a very wet evening and did not speak to her until the next morning. Father had been scolding and Cad was mad while the boarders stared in dignified silence Dont you think it must have been funny?
Now Chicky I wish you to tell me truly just what you think of Mr Kincaid you surely aught to know something of him? Tell me whether you like him or not? Any thing in fact that you think I would like to know. He has asked me to marry him and I am inclined to say no. Now what would you say? It just keeps me in hot water all of the time with these fellows but I

suppose it is my own fault
Well I am going to stop flirt-
ing more and never do so
any more. Cash was real mad
at what you wrote. She said
you must have taken her
for a perfect fool to think she
was trying to get you for
that is the way she took it.
Now you will have to make it
up with her. Well who is your
"Chum"? give him my complim-
ents and tell him I will love
him for Dicks sake and flirt
with him to if he were here.
Our sleighing here is the mer-
-est scrubbing Maine ever knew
not a sign of snow and warm
and day its just splendid. The
wood is all sold and nearly
loaded chopped. No green wood sold.

Andover, Mass. Feb. 16. 1879.

Dear Alexander, —

A few days ago, I sent you a postal enclosed in an envelope together with Tom's letter. Hope you have received them. Thanks to your elaborate description of a "pouderie" which followed the Sexton-bell-ringing-like handshake of Mr. Metcalf, your worthy successor, I remembered, or rather recognized, the name when I read it in Tom's letter. It must have been "arfel".

If my memory does not deceive me, I told you that I was going to move. And so I have moved, and did move last night. Am rooming with Prof. Mead, have a large room, about as spacious as No. 33 Gray, up two flights of stairs, 2 windows to the east, 2 to the north; no carpet, but painted floor in good

condition; in short, I am comfortably situated, and am not allowed to pay a copper for rent, neither from now till the end of the school year in June, nor for the next school year 1879-80 if I want to stay. I told you that I had decided to spend another year in A. in order to work up matters. and earn a little money with which to go to Cal., if possible. Mr. & Mrs. Mead persuaded me to leave my former residence because it is accounted, among all the people, a very unhealthful place in the spring when the snow melts and the celler is sometimes filled with water. Well, I am way up, high and dry; and yet in clover, Alex. I hesitated a long time about accepting Prof. Mead's offer; but I did accept on the condition that I should teach Mrs. Mead German; she is a very nice lady, a bright scholar, and has been in my classes for two terms, so that I know her pretty well. Prof. Mead, as you perhaps remember, is the German scholar of Andover. Thus I am in good company; the house is quiet, there are no children in the family; this gives me a better chance for studying. Alex., I am going to have a grand time next year! I shall graduate from P. in June, and not be connected with it next year. It is altogether likely that I shall go home this summer, without care and sorrow, spend about 6 weeks in Germany and return ready for work; ready to fight with equations and "the likes of them" 3 hours every day for 6 days in the week. I am bound to show Mr.

Merrill that I am not a dunce altogether; but hitherto I have really not had a fair chance; at least I have denied it, to myself for the sake of earning money enough to go home. If that had not been I should have been able to do better. But what do you think, Alex; I have hardly ever had a chance to work out more than three examples for every lesson; now, if one does not work on examples he has no practice and without practice all theories and principles are of comparatively little value when it comes to an examination. However, I'll fix them, without boasting I can say so much. I want a little time to sp[illegible]t in my hands. Mr. McCurdy has hardly got well again, not to speak of strong; it was quite a sickness, and I suspect

that house had something to do with it. Mrs. M C C. was very sick 2 years ago in the same place; and Mrs. Richardson's died of typhoid fever which some people also lay to the house, or the cellar rather. I am quite glad that I got away from there, although my present rooms are not so convenient in some respects. Now as to my visiting you in the spring Alex; I must say that it is best to put it off till next Christmas and New Year's vacation when I shall be able to stay a few days longer than I should now. I cannot tell till probably the middle of March how the thing is to turn out whether I shall obtain my citizen's papers or not. Our vacation begins on March 21. and I may have to go to Chicago. To be sure, I should like to see Washing-

ton before going home, but it can hardly be done. I know you will understand me; I should like to see you as soon as possible, yet this may not happen so soon, as we calculated. Be not disappointed, then, Alex. — Last night, I received a letter from Mr. Abbott, the Clerk of the Courts (by the way, this is his title, or, office, it is "Courts" plural; I saw it in print on his letter paper). He complied with my request which was to send me back those two German papers so that I might confer with the German Consul. Moreover, he said, or, he writes as follows: "The general rule to which I have never known any exception, is, that the testimony as to y. avoid. etc. shall be oral — come from witnesses actually present in Court & person-

ally testifying therein — But your case seems so peculiar and meritorious, that I thought that possibly on such representation as I might make to the Justice who is to hold the court in Lawrence next month, I might ~~present~~ prevail upon him to accept of the affidavits you propose, in connection with your witnesses from Andover and so secure your admission to full citizenship" — That sounds encouraging, Alex., but I am a confirmed sceptic in these matters, and shall not try to count the chickens before they are hatched. I wrote to Mr. Abbott to-day, and enclosed a five dollar bill, which I hope ~~you~~ he will not refuse with indignation. I shall have to wait here till about March 6 or 7.

After I get through with this letter, I shall write to the Consul and send along my German papers for him to examine. — I have of late thought much about bringing my brother over here when I come back from G. or, else have him come anyway. It will be difficult to persuade father that it is good for him; and another trouble is the wherewithal-question; this however I think to be able to settle. Alex. we must do good unto others as we go along; we cannot afford to wait till such or such a time when we shall be worth so or so much. — Both of us have had abundant evidence of God's guidance and we ought to be ashamed of ourselves, were we not ready to praise him with all our being. Thus let us do.

Write soon, Alex., you know it does me good.

Yours as ever

Conrad.

Presidio Feby 17th 1879

Rev. Thomas. D. Christie

My Dearest of Lords.

Saturday last

received yours of the "Great Storm" and Conclude one letter of yours antecedent to that is lost. the previous one received, Contained account of the Coming down for Mr Saunders, Estate sale on 3 Dec 1878. at Deandrooon. and I longed very much to hear where you got home again, & how is the Indians? Amidst the Hungry Excursions in the Environs of Hell please.

But all is Well now.

What may be the Latitude of Monarch above the Great Sea? "Your Storm surprises me as much as it did the Natives. Latitude 38 north. the High and Strong Gusts of the plains seem to have it should Exclusive possession against Boreal storms of snow. you must here thought that Early morning of the Absolute inexplicability of anything. and the General Unknowingity that surrounds all Events. the uncertainties of life, — the Constant Unexpectedness of all Untowardness.

How different to us also has been your Winter's Experience. I here been looking all Winter for at least a taste of our usual Blizzards in Conformity with Minnesota Ways. but no. not a touch of them. no snow to speak of, no high nor Westerly a most Comfortable and genial season, as no time the Mercury going below 20 below. and generally 20 above often noon. how true that "we know not what a day or an hour may bring forth" Yet I do have a little News to tele you Sarah is married, To William L. Stevens of Presidio. I think you have seen the man, if I remember you and Sarah visited there when you were last here. He is a Well to do Farmer. A Dutch Baptist. A Nice Fat you say. Yes. but he has a nice Home and a Great Barn and Quite a Good and Stored Farmer and Generally Respectable man. Sarah's Senior I should say by 15 years. they were married on the 30th January. This move surely will put an end to all of her Erratic schemes of life. I am hoping she may now take root. and become fixed. Vegetating in Natural Domesticity. Having set aside all those foolish and Unnatural attempts to go alone through this "World" as so many Women now a day assert they Can do.

I speak more of those who are really de-solate, and not of those who although unmarried are not de-solate. But they are few. The ordinary flirtatious woman has really lost part of the distinguishing characteristics of womanly in the same proportion as they have borrowed the folleries of their lovers. I augur good for both of them so far as there are many striking contrasts in their characters, as dissimilars coalesce in the closest union. This is the natural method of two becoming one. While the supernatural is by the Endowment of all with the same Element of Life. Thus making of many the one divine Humanity.

I have had letters from Alice in Washington. Settled down to his new work. And beginning to know the routine of it. Although I think that it is quite arduous for him, requiring all his knowledge of mathematics. I trust this change may be good for him. It is certainly a more certain way of earning his bread than tutoring. Knowing that he will get rid quickly in his expenditures. and he will not need to run in debt. But my interest is altogether in purely personal for of his business I have no knowledge whatever. So purely intellectual apparently so divorced from all human affection, that there is but a mathematician can have any interest in it. This seems to me a great defect in their studies and employments. There seems to me to be no help for the soul in them. No connections with anything but time and space and masses of matter. Yet there must be a connection and a deep one apparently so for in that there is little hope of penetrating towards it. There is also a strong undercurrent of mathematics in Scripture indicating a close connection of Spiritual things with number and measure.

I have sent 1$ on postage to the N. Herald lately, they sent me a Circular letter about your Herald. it seems they wish to put some limits to the issue of such and although the last one I may pay first dollar I have owned this season. I could not think of losing the Herald. nor of taking it free any longer. I had intended that dollar for your Library. Sandy sent it to me. I look upon it now as paid for and feel much better of it. read a Quotation in it from your 100 gold letter which suited them as Evidence - just a word or two happily and truly said. any recognition of you pleases me.

It is difficult for me to see how ... could stand under the impact of 500 people on New years day, each an' every mitting shower of folks is enough to beat the life out of one. But perhaps you thrive under it, and Bourbon Brighty in consequence of it. as does the sun under the everlasting rain of Meteorites Probably an old Custom of the primitive time Anterior to our era. and taken up into Christian tradition. and turned to the redemptive uses of the time from the usual Heathen use. Which then gave licence to the Lower affections. But now not drunk with wine. rather filled with the Spirit they sing to you in psalms and Hymns and Spiritual songs making melody ~~to~~ in their heart to the Lord. It is very evident from reading of the ancient Heathen Customs at these Carnival festivals to perceive that the Church has absorbed them and transfigured them. so redeeming all things, to serve in the Spiritual Elevations of our race.

This Mission of yours is the instrument of Redemption to that people in a great variety of ways. Opening the eyes of the reason as well as the gates of the heart you pour into them the fruits of the Light of the West. The papyrographing of this text before their Eyes must have been very gratifying to these people and as they are naturally Circumspect their minds must be impressed deeply with the careful. Cautious. Examinative prudence which is the Burden of it.

Now I said you shall a photographic Apparatus and take pictures of the Country and its people! there is nothing like seeing. Painting with words is a poor substitute for showing persons. Especially. even when well done it takes a very vivid Imagination in the reader as well as the Writer. I wish to see your personal and Scenic Environments.

I have received the Greek Lexicon from Alice and like the Testament form. besides several helps for beginners. and the Analects in Greek. But I am not able to go through all the intricacies of the Grammar. I never received a lesson in the English and must if I do at all learn Greek, in the same way I did it. But I will be able to read the Testament soon. only must take care not to do much at a time. Several nights now on laying down to sleep my brain seems photographed with Greek words and I cannot get out. I here give it up. and do just a little. You must remember that with me ὁ βίος ἐστι σφαν ἄγει. and am unable to do much or long. But also it is highly probable I will not need Greek in the Land I must soon emigrate to. and I need not to worry myself with it my days of usefulness are over. and this Greek study must be used only as an Amusement

Thursday 26th had a very poorly remembered Dream connected
With you last night. and as I interpret seeming to denote Contention
of some kind. possibly polemical Sure enough as I write it occurs to me
that likley it may be with myself. I deprecate all of that. My late letter
to you must lead to nothing of that kind. You have not time to go to War. And
I am not able. instead let us Honour What Light We can upon one another.
Viewing all things as fit subjects of Enquiry each holding up his own
Candle to let the other see. You know all Light is at root Sun derived
as all Intellectual light is derived from the Sun behind the Sun
and I feel very conscious that my Candle is a farthing one But
having nought else I must use it when the Unseen Sun does not
shine upon me. I certainly Expect you will say something to me
on the Contents of my last two letters the first of which you had begun
to answer When I sent away to Cameroon. I regret that my
Book was not better finished. that I did not give its points enough
prominence to bring them out of the confused thinking they were set in.
But you are so engrossed in the Work you are at that it is probable you
do not take much notice of What I send to you further than to get opportune
from the commonly accepted Views and having no time to peruse you soon
forget What may be peculiar in my statements. Now to Quit these topics
for a little. I must tell you that in the End of January I saw the Moon
Occultate the Pleiades. the first time in my life. We have generally a Clear Sky
and the Phenomena of the Planetary Spaces are almost always Sterile to us.
Lightly of Late also I see the Zodiacal Light pointing the Cone towards the
Pleiades. "Maedler" the Modern German Astronomer says that this point in
the Heavens seems to be the Centre around which the Whole Stellar Heavens
revolve. our Solar System also. Our Zodiacal Light then seems to Stream
along in the path along which our System has travelled in Coming out
from this Constellation of Taurus. the Subtension of this Light then suggests
to me an Analogy with our own Human Nature. Now this in our Wholecourse
We also subtend a Line Backwards shewing the place of our Origin
We may call it the parental or Ancestral Line. there is no mistaking it
for Whenever you get Light of the Specific Light which each man Wheels
from him. You can immediately say What was the power that
predominated in the Origin of his Being. and the proportioned ratio
& all of his Natural Affections

The Missionary Rooms are in the Congregational House, corner of Beacon and Somerset Streets.

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

CHARLES HUTCHINS,
General Business Agent.

Congregational House, No. 1 Somerset Street,

Boston, Feb. 20, 1879.

[James]
Rev. Christian,

Dear Sir:

If there are both few books would it not be best to send by mail? I enclose stamps for rates. We send some by mail. If many, they can be sent here by Express and sent by boy.

Cordially Yrs,
Charles Hutchins.

Unless you have the books on hand, I can purchase them here cheaper than you can, and you can pay, or I can charge to him.

Charles Hutchins,

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE,

No. 1 Somerset St.

Boston, Mass.

RATES OF FREIGHT AND INSURANCE

ON GOODS SENT TO MISSIONARIES,

Per cubic foot, in United States currency.

MISSION.	PORTS OF ENTRY.	STEAMERS per cubic ft.	SAILING VESSEL per cubic ft.	INSURANCE per cent.
Zulu	Natal	$0 70	$0 40	2½
Western Turkey	Constantinople	50		2
" "	Smyrna	50		2
Central Turkey	Alexandretta	70		2
Mahratta	Bombay	75	50	2
Madura	Madras	75	50	2½
Ceylon	Colombo	75	50	2½
Foochow	Hong Kong		55	3
North China	Shanghai	1 25	55	3½
Japan	Kobé	1 25	45	3¼ to 4
"	Yokohama	1 25	45	3¼
Micronesia	Honolulu		40	3½
Sandwich Islands	"		40	3½
Spain	Santander	75		2½
Dakota	Dakota	per 100 lbs.	5 00	—

These rates are to the port of entry only. Charges paid through to the interior stations in Eastern Turkey will be double the amount (except in case of Mardin, which is the same as European and Central Turkey). Charges to European and Central Turkey, one third more than the above. Boston to China, Japan, and Honolulu, by rail to San Francisco, $5.50 per 100 lbs. to San Francisco. These rates are subject to change.

Packages for Missionaries.— Persons sending packages for shipment to Missionaries should state in general terms both the *contents* and *value;* as, "Books, $7.00," "Clothing, $15.00," etc.

There are no specified days for sending out goods; but, in general, it is well to send packages to the Rooms as soon as prepared, that they may be ready for the first shipment. Send Boxes and packages to

CHARLES HUTCHINS,

No. 1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

FOREIGN POSTAGE TABLE.

Showing the Rates of Postage chargeable in the United States on Letters, Newspapers, Books, etc., sent in the Mails to Foreign Countries.

NOTE. — The maximum weight for patterns of merchandise is two hundred and fifty grams, or eight and three fourths ounces, and the maximum weight of other articles, except letters, is one thousand grams, or two pounds three ounces.

DESTINATION	LETTERS.		REGISTERED MATTER.		NEWSPAPERS.		BOOKS AND OTHER PRINTED MATTER.		SAMPLES OF MERCHANDISE.	
	Postage for 15 grams, or ½ ounce.	Postal Cards, each.	Registration fee on other articles.	Registration fee on letters.	Postage on each paper.	Limit of weight for a single paper.	Postage charge for each weight or fraction thereof.	Weight fixed for a single rate of postage.	Postage charge for each weight or fraction thereof.	Weight fixed for a single rate of postage.
	Cents.	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*oz.*	*Cents.*	*oz.*	*Cents.*	*oz.*
Austria	5	2	10	10	4	2	2	2	2	2
Canada	3	1	10	10	2	1	2	1	8	10
Ceylon	10	4	10	10	4	4	2	4	2	4
Foochow, China	10	4	10	10	4	4	2	4	2	4
Great Britain	5	2	10	10	4	2	2	2	2	2
India	10	4	10	10	4	4	2	4	2	4
Japan	5	2	10	10	4	2	2	2	2	2
Mexico	10	–	–	–	2	*	1		–	–
Natal	15	–	10	–	4	4	2	4	2	4
North China	5	–	10	–	†	2	2	2	–	–
Sandwich Isl's & Micronesia	6	–	–	–	2	1	4	4	–	–
Spain	5	2	10	10	4	2	2	2	2	2
Turkey	5	2	10	10	4	2	2	2	2	2

* Newspapers, to Mexico, 1 cent for each 2 ounces, or fraction thereof, and 1 cent additional for each paper. Other printed matter (except circulars), 1 cent per ounce, and, in addition, 1 cent for each 2 ounces. Circulars 2 cents per ounce. "Via Land Routes," newspapers and printed matter at United States rates, except that Newspapers cannot be sent to subscribers at bulk rates.

† Not limited.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS WITH TURKEY.

Letters may hereafter be mailed direct from any post-office in the United States to any station in Turkey instead of being sent, as formerly, to the Missionary House, Boston, or to the Bible House, Constantinople. Postage must be prepaid at the rate of ***five cents*** per half ounce. Letters for Manisa should be marked (in the upper left-hand corner) International Post, via Smyrna; all others, International Post, via Constantinople. The address should specify Turkey in Europe or Turkey in Asia, as the case may be, but no mention should be made of Western, Central, or Eastern Turkey Mission.

Postage Rates.

Letters for Missionaries of the Board may be sent to the Treasurer at the Congregational House, Boston, where mails are made up every Tuesday afternoon for all missions, except those in China and Japan. Letters should be in Boston Tuesday forenoon. Letters for China and Japan go by steamer mail from San Francisco on the first of each month. Postage CAN BE PREPAID by sending currency to the Treasurer, with the letter, and at the following rates per half ounce: —

Turkey (see notice above)	5 cts.	Foochow	10 cts.
South Africa	15 "	Japan	5 "
India	10 "	Sandwich Islands and Micronesia	6 "
Ceylon	10 "	Spain	5 "
North China	5 "		

As letters are sent in *packages* from the Congregational House, the postage on those of less or greater weight is in the same proportion.

Saratoga Wisconsin
Feb. 25th 1863 Maine

Dear Brother [Alexander]

We received your letter containing the all right and was very glad indeed to get it, even if it had not contained anything of the kind. and believe me I would have written before this only your address was not clear to me. We are all in tolerable good health. that is Mary and I. the baby girl two weeks and two days old. but the rest of the Children are troubled with a cough and we are not sure whether it is the Whooping cough, or not, this has been a very unhealthy season in this part of the country on account of coughs and throat diseases. Last fall when I was having off my Wheat to Whalen, on account of better prices than was paid in St Charles I stumbled. across James Fall. one of the "old Battery Boys" and he and I had a short conversation. another time I must him and we talked over old times, and

times since we came out of the army he has been lucky in marriage in Missouri and married a very estimable woman. as well as a large "dot" and having invested in mill property has is doing well, well he found out just how it was with me, and as I was leaving him he said to me if you get in a pinch just write to me, so since I wrote to you last I sent a letter to him, and last Saturday he answered it, by sending a letter containing an order for five worth of Feed and flour, and a V for present use in money, and an assurance if furnishing me either Seed wheat or money to purchase it. Now I feel like Singing Hail Columbia or Hallelujah, or doing almost anything, owre daft, to think my old comrade has so much faith in me, do not think Dear Brother, that I do not appreciate you as much as I should, for I know you are far too generous for your own good but I know from the way in which you were placed, that it would be a wrong in me to burden you any more than you are now so in faith I tried I. F. and did not find him wanting, I had been waiting for a letter from Father so that I could write to you but have not had one lately, our mail facilities are not as good as they have been we have only a semi weekly mail. Tuesdays and Saturdays, and it may be I will get letters to day when I mail this. We do not look for many letters from you. Knowing you are always overhead and ears in labor if time so that you may help some one, but do not let all your energies be given to much to any one thing or study, have you seen anything or heard anything further about that new method of Tinglay, in Mathematics if you have I do suppose you have tried it and can pass a judgment on it, how did come out in Harvard or the branch you and Peirce were at last winter, hoping you will succeed to the highest round of your ambition, and do all you anticipate in the way of clearing yourself of other peoples burdens. I am ever your Loving Brother W. G. Eliot Jr.

Mary sends her love to you

What is Tom doing out in Texas
hole called Abercrash, is he well, and family
doing well, I cannot think he is in the right
place. it looks as if ~~and that~~ he has thrown himself away.
but men differ, and our Ideas or ideas & fate
are not always Even on this plane of life,
and we all build better, or worse than we know
finite in capacities, infinite in our desires
and all that is in which to be; Grievous scope
for good in coming time. that far transcends
our present powers, but I do put like studying
any more at present do good bye at
present write when you can,
Willie

P.S. We think Sue will have Hood
our duty in Regard to multiplying & so forth
and are going to quit the business

Farmington Minn
March 2 / 1879

Miss Christie

I dont know hard-ly whether to write or not, not knowing for certain wher you are. And from your prolonged silence not knowing whether you care to hear me write any more. Yet I should be very glad could I hear from you once more and learn that you are doing well. I have long intended to write to you and have commenced a letter once or twice but being quit busy have neglected them. I have much to do much more than I can begin to do well, for beside my school which is larger and quite advanced this winter I

have to superintend our Sabbath school and teach a class. Beside this I am expected to lead in our church exercises nearly every Sabbath as we are not able to ~~hire~~ support a regular pastor and the one who has been preaching for us hitherto although he lives in town has sought other fields of labor for the most part where he is paid better. I took the responsibility at the earnest request of our pastor and the church assembled for that purpose but as you may imagine all these duties weigh heavily upon me. And I fain would give up my pastoral duties could I get the consent of the church and my own conscience. But there will be no worship at all in our church unless I stick to it. so there seems to be no other way but for me to go ahead.

My school continues to progress quite pleasantly. I have four weeks more of the winter term. I shall be glad when I am through this year, as I am very weary of teaching. I think I will write no more until I am sure this reaches you, and you respond. Tell me how you get along won't you please. and write soon.

Yours as ever.

G. R. Simpson

[Form 100.]

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY.

Daily Car Report, Station No. .....

From 6 P. M. ..... *to 6 P. M.* *Sept Mouth March 3"* *1879*

CARS RECEIVED.				CARS FORWARDED.			CARS REMAINING AT THIS STATION.				
From.	By Train No.	Numbers of Cars.	Mark for Empty Cars.	By Train No.	Numbers of Cars.	Dest'n of Loaded or Mark for Em'tyC'rs	Date Received.	Numbers of Cars.	Kind of Cars.	Dest'n of Loaded or Mark for Em'tyC'rs	Cause of Detention of Cars Delayed over 24 hours.

Dear Father [Mr. Wm. Stevens]

I thought I would write you a few lines, even before I have received an answer from my last letter I was talking with Mr Gale last night. He wants fifty ($50.00) Dollars. He said if you could send him that amount he would not ask for another cent until my time is up. he is in a "Peck of trouble" to use his language. And he said I would have to have some Books on Book keeping. they will cost about $5.00 more. Father Please send it. Oh I will be so glad when I get away from here. I almost wish I had not came but I am here and mean to stay 'till I learn this work

then I will be truly happy. Well father send the money if Possible. I must close. We all send Love to all each and every one Good bye for this time. From your Son

Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul R'y.

DAILY CAR REPORT.

Station No. Bull Stevens

Date, 187 Agent.

WEATHER REPORT.

Ole tele Stella to write & have not heard from her for a month. Do you hear from Francis, I have not hear from him for 6 wks.

[Form 101.]

FOREIGN CARS.

This report must be made daily (Sundays excepted), whether there are any cars to report or not, and forwarded to the Car Service Department without delay. Cars arriving or departing on Sunday must be included in Monday's report. Agents will note the state of the weather, during the time for which the report is made, under the heading "Weather Report."

W. E. BEECHAM,
Car Service Agent.

CARS RECEIVED.					CARS FORWARDED.					CARS REMAINING AT THIS STATION.				
From.	By Train No.	Numbers of Cars.	Mark for Empty Cars.	INITIALS.	By Train No.	Numbers of Cars.	Dest'n of Loaded or Mark for Em'ty Cars.	INITIALS.	Date Received.	Numbers of Cars.	Kind of Cars.	Dest'n of Loaded or Mark for Em'ty C'rs.	INITIALS.

Rapidan. March 5th 1879.

Dear Son. [Alexander]

To day received your little note enclosing Roberts letter. That I will send to Mareth. It does not seem well to me that Jno Russell Rose sent one of these letters to Robert. He looks upon it as a kind of Begging scheme. We pray God to increase all of Your stone Gatherers from so many of your friends. This is the only view We take of the matter.

— But I have received the letter from one Aleppo.

I read in the Boston Courier of Jones ride to Aleppo. and it proves the same I can assure You. It was a very noble act. done just in the Nick of Time. a most merciful deed. I should rather have done that

last week a letter from all Rangers of the

thon discovered a new planet.
You must feel good about it
as I did. But it will not advance
Tom much in the good Graces of the
Pasha of Moresh. Well, a man
must look for trouble if he does
much Good against the will
or Wishes of the rulers of this
World. I am just able to
go about with a severe Cold
in the Head. But that paragraph
lifted me up Quite a Way.
How happy it ought to make you that
you have just such a Worthy fellow
as Tom for a Brother. God bless
him indeed. and Yours he is to be
and to do for many long years.
I felt a little sorry
that you thought it needful to seek
more to do in your line. as I saw
in the Advertisement in the Nation.
God knows you really need to
throw aside out of regular Office
hours all memory even of these
Mathematics

It is at the Best a hard Drying
Study. and it would be better for
you to Employ your powers in some
other way in your hours of leisure.
We have had a very mild
Winter. and now the ground is
thawing out a little. so that sowing
may begin Quite soon. Basil is in
ordinary health. the Children also
Well. and Emma ditto -
Sarah visits us about once a Week
and seems to Enjoy her married life
very Well. If I were able I should
go sometimes to see them. Stevens
indeed offers to send for me and
Carry me down. But that is just
a little too much. and I do not admit
of it. Your Uncle William is
I judge rather unhappy in his
position about Willie's place
Helen is not going to Iowa to be
to her Fathers Comfort. and Willie
does not seem to Care much for
him either. he writes me very Melancholy letters.

I hope something may turn up
soon in his favour. Ever Willie
wrote to me last week for your Address
and if I could Mercifully to him and
you I would have refused it. But
I told him to get some one to
write the Address for him. and not
disgrace you with such Uncertain
looking Scribbles as he puts on the
outside of his letters. It means writing
tells all about him to the Knowing
Eyes. I have been for years trying
to induce him to give up this Wicked
relations. But the poor fellow is Cowed.
he is Subjected and has not persistence
enough to get himself out of it.
That Wife of his is a most dangerous
Concern. and has made many a wreck
in Married and Lady. and Married also.
Did you have any letter from Dora
telling of his getting back from Cameroon?
I think his letters do not come to me
so safely as heretofore. Have I told you
tell me what is the nature of your work.
What and how. all about it. if you can
send me a Shilling Worth of Postage
Do.

J. Christie

Form 187.

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway.

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L and D Division

Plymouth Station.

Mch 4 1879

Dear Father, [Rec'd Wm. L. Stevens]

I received your letter to day. I do not know what we are going to do if you can not raise any money for us. for we are in a bad fix and do not see any way to get out, in fact there is none if you can't help us. I am entirely out, as I wrote you before, and have to borrow money for all Postage Stamps that I am using. Mr Cole does not want to carry me till I get through, in fact he can't, for he is about used up. he is owing the R. R. Co money and has to pay it immediately. Now what are

we going to do, he said he
does not like to fail, now, after
being here so long, and he-
was anxiously waiting for some
money, as well as I, for where ever
you may be you have to pay out
money. I wish you could know
just how we are fixed it seems
hard to be here dependent on
some one else for board and what
money I want. If he was able
it would be different, I wish I
had not come here to be sure I
will learn more than if I
had gone to work. but I hate to
stay in a place where I know
they would rather I would not
stay. bring as it is, Father can't
you borrow some money for me
I will surely pay it. but will
not agree to under a year. I will
pay interest for the time I have it.
I should think Mr H Dyer could

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let some money. I am sure there
is some one that can. I do not
want to leave here bfore I have
completed my instructions. but
Mr Cole said he thought I could
pay my Board Bill, he said
he expected it along at intervals
but did not care for it every week.
when you spoke to him about
it he thought that you would
send some every little while. and
of course he keeps speaking to me a-
bout it, now I hate to stay and have
a man dunning me all the time, but
of course he needs it or he would not.
Now Father Please borrow some for
me and I will pay all in ten if nothing
happens. I hate to ask you to for. I

know if you had any money handy you would lend it, but I guess you can borrow some for me, Pleas try to. You said you did not like what I wrote you, you asked me to tell you just what I thought about it, I meant no harm as I told you in my letter, but truly I did not think you would get married so soon for Miss Christie went down to her school the first of January. and in a short time you were married, and then last Fall you spoke about her going to Boston in the Spring. so Father you cannot blame me for saying as I did. Neither did I mean that home would not be happy now. for I have no doubt she will try and make it a home of peace and love, but you know it seems strange to have a Mother now, when we have

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born left alone so long, And
truly I would like to have seen
home as it was when I left it, who
would not? after passing the years
together so long as we have, but
then I suppose it is for the best as
it is, I know you have worked for
us a long time and you have our
thanks for it. I wrote and told
you, that you had my wishes for
a Pleasant home, And I hope, as
long as you live. It may Be so, and
I have not the least doubt if you
come home but you will try to make
it a home of love for us. Well I hope
these lines will not mar your feelings
if By chance they should, Ask your
forgiveness with all my heart. Now

Jeff was back, where is he
going to work this summer or has
he gone from our neighborhood
I should thought he would have
stayed where he could earn something.
How is Estella now, she has not
written for a long time. Tell it is
late and Lester must be waiting
Give My love to all

Write soon, from yours
Lou

Bell & Stevens

Farewell for this time

Please be sure and answer as soon
as received

Please destroy this as soon as you have read
it, for it will not do any one, any good

Andover, Mass. March 12. 1879.

My dear Alexander, —
Enclosed find letter from Mrs. Chr.
which came to me yesterday.
Your postal of the 7th inst. I
received last night, or night before.
My subject this time was "The Power
of Local Associations"; may send you
a copy of the "Mirror" in which
the piece will appear next week.
Now, Alex, as to my visiting
Washington, or rather you, I must
tell you that it is impossible. I'll
tell you why. Last Saturday I
received a reply from Mr. Abbott,
the Clerk of the Courts, informing me
that the "Presiding Judge" had consent-
ed to admit me to full citizenship
by virtue of my affidavits from
Chicago, but the trouble was
that my affidavits date from

April 13. 1874 so that they do not become valid till the same date of this year when 5 y. are full; the Court, however, finishes its session by the last of this month, so that 13 days will be lacking of the five y. Now, I wrote to Holder in N.Y. and asked him to look up a certain boardinghouse keeper whose testimony will cover the 13 days. Should I not succeed in finding out the man, I shall have to wait till April 15. when another Court will sit in Salem where a different Judge may take a different view of the matter. However, Mr. Abbott says that Judge Morton of Andover is to be the "praeses" there and is very likely to rule the same way. Now I tell you Alex. this thing will cost me $30. before I get through, beside all the trouble. Vive la loi! You see now that although our vacation begins next week Friday, I cannot away; for I must stand right over the pot and watch the bubbles. No, Alex, it will not do to leave, much as I long to see you.

If I recollect rightly, you said that you would have the money ready by May 1. Very well, I shall probably not need any of it before I start, keep it therefore till I send you word how to dispose of it. You ask me whether I shall have enough; well, I hardly believe that I shall; it looks very doubtful. I cannot tell what may be the income of next term. I'll tell you how the thing has itself, quam res se habeat,

In order to get through here at A.
and settle up everything, I need till
June 17th, when school closes ... $100.
These I must earn next term, and
I don't expect to earn much more
than that, perhaps 120. Suppose I
do, I shall have 20. to put to the
130. which you have, summa 150.
Out of the 150. I find I shall
have to use 100. for passage in
Steamboat, going and coming back.
This will leave 50. to spend in
England and Germany, a very small
sum which I fear will not suf-
fice. Until lately, I counted
50. for passage, both ways, but
I have been warned not to go by
steerage; and as I come to think
of it, I believe I ought not
to if I can possibly avoid it.
Then comes the question whether
to take 2. or. 1. Cabin. Professor
Mead who intends to spend about
6 months in England coming sum-

(by the way this is still a secret, do not speak of it) told me that he found out yesterday when he was in Boston that by "Nat. Steamsh. Line" he can go 1. Cab. for about the same price as he can 2. Cab. by other lines. There is a chance. With a passage in the Steerage, much inconvenience is connected, and the danger is to become unclean during the trip; moreover, Prof. H., who has made the trip several times, told me that it really pays to pay a little more for the sake of not being confined to that part of the deck which is right under the smoke stack, a dirty place. Well, I shall try to go a little higher than the between-decks. I ought to mention, by

the way, that I do not count on buying clothes in Germany, as I did when I figured ~~out~~ on it with you, for I found that I could not well get along till arriving in Germany, and hence bought here, so that I need but very little for that item in Germany. Now I want to ask you, Alex., whether you could lend me say $50. by July 1st. to send by draft to Germay, i.e. in case that my earnings should be very little during the coming term. You see, I may not need the money at all, and I shall do all I can, shall work like a giant in order to earn all I need. This is certainly asking a great deal of you, Alex. and I do not yet see how you will raise all, the 130. for me, the 30. or 40. which you received for Tom and which are to be sent to the Rooms, and then this in addition. But I trust, Alex, that you will be upright and sincere in this case and let me know openly and frankly if you cannot do it, and I shall get along without it, even if I have to work my way across the main. You must remember that I disappointed so badly last year when I promised to lend you money and did not do it. — By looking at my German Staatszeitung, I find that the price for return ticket to Bremen (and probably also to Hamburg) by the German Lines is $110. 2. Cabin, 10 dollars more than 1. Cab. passage in the "Nat. St. S. Line". I asked Prof.

Read how it could be so cheap.
He says that he does not know but
is certain of being correctly informed.
Now, Alex, let me know what you
think of it, but conscientiously, without
depriving yourself. What salary do
they pay you? You have not told me.
I wished you would write a little more
minutely about your work about
your prospects etc. Your warning con-
cerning Mrs. T. comes too late, I have
again been weak enough to pay her
ahead for more than 15 weeks. Nei-
ther she nor Ted, does deserve it; for
I heard that Ted has been carousing
and has been suspected of the company
of bad women. Whence did you know
that something was rotten? — I do
not think it will come to a crisis during
this year; if it does not, I am safe.

Andover, March 13 '79.

Mr. Chrstie, [Alexander]

My dear Sir, I wrote by your brother, after receiving his letter & expressed a wish that he might succeed in his project. I do not remember what more I said — certainly not that I had sent you any money, for as yet I have not done so. But I may have led him to suppose that I was intending to send some, so that he assumed that, by the time he wrote, it had been sent.

I inclose £1.0 to be used for the purpose indicated in his letter, & hope he will excuse my delay.

You know, I suppose, that Mr.

Brenwith has a room in my house.
He is a man of such charming qualities that it is to Mrs. Mead & myself one of the greatest of pleasures to do him the favor of giving him this accommodation. He is looking forward with eager anticipation to his visit to Germany.

I trust that next year, after he returns, we shall have the pleasure of seeing you here & forming your acquaintance. Mr. Brenwith speaks of you in terms of such ardent attachment that both on his account & your Brother's we feel already almost acquainted with you, & very much interested in your welfare.

Yours very truly,

C. M. Mead.

Lee Centre Mar 3rd 1879

Mr Jas Christie

Dr Sir. I am
sorry that want of time
& unportant engagements
hinder my writing at length
to-day The news I transmit
will be of far more interest
to You than any thing which
I might originate with
me. It seems to me
& I fear Thomas is in
proximity to danger
It appears however
to be in the path of
duty - May God preserve
& bless him in it -
With respect & Love
Yrs Truly
James Brewer

[Jan. 22, 1879]

FINE CHEMICALS. PURE DRUGS.

FREMONT W. BENSON,

Druggist and Bookseller,

MAIN STREET,

PATENT MEDICINES. TOILET ARTICLES.

Lowell, Wis, March 17" 1874"

Mr. Alex. S. Christie,

Dear Friend:

Through my father and sister I have had the pleasure of hearing from you of late, and so I take the liberty of penning you a little of the gossip and news of the village where you spent a considerable of your time before you began to work for Uncle Sam. Your recent letter to Alice came to my view about the time that I had read an article in Harper's Magazine on the Coast Survey, and

war therefore quite intiresting, especially to know that you were doing the mathamatical part of the work. Did you read the Harper article? It was fun to read how Hasdan recived the committee from congress who were to inspect his progress in the work, as also was his interviews with the president about the salary.

Was reading your letter to my father the other evening when Etta & Lina Arnold came in the store, and I mentioned to them that you took up the "Mandolin" the other and sung the old tunes that used to be sung there and the girls inquired all about you. If you go to Cub this summer why can you not stop in Lodi a spell? You inquire where A. D. Mc is. He still makes his headquarters at Beaver Dam, and Ellen organ in that part of the state. He and another gent started out with an instrument for exibition which they called the Melophone, claiming to beat the Telephone Phonograph, Microphon and every thing else all out. They had an exhibit advert. here shot time ago, but on the morning there was no audience, so Mc went up to Pearl's house (one end of the mock) and sang the "Sweet-heart" and by which was extreme

by appropriate to the occasion!

About married life you are work-
ing correct when you say that the ro-
mantic and mourning era that preced-
ed that state soon vanish but the solid
comfort comes after. I is nice to
have someone to give your whole con-
fidence to. I didn't think it was
so awful to be single until the
other night when my wife sat up
at M. Reed's (Reed's grandchild is dead) when
I found that I could not sleep at
all, I would contently wake up and
feel cold, lonesome and deserted,'
Get married by all means!

I promised at the beginning of this letter
to give you some news and gossip, but
I don't know as I am very plentifully sup-
plied after all. I suppose you know that
Jennie Emmison is married to Jim
Rudel. Our folks are going to move
to Russville, and I am going to
keeping house soon, so probably when
you come to visit us you can have

your old room again. Ruth Guild
send you Re Dam'd Argu-occa
sionally which will help you forget
our Lowell gossip. By the mail the effu-
sion in that paper are the work
of your errant.

The school in this place has been
taught the past winter H. L. Terry
(Ceiman Terry's son) and Miss. Mary
Terry (~~D. C.~~ M. Terry's daughter) and
they have given very good sat-
isfaction. = Pahaps send you by
this mail a picture of my
shebang here which may look
unnatural to you, although the pic-
ture is better than the original.

As I cannot think of anything more
(as the boys said) I will close, sending my
affectionate (I don't write that word yet) and my
very best wishes. I enclose almanac.

Yours Sincerely
F. W. Bunce,

FORM 23.

Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway.

DIVISION.

WEEKLY REPORT of Freight Received at Plymouth Station.

for week ending March 20th 1879

NOTE—This report must be forwarded to the AUDITOR'S OFFICE, accompanied by the original Way-Bills, on the first day after the close of the week for which it is made. It must contain the particulars of each Way-Bill received at the station, dated the preceding week, as per the headings of the several columns. The Way Bills from each Station must be entered separately, commencing with Milwaukee, or the station farthest East from which freights have been received, and following the regular order of the Stations Westward. Each Station must be footed by itself, and as the end of the Report a recapitulation must be made, showing the total footings of Way-Bills received from each Station. The footing of this recapitulation gives the AMOUNT PAYABLE at the Station, by adding the amount of Advance Charges to the Amount of Freight, and deducting there from the amount pre-paid. The month will be divided for the purpose of this report, as follows: 1st to 7th, 8th to 14th, 15th to 21st, 22nd to the last day of the month, inclusive.

Date of Way-Bill	No. of W. B.	Weight.	Freight.	Advanced Charges.	Pre-Paid.	Date of W. B.	No. of W. B.	Weight.	Freight.	Advanced Charges.	Pre-Paid.

Dear Father [Mrs Wm. Stevens]

I received your letter in due time also the Money Order and was very glad you sent it. I did not like that you was very mad for ~~me~~ him asking for money all the time. He did not get mad about it. he said things ~~was~~ nothing said about the Board bill. and he expected that I was going to pay for that. for he has to pay every thing that he eats. and what is more he is way behind. I know you was in danger of loosing a position and that was all you expected on for a living I think if any Body wak boarding with you and they did not pay any thing you would very Politely tell them that they could find another boarding place. Dale Did not want to Board Mr. he said he told you he would rather Board some where else, well to say the least he is very much obliged for what you have sent. You said Mr. Heulein wanted me to clerk for him this summer. that depends on what he will pay, the first thing you go to Mankato, see him about the wages for I am not going up there for nothing. but I guess he will do the fair thing, Father please see if he wants two clerks. there is a young fellow here clerking in a store and he would like a place there too if he could get one, he is a good Penman and has been in a store 2 or 3 years. and is liked by all. and he is a gentleman. I would like to have him go with me if we both could get a place. for we are together but, in fact he is the only one of my age that I care much of going with. So Father secure us both a place if possible and you will grant us both a favor, Winfield Stevens & Frank Lathrop has stoped here yesterday on their way for the western part of the state. and likely they will go in to Minnesota. they have gone for land. Every one was all right out their way when they left. and we are all well here. Tell Mr Heulein

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Marash, March 21st. 1899.

My Dear Father; I have but a few minutes in which to answer your long and interesting letter of the first and second weeks of January. I hate to neglect you so even in appearance — it is only in appearance — but you can scarcely realize how this work presses. Last week I got back from a rush up to Albustan in the heart of the Taurus to bring down Mrs Coffing for our An. Meeting, — a ride of 140 miles over mountain passes that would rival those of the Alps, — think of our fifty miles of such work between sun & sun. Of course my Hebrew Class got behind by reason of this absence, & so I had to rush them when I got back. Examination last Friday. (If there's a Hebrew class in any theological Army in the world that has had more thorough drill for 5 months than this one, I'd like to see it.) Turkish is always on hand, cannot be neglected, — & so with many other things. An. Meeting at Aintab, & we start tomorrow, bag & baggage, wives & little ones, for the two days' journey. — hence great haste in this scrawl. Do not fancy me complaining — I never felt better in my life, perfectly happy. But I can't write very long letters: it would not be right: you never used to ~~like~~ wish your boys to loaf at a fence-side talking with the neighbor when the ripe grain was waiting for the cradle. Dear me! it would take a whole day to answer this last of yours properly: you have time, you are out of the whirl, you can spend hours on these speculations where I should commit a sin if

I gave minutes. Alex. has not sent you the Commentaries I asked him to forward you, and I am a bit indignant & have written him again: you will get the books soon. I have a regular salary, about 800 dollars, and I can use it as I wish, just the same as any other preacher of the Gospel. Instead of hiring help as the other families do, Minnie is doing her own cooking, and I am taking care of the horses and attending to the other "chores." Three reasons, ① economy, ② it is really better for our health, physical & moral, ③ it slaps in the face a miserable Oriental prejudice which deems all bodily labor degrading. I have sent to Boston for a good ax, and shall hereafter chop my own wood. Of course we can do this better than the other missionaries, for the reason that none of them enjoy such superb health as we are blessed with. I never knew C. one half as strong & well as she is here: the babies are hearty, E.B. a regular thumper of a boy, and I am just all right in both mind & body. Thanks to the Supreme Powers for all these great blessings!

But this is a digression: I mean to say this, that I can afford to send you a good book occasionally, and I propose to do it, and perhaps a little cash besides, every year. — And when Stier or Olshausen can answer your questions in Exegesis a great deal better than I can, I do not propose spending the time which belongs to these wretched people to whom I am trying to minister, in chasing your will o' the wisp "over bog, through briar" &c. If you will only ask soberly what is the real meaning of a passage before you begin to draw conclusions from it, we can get along, but otherwise it is waste of time to try to argue with you. That passage in Luke does not mean at all what you assume it does, & so all your argument from it falls to the ground. The first thing for us is to be candid, to really search for the truth, & not for confirmation of previously formed theories. I believe too in going forward, but not in erratic wanderings in all directions: there is one good road for us all, let us search for that, and walk in it. C. and I spend an hour every day in thorough study of the Scriptures, with the best help we can get to enable us to understand them, I translating the Hebrew or the Greek just as literally as I can (O.T. in the morning, N.T. in the evening.), and then she or I reading Explanations from the best authorities. I cannot describe to you the delight we have in this work, it is real feeding in the green pastures for us. But how can you interpret the Word of God aright when you come to it with a thousand prepossessions against the truths it plainly teaches! Just to note one of these prepossessions: you seem to know nothing of moral accountability in your scheme of doctrine: you say "men are victims rather than guilty sinners" — or something to that effect: you don't get that out of the Bible, and you cannot reconcile it with plain Bible teachings. Your whole system of Ethics is wrong. No Guilt, then no punishment, no redemption, no heaven, no hell, no "wrath of God" (Rom. 1.), no justification by faith, no vicarious Atonement. You take the very heart out of the Bible to begin with. But everything is against

you, - the written word, the moral intuitions which speak even in the most depraved heart convincing of sin, the teachings of the Spirit, the testimony of Experience &c &c — What sort of a Gospel would yours be with wh. to make this desperately hardened world right about face and rush toward God as fast as it is now rushing away from Him?

The rattle of peas on an iron-clad! No, Father, John Knox and Paul were right, & you are altogether wrong in this matter. I beseech you, get into God's way of looking at all these things: seek for the truth in simplicity of heart, and you will get a light in heart & mind of which I am afraid you have hitherto known nothing.

I love to think of that godly woman, my great-grandmother Paton, and am greatly obliged to you for the picture in their last letter of your life with her. One such Christian life is worth a thousand books of argument: few enough have they been, I am sorry to think, in our family on either side, but these few have been the only really wise ones: the Lord knoweth them that are His. You never say anything about the Missionary Herald. Do you read it! It is the most interesting of all magazines, & has been greatly improved lately. Dont stay in the dim twilight of Platonism, but come forward as Socrates & Plato would have done, to the full day of Christ. Carnie, good girl, sends great love to you all, & hopes the babies are well: we pray daily for you all. Pardon anything wrong in this letter, and believe me, Ever Yours in true affection, Tom.

Jr. + 9th/80

Washington, D.C. March 30. 1879.

My dear Father,

You ask me to write to you, as well as to Dave. I have written so much of late that it would be suicide to write more, and that accounts for my not having written to you oftener. And as to my writing to Dave, I may say that if he has been getting my letters for the past six weeks, if Sarah has not opened and destroyed them on the way, then, inasmuch as he has not answered them, I shall never write him another line while I live — and I shall be careful not to lose my life in his ungrateful and unworthy service. If Sarah has opened and destroyed them, then I shall try to put her in jail for it, where she ought to be, if I have to employ Ben. Butler to prosecute the case in the criminal courts. I have seen enough of villainy and unholy alliances in and out of the family, and I shall stand it no longer wherever I can put it down. Dave, the poor fool, is again under her thumb, and for aught I know to the contrary is engaged in a new set of villainies on his own hook. I can't save a man elected to damnation. Now, Father, in the first place: This letter will be opened by Sarah over her tea-kettle, or it will not. If she opens it, she may have

I agreed to pay Ray and much do so. Save little Dave — but he mis again kind of his friends.

a mind to retain it; so, if you receive it, I wish you to be sure to let me know. If you do not inform me of its reception, I shall put the officers of the law on its track, and there will be Lightning in Good Thunder and thereabouts, whoever gets struck. Some time ago I sent Dave a statement of my affairs. I wish you to get it of him. You will there see that I am under the necessity of borrowing for a few months $140.00. On writing to Uncle Wm for 100$, he wants security for that and the $260 with interest which I already owe him (I think I put it 285$ by mistake when I wrote the statement) and, so far as I can understand him, security for Dave's note. He proposes to pay Uncle D. (has written to Uncle D. to that effect) what I owe him and take a new mortgage. I need not say how averse I am to your signing any more notes or giving mortgages: but justice to Uncle W. demands that I should secure him for my present indebtedness if I can, and much more so if he lends me more. I think that I could raise 100$ elsewhere; but my 260$ with interest is now due to Uncle W. and it would be dishonest to be oblivious to the fact. Uncle D. writes me that he is willing to do anyway that will suit all round, and will let me have 40$ temporarily, as I asked of him: and if I can arrange with you and Uncle W., then include this in the loan of the latter and pay Uncle D. at once. Here is a statement:

Now due to Uncle D. principal and interest	$240.00
Note to Uncle W. Aug. 20/77	160.00
Int on same to April 10/79	27.25
Second Note to Uncle W. Oct. 29/77	100.00
Int on same to April 10/79	14.93
Total due both Uncles April 10/79	$542.18
New loan April 10/79	140.00
	$682.18

And this is the sum which I now ask you, if you deem it right and safe, to give Uncle W. a mortgage for on your land, securing the following notes at 10 per cent interest:

	Date	Amt	Time	due
(1)	April 10/79	$100.00	6 mos	Oct 10/79
(2)	April 10/79	$200.00	1 yr 6 mos	Oct 10/80
(3)	April 10/79	$200.00	2 0	April 10/81
(4)	April 10/79	$182.00	2 6	Oct 10/81.

My payments on these four notes would be as follows:

Oct 10/79	Principal	100.00	Int	5.00	Amt	$105.00
April 10/80	"		"	58.20	"	58.20
Oct 10/80	"	200.00	"	10.00	"	210.00
April 10/81	"	200.00	"	38.20	"	238.20
Oct 10/81	"	182.00	"	9.10	"	191.10
		$682.00		$120.50		$802.50

These payments are far within my savings, even at my present pay of 75$ per month, and without any other revenue. My pay next year will be greater, I judge from salaries of others, 100$ Whatever may be added to my salary will be added to my savings, except say 20$ per yr. for books. Now, Father, I cannot write more — I am tired out with writing. Can you run the risk, the risk of my not living? I am in excellent health, my habits are good, and with this present need of voluminous letter-writing to every quarter, over, I would have the leisure necessary for a continuance of health. I have put the notes at such intervals that I cannot fail to be ready for them, and will meet every cent of it when due without fail. The note first — my brothers' needs second: for I wish to see you freed from these obligations. I will now write Uncle H. Let me know at once if you can do this; and write Uncle H to that effect. I will give him all the facts, so that you need not weary yourself with particulars. I was paid yesterday and appropriate (in spite of other demands) a V to send you for the transaction of the business. I would much prefer that you employ some Justice other than Stevens. If you think you cannot give the security, keep the V for you and Mother, and write me immediately. And do not fret over it, for I am saving money, almost 50$ a month. Yours, Sandy.