

My dear Grandson

5 Chamber 24th Sept. 1850

I received your letter of the 17th inst. I am sorry that you find your confinement disagreeable; but my dear child it is impossible that you should ever become distinguished and worthy of your lamented father and worthy of me, without study, close study, and some sacrifices of ease and comfort. These I hope you will cheerfully make. The longer you remain the more will your studies become light and agreeable. Such was your father's experience.

I was sorry to see so many demerits affixed to your name by the last official report, which was communicated to me. I hope that you will exert yourself constantly to lessen the number of them, until none shall be attached to you.

I shall leave here in a few days for home, and I will write to you, and get others to write to you when I get there. In the mean time, I hope my dear Grandson that you will resolutely meet all your studies and all your duties, and do not bring any reproach on me or discredit on yourself. I will send you some Webster papers.

Your

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