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Prof Patterson

My dear Sir

Your note in regard to my son's habits neglect of studies is just received. I am very sorry to hear so unfavorable news - At Horse Camp School he usually stood at the head of his class - and a while from an Congressman giving his standing, I find he had ranked your graduate Mr Taylor from Ohio 1st in the examination at E Town last Dec. I sent him the card which if he has not destroyed you can see. My son Lewis ^{the} my has been sick and nervous - he has been as is now afflicted with cataract of the head which produces a very bad headache at times almost unendurable. My usual treatment in his case has been inhalations of Pine Tar Smoke. In a practice of 40 years I find nothing to equal it, perhaps he has neglected it. The etiquette of the profession is for one physician to