[1860]

At Office. Saturday.

Dear Henry.

Yours of yesterday was received – I am scarcely able to get to my office having been unwell since I saw you – It knocks my trip to the Lakes on the head. Lizzie goes to Estile on Wednesday – Ma wishes to go to Olympian. Pressure of engagements keeps me up when I should be in bed –

I hope you have a pleasant visit – despite the absence of the fair Demoiselles from here –

If you hear from my friends either at Long Branch or Fox Spring let me hear from you – Give me at any rate bulletins of your health I fear you are in a decline – am very uneasy – Sincerely Yrs Frank Walers.

H. T. Duncan Dr.

[1860]

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Mr Duncan

The young ladies arrived this evening, without the gentleman they had promised me would accompany them, allow me as sort of Kinswoman to insist, on their part and our own that you will come forthwith, and enjoy our wild country home with them, the pure air will restore your delicate health.

Extend my invitation if you please to Mr Waters Mrs Scott and Mr Dent,

Mr Barclay, Mr Morgan, all we would be glad to see, and we have ample house room for all, we will take no excuse, and I shall fear awful fits of blues on the part of the young ladies in case of disappointment so I hope you will consider the consequences.

Very sincerely &c
Mrs Vance

Shawanee Springs.

'59. [1860]

OWLS FROM THE NORTH!

THE CLASS OF '59 will hold their Class Supper on Tuesday Evening, July 17th, the night before Commencement.

The Committee are very desirous that all who can, shall be present, as quite a time is anticipated.

An immediate and decided answer is requested, as many arrangements are to be made, and the Hunters about to scour the prairies of the West, for game, are ready for the start.

The place of meeting will be published in the Journal and Advertiser for three or four days preceding Commencement.

F. H. SWAN,
J. C. GRAY, Jr., } Class Com.
W. W. SWAN,

Could not accept —

[Jan. 1860?]

Dear Brother Henry –

I am heartily ashamed of myself for not having answered your letter long ago. But you know how procrastinate. As Lizzie was writing to you I thought I would send a few lines to let you know that I had not forgotten you entirely, and intend writing you a long letter in a few days. You spoke of my becoming of age. I am not eighteen yet and will not be until the first of February, and I have not forgotten your promise of a ~~random~~ [?] pair of gloves when I arrive at that age.

I am very anxious to see

[illegible] you write me and tell me all about Georgianna

without doing anything to render themselves obnoxious to any person or thing?

I think myself such actions are worse than foolish and only serve to embitter still more the feelings of the antislavery toward the proslavery party which feeling I fear in many cases may already be too strongly reciprocated. At the same time I cannot believe that either party would carry this animosity so far as to desire to create a rebellion; at all events I do most sincerely pray that this great calamity which you seem so much to fear may be spared us. If slaves were not human beings in bondage I should think slavery in most cases at least a good institution but as it is I cannot.

Ans'd Feb. 17. 1860.

Boston Jan. 14th/60

Dear Dane.

Your last favor came duly to hand and I was right glad to receive it, although I am very sorry to hear that you fear so much a dissolution of our beloved United States.

With regard to John Brown, I think in my letter to you I called him a noble man, but though I did not use the term "honest" I certainly implied it, and meant it. But now speaking frankly and coolly to you, as I would to any wholly impartial friend, I will

freely acknowledge that I have never been so twisted in my brain, by various and numerous conflicting reports, concerning any one man, as I have about John Brown; and the more I hear, the more I am puzzled to know what to think of him. I was a little amused however, at your outburst on my views respecting John Brown &c; for I have been one of the last to praise him and am considered quite conservative among my friends here. But spoken as I always am, Dunn, I shall ~~[illegible]~~ run the risk of making your blood tingle, by saying that I think your native State Kentucky, will, after she has recovered from her present state of excitement, regret some hasty measures she has lately taken, in common I believe with the more Southern States. For instance (Now Dunn keep perfectly cool for I am no politician (as you know) and almost despise politics and ask merely as one friend would of another) Why need Kentucky banish from and drive out of their dominions, 36 (or many more as I understand it) families of a quiet peaceable disposition merely because they were known to entertain Antislavery opinions

a blow on the forehead with the Nuel. Fac Oldly and it was thought at first to be a dangerous wound. F was hand-cuffed and obliged to pass the following night in jail but was yesterday admitted to bail on $5000. his father, the Rev & Dr Estes Howe standing bail for him & becoming sureties whatever you may call it. He was arraigned on charge of Assault & Battery with intent to kill. The man is doing pretty well now and I guess F. will get off pretty easy. The students had a mass meeting last night and passed resolutions that were published in this mornings paper and I think they were very good, although I feel that it is time such pranks were done away with and ought to be punished.

Now lets have a little friendly social chat. I recd a nice letter from your Chum the other day in which he informed me as I suppose he has you already that he had determined to enter the ministry; I thought he would come to that & I am truly glad to hear it because he seems to be so well qualified for that profession.

A week ago last night the "Harvard Glee Club" assisted by the "Mendlesohn Quintette Club" gave a concert in Jamaica Plain to a crowded audience and they were of course very warmly received and applauded, although for various reasons, the concert was not as good as those given on former occasions. I

enjoyed it however exceedingly, and I can truly say, my heart was indeed rejoiced at the sight of so many of dear old '59 and many other familiar faces

Will Lamb came out and passed the night with us. After the concert, we adjourned from Eliot Hall, to Mr Stephen Weld's, where we found a bountiful spread, in honor of the "Harvard Glee Club. After the spread was disposed of, we had dancing for a little while and afterwad some songs from the "Glee Club", and among the number Billy Lamb sang his famous song, "My Jolly Friend" supported by the Club in the Chorus. It really sounded like old times.

Last Wednesday night they had a great row out at College which has caused and is now causing considerable excitement in Cambridge and Boston Vicinity

You may have heard of it through some Boston Paper.

Will Forbes under the escort of some Brother Med. Fs. broke into the chapel for the purpose of putting the Yale Bible, which had just been received, on the pulpit in place of the before stolen Harvard Bibles (which were sent to Yale) In the act of accomplishing his purpose F. was seized by a policeman armed and put on guard there. F in his struggle to get away hit the policeman

a loaded stick or cane.

I think now it will come out all straight but I think that the whole system of government of Harvard College was changed. It is now a mere ~~Ta~~ B. ~~A~~ ~~ba~~ system ~~fit~~ for infants.

But as you will probably get all this news from some other source I will say no more about it.

You must have heard too of that terrible calamity at Lawrence; the destruction of the Pemberton Mills with 2 or 3 hundred lives lost.

My Cousin Lizzie was in here a few minutes ago and desired to be remembered to you and my sisters & other members of the family would I know wish likewise to be remembered to you.

O my! but I'm forgetting all about business and your offer which I gave to my principal

Mr Walker and Mr W. replied and wished me to say that we should be happy to furnish you with books at as great a discount as would leave us a respectable margin, but that 25 per ct would be more than we could afford, as that would leave us no profit on most books we receive from the trade. Mr W. says that on school books there is a much greater profit than on other works. I know Mr W. will put what books you want as low as possible to make any respectable profit but if you can do better of course I should not wish you for my sake to change from Munroe. I was half in fun when I mentioned business offers in my last letter to you.

Dune I will relieve your anxious mind by telling you that whenever I become engaged you shall know it.

I must now close and prepare to go home

Hoping to hear from you soon in good health & spirits

I remain as ever

your aff. Classmate

Henry M. Bond

P. S. Since writing the above I hear I had not the Med. Fac. Club nor did he belong to that society but he did have

Boston Jan 19th 60

Dear Kentucky,

I received a letter from you a few days since and was very glad that you understood and were pleased with our meeting at Faneuil hall. Give us a good Union man like Crittenden or Bell to vote for and he will get a fine support even in Massachusetts. You seem to have followed in the common course of the great Class, who are studying law in great numbers. Baty Blake, Balch. Keigler, Barney, Becker, Nel Cooper and Stevenson are in the Law School and Billy, John Gray, Jim Fray Motte, and Fuller are in offices

shoot him on the spot if he did not give himself up, which he was accordingly forced to do. He will probably be expelled, but has the satisfaction of carrying the sympathy of all the college, and graduate with him. John Ricketson is up from New Bedford this week and will come out to the house to-night. He is studying law in the city of oil and will no doubt be a very oily lawyer. I myself have been sustaining the laborious part of general loafer and have succeeded pretty well. I shall however turn my attention to law or business in the Spring. Make your arrangements if possible to come on at Commencement as we intend to have a tip-top time.

I hope you keep up your sparring and that you are not regarded by the Kentucky giants as so much of an infant as formerly. I should be happy to hear from you often if you can steal a few minutes from the law.

Yr aff friend and classmate F. H. Swan.

in Boston. Geo Lawrence has given up the idea of studying medicine and has gone into business in Baltimore; he writes on that he is very blue. Beverly Brown is teaching a private school in Baltimore, and Pel Ames is on a plantation in Georgia.

Jim Rumrill has got home from Europe and is going to study law in the Spring.

He and Cutting came on to Boston about the last of December and we gave them a supper at Parker's. There were fourteen of us present and we had a great time. I wish you could have been present. Frank Abbot is married and his wife has gone to live in Minnesota while Frank studies divinity in Cambridge. Cambridge has been thrown into commotion lately by a row in the Chapel. Mr Forbes Jun, who is as you know a mighty nice fellow, entered the New Chapel to place in the pulpit a Yale College Bible which had been sent down in exchange for that of Harvard. He was seized by a watchman whom he immediately pounded over the head with a billy which he had in his possession. Watchman dropped but recovered instantly and fired a pistol at Forbes but missed him. They then grappled and the watchman snapped his pistol again at Forbes, but it missed fire. He then presented it at him and told him he would a

Aurd. Feb. 5 - 1860

Oak Forest.
January 22nd 1860.

My dear Brother

I have just received your letter of the 8th and am rather surprised at your complaining of my neglecting you - a few weeks after I came here, I received a letter from you, and am certain I answered it (but may be mistaken) and like yourself have been anxious to know why you did not write - but I suppose my answer was lost - I am glad to hear Lily is doing so well at school How soon will "Miss Duncan" go off to school - I thought she might prefer to go to Europe - I presume she has not

to tell you not to dispose of yourself this year - as the ladies turn comes now - and you know what the Quaker said "If the boys did not run after the gals the gals would run after the boys" - so you must look on - Tell Annie to write to me very soon and give me all the "gossip" - as she has taken in public that character - I shall expect a detailed account of every thing -

Matilda sends her love to House - and all - Give my love to the girls and remember me to all inquiring friends - With much love to all and many Kisses - I am your affect - sister

A. D. G.

Mr Gibson desires to be kindly remembered to all. tell Lily I shall write to her in two or three days.

made up her mind yet - I hope she will learn to write letters - before she leaves - so that we may hear from her occasionally - You said Annie spoke of my writing - give her, (& Bettie also) my love and tell her I wrote some time ago and have been looking daily for a reply.
I intend writing to Miss Fay and Lizzie Bridgway very soon.
What a gay winter the young people are having in Livingston
I agree with you about Masks - Parties - but I like Fancy Parties very much - at them there is no opportunity to misbehave -
I have quite envied you the sleighing this winter - We have suffered from cold - without experiencing any of its pleasures - but I am glad to say it is mild again - no fires - and windows and doors open -

We have been expecting Mr Humphreys and family for several weeks - but received a letter from Mrs H - to day saying several of the children were very ill (they are at Mr H's aunt's - 50 miles above N. O. on the river) with putrid sore throat - and Miss Mary Humphreys - and Mr Alexander had it, and were worse the day she wrote - Mr Gibson is going there tomorrow - and Lee is now with them - Hart - is at Gazoo - and will be absent a week - so that Louie and I will be left alone a day or two - but there are two overseers on the place - and servants enough. Lee Hart and myself passed a week in New Orleans - which we enjoyed very much - but I prefer New York - greatly - Hart calls me "Yankee" - because I am so partial to the North - How is "Bijou"? Do you do much courting on her now, or do you prefer "Dusky"? Hart wrote to you before he left - and I told him

Cincinnati Jany 28th 1860.

Dear Major

I received your kind but somewhat brief epistle some days ago since when I have been intending to reply but in a singularly unsuccessful way. I suppose you will not be very much surprised to learn that I didn't get to Mrs Andersons in time to make myself agreeable or otherwise to your new sweet-heart. By the way you are a singularly inconstant genius. Only a short time ago it was Miss Brant, and now she is deserted & your affections transferred to another.

I must say that I was very much surprised to hear that you

are engaged in the study of Law. What has become of that grand agricultural scheme in the far west? I wish I could tell you all the news I have from Cambridge as you complain of not being posted. I have heard something about almost every other man in the class. Jimmy Rumrill has got back. Frank Abbot is married. Pel Ames is a private tutor at a large salary somewhere south. John Gray, Ned Hooper, & I don't know how many more are studying law. Baty Blake among the rest. G. Lawrence has given up med & gone into business. There are lots of other items if I could only think of them. I suppose you have heard of the last row at Cambridge & how a terrific battle was fought at 2 in the morning in the new chapel between a venturesome Junior Forbes armed with a club & a private watchman armed with a revolver. & how the policeman triumphed at the expense of broken head & the rest of it. Cambridge jail, trial &c.

As to myself I have scarcely anything to say. I am still in the book bus. and probably shall stay at it, though I can't be entirely certain on that point yet. You can easily imagine that there are very few incidents of a very stirring character in a mercantile life. One day is very much like another, & a similar family likeness exists between the weeks & months. Please let me hear from you again soon & believe me as ever

Your sincere friend

C. H. Horne

H. T. Duncan Jr.

Cambridge

Sunday, Jan. 28/65.

Dear Brother Henry.

As you may note Inspector, I was entirely surprised with surprise on receiving so very lengthy an epistle from a young man who seems to form flirting, dancing & gamboling with pretty Southern girls, rather than have been with his good-for-nothing confederates. Of course the whole affair was an improper one; but Parker says if his comrades companions were his sons, he would give them a good whipping. Clara and I say that we would help, and would give a good number of smart pinches into the bargain. Do you not think they were cowards not to even attempt his release? - a whole college standing powerless all night before a single watchman with a pistol!

writing to his proper, self-chosen destiny in the north. While the surprise was fully balanced by the pleasure, so here comes a speedy answer. What a grand revolution seems to be taking place in College. What with Mr. Parker's withdrawal, President Felton's election, Kennington's resignation, the departure of a couple of tutors, and the escapes of the students. Cambridge considered from a literary point of view, seems to be in a grand commotion. Intimately it has come from or from necks still to get straight in, and we will hope that a prosperous ship will succeed this collegiate storm. I think I can hear you speak of tutors, and take it for granted that you are overflowing with sympathy for the poor culprit. What a nice time he must have had in the lock-up! and how pensive he must

Cincinnati Jany 19. 1863

Dear Major

It is some time since I received the little book on the slavery question which you sent me and for which I am very much obliged to you — I have been waiting about acknowledging it until I should have time to read and think about it which I have finally accomplished — And now I am going to tell you what I think about the statistical part of it — The scriptural argument I don't feel at all able to answer but I have some few objections to urge against the other view of the subject, and especially against the church accomodation subject which you specially urged upon me — I think we may safely assume at the start that the explanation of the disparity of cost? Ground is now expensive certainly in a city or town than in the country while it takes just about as much in either situation to build upon — A large number of the facts he proves in favor of the South I have no means of verifying and I am not much disposed to trust his arithmetic alone after some few errors already discovered — But suppose them all true — he explains quite a number, as for instance the greater wealth of the South by the very fact of greater concentration of population in the North & the results springing from it — and all the rest may I think be very similarly accounted for — After all if he has proved anything it is certainly not that slavery is better but only that agriculture is better for a people than trade — better for length of life, accumulation of wealth — prevention of pauperism and crime but by no means that slavery is a sure preventive of these evils — I have used up my paper without finishing all that might be said against Dr. S's argument — What remains I shall keep as a reserve force in case the grand army here throws forward should be defeated — I have only room to subscribe myself Yr. Sincere friend C W Holme

black humanity has as much need of having the gospel preached to it as the white — Dr. Stringfellow doesn't in terms deny this proposition and yet unless he does in some way get over it his whole argument must fail — He says that the total free population of New England is 2,728.016 and the population of the five slave states Maryland Virginia. N. Carolina S. Carolina & Georgia 2,730.214 that New England has seats for 1.893.450 and the slave states for 2.896.472. and from these facts proceeds to draw a number of conclusions — In these slave states there are 1.618.110 slaves which added to the white population give a total population of about 4.400.000 — Now look at the subject again and see New England has —

2.728.016 inhabitants 1.893.450 seats — against 4.400.000 " & 2.896.472 seats in the slave states mentioned, or N. E. has about 75.000 seats above 2/3 of her population while Md. Va. &c have between 35.000 and 40.000 less than enough to accomodate 2/3 of their entire population — I think that reverses that argument decidedly — Dr. S. says 'including slaves these five Southern States have a population of 720.410 more than New England' — The fact is the difference in population is very near 1.720.410, and his conclusions drawn from such erroneous statement must of course be incorrect — Again he exclaims, because the N. E. churches are far more costly than those in the slave states, against 'costly palaces' & is severe upon N. E. for lack of 'christian humility' &c — Towards the end of his letter he says 'half the people at the North live in villages towns and cities' and again 'in the slaveholding States there is less than a tenth of the people in cities' Isn't it just possible that therein lies

Oak Front
Jan 19th/60

Dear Henry.

May thanks for your kind letter and the Courier containing the detailed account of the Union meeting in Boston. I do not think much importance ought to be attached to such manifestations of public opinion, so long as the Northern people continue to bestow every office of trust and responsibility upon avowed conspirators and incendiaries. The only true and reliable criterion of public sentiment in the North - at least so far as the Slavery question is concerned - is Congress and it is idle for that section

trees which are generally evergreen, are entirely leafless and our garden is as bare of flowers and vegetables as if we lived in the latitude of New Zealand. Since New Year, however, it has been warm and genial and we begin to hope we have seen the last of the cold spells. I do not think we shall leave here before the 1st April. March is so disagreeable in Kentucky and so pleasant here, that it will be best to defer our departure until April at the earliest.

Mary joins me in best love to your Father and Mother Ellen and Lilly. Father desires to be kindly remembered.

Yours very sincerely
Hart Liberty

of the Country to indulge in such earnest protestations of patriotism and love of the Union so long as they continue to send a united phalanx of Abolitionists to the Federal Legislature.

The Harpers Ferry raid, with all the incidents attending it, has produced a very profound impression upon the Southern people. It is astonishing to see with what calmness many of the wisest and best men in the land look forward to a speedy seperation of the two sections of the country. All parties seem to agree, that a radical change must take place in the North or the Union can not survive many years.

But enough of Politics.

Mary and myself returned day before yesterday from New Orleans. The weather was so bad most of the time that we were unable to see as much of the city as we desired. I hope we shall be more fortunate when we make our next visit. The "season" had not fairly begun and we did not therefore meet many acquaintances from the West. Can't you persuade Mrs McAllister to chaperon some of the Lexington young ladies to New Orleans this Winter? Of course you could not refuse to be of the party. By the way, Mary says you must not forget that the present is Leap-year. Be cautious therefore or you may fall a victim in a moment of weakness or imprudence.

I leave early in the morning for Yazoo on a short visit to my brother Preston. He has space accomodations for only one person at a time and consequently I have to leave Mary behind. She will go up with me late in the Spring by which time his house will be in a condition to receive company.

Our Country looks very bleak - almost as much so as Kentucky. The Orange

elegant & I assure you
I have just returned from
an evening spent at the
house of the Bostwick, the
[illegible] Mr. [illegible]
and Mrs. [illegible] being
there & Mr. [illegible] who has
been here for the last six
hours, and his headache still
continues [illegible]. He sent
his [illegible] accept of your
& his [illegible] inviting me to
the opera & I am constantly
declining. Indeed you must
see Patti when this opera
comes in Cincinnati. [illegible]
I know would be delighted
with her charming voice
& pretty [illegible] acting [illegible].
She is [illegible] in Sonnambula
[illegible], or in Don Giovanni.

JAN. 28 '60

[illegible] would not
[illegible] accompani-
[illegible] on account
of the smile of a little
grisette." Speaking
of [illegible] Consecration
& [illegible] we
had a very amusing ser-
mon from James Freeman
Clarke this morning, in
which he discoursed beautifully
[illegible] personally [illegible]
[illegible] a dream
[illegible] on account
of its [illegible] forming

here & there little eddies
that run up instead
of down. But these
eddies do not show the
course of the stream.
and it is in one of these
eddies that Huntington
& Coolidge have drifted.
He then reminds his
hearers of the story of
the man who called
first upon "Philip Slum"
then upon Philip Sole &c.
P. Slum representing
Huntington the Trinitarian
& P. Sole, the same man
a Unitarian
~~converted~~! as you may imagine
the allusion brought up
a very general smile
throughout the congrega-
tion, as being remarkably
appropriate in a sermon
from the pulpit.
But in the gaiety in the Essex
St house in Cambridge was
limited almost entirely to
Cales until the last week, when it was quite brilliant, but
Boston outdid herself in the
shape of a fancy Party at the
Cunnings'. The costumes were
beautiful and wonderful &c.
but Pauline Agassiz as a
Roman Peasant was acknow-
ledged the most beautiful
& perfect of all. Mrs.
Sparks wore her court dress
and she looked absolutely

Recd - Feb. 17 - 1860

Meadville, Jan. 19, 1860

Dear Chum,

I thank you very much for your last letter, which, I have just re-read with scarcely less pleasure than when I first received it.

It touched chords, which we must try to keep resonant, by frequent interchange of letters, the only way, I can see, at present of keeping old memories and friendship green; unless, you should stop here and visit me in my castle, of which I am now sole proprietor, the lady of the house having gone East for the winter. I shall not have a vacation of any length till July and then expect I shall feel like reaching home with all haste; else I should try a western journey and try to see you in your own home. Is your sister living near you? You did not tell me.

morally right, because I dont believe it is. But I feel very ignorant and am very ignorant upon the subject. I want to know more and from both sides. Can we not help each other in this matter? We both want to know the truth and the right and stand up for them. I hear all on one side, you, probably, all on the other. Let us, as well as we can by letter, discuss the question. I think slavery, even in its best aspect, is morally wrong. It is wrong, I say, because, it makes a chattel of a human being. This is enough to begin with. Afterwards we can take up other reasons why it is wrong. Will you give me the moral ground on which good Christian people base their right to hold slaves? I know a great many good Christians do hold slaves. How do they satisfy their conscience that it is right? I shall think it the greatest proof of your friendship if you agree to this proposal of mine. It can do no harm, surely we know each other too well to be offended at any honest expression of thought or opinion. I wish you would talk with those you consider the most truly Christian slave holders and get their thoughts upon this question. Write aside soon and believe me, Ever Yr. Obt. Cherum

Yr. Cherum

where her husband's home was. I hope for your sake, she is not far away. I should like to present my respects.

Speaking of your ducking exploit reminds me of the recent accounts of Forbes' contest with a watchman in the New Chapel; in which Forbes, as was first reported, killed the watchman with a club, but more recent accounts make the matter much less serious. It seems, Forbes was there with the Yale Col. Bible; which the Yale students had purloined and sent to Cambridge in exchange for the Harvard Bible which had been sent to Yale (the joke is plain enough; evident allusion to Dr. Huntington's turning trinitarian). The watchman seized Forbes, who gave him a blow on the head, which knocked him down; then watchman fired a pistol and missed; tried again and snapped the cap, or Forbes might have lost his life; then Forbes surrendered. Reports from Cambridge show great indignation at Forbes' treatment; an indignation meeting of some hundreds being held in the Gymnasium. You will perhaps see something about it in the papers.

I was especially pleased with the tone of your letter in regard to the Slavery Question; for as I had never broached the subject to you, I did not know how tender a point it might be. I do most heartily subscribe to your hope that "we may be found on the side of right, if matters do come to the worst;" and that we may the better see what is right, I have a proposition to make, which I wish you would accede to. I am in daily communication with men and women, who have strong anti-slavery sentiments; they are not ignorant people, they know what they are talking about, they have reasons to give for what they say. These reasons as they present them are very forcible; in arguing with them, I have taken the side of greater charity for slave-holders and more moderation; I have never tried to prove that slavery was

assail the general principle that any evil should be allowed to stand ~~[illegible]~~ because, our short sighted view we deem it necessary — I quote your evening remark — "necessary because it is a parasite that we cannot get rid of" — do you mean that? do you feel so about Slavery? is it a parasite? I do not want to push the figure too far, farther than you intended it; but it seems to me, as we could have used it in any sense; who really believed slavery a good institution; but you add an exception to your assertion; "Except by the operation of natural laws, with a tendency southward" — You cannot have so far forgotten the real action of parasites, as we learned it together under Good Prof Gray; their operation under natural laws, is to suck the nourishing sap all out of the tree they fasten upon and to live wholly at their expense and they do not take leave from one tree to another, but suck while there is any sap left and unless removed they die only when the tree dies. Do not be deceived by any high sounding words about operation of natural laws and tendency southward

Albadville, Mar. 13, 1860

My dear Chum,

You see I have got out my thin paper and mean to try to give you as good as you sent. It is very kind of you to send me such a long and such a frank and considering the tenderness of the subject, such a cool and controlled letter, and it assures me that we may talk about this matter with profit to myself at least. Now I do want to hear all that can be said in favor of slavery as well as what can be said against it — of the latter, I can get enough whenever I wish it; but of the former I must rely upon you. And at the outset, let us start clear, believing that we are each sincerely desirous of getting at the truth of the matter, and if we are so, should you open your communication with the distressing prediction that little good will come of it and that "naturally we should become mutually convinced of our own respective opinions"?

Now as to that insurmountable difficulty at the outset which you speak of viz: that I am Education prejudiced against your institutions — let me assure you that it does not exist — that little town of Salem whatever other sins it may be guilty of, was never guilty of "Abolitionism" In fact I have been accustomed to hearing abolitionists voted as low as in most any place in the South; ministers refused admittance into pulpits because they would preach against Slavery — Etc — besides this, I have some relations who live and others who have lived in Slave States and owned Slaves, and they have told us so much of the laziness and general good Condition of Slaves that I have been in danger of really becoming pro-slavery. I have been taught to consider "Slavery" as none of our business and as far less terrible than it was represented —— no, if I am anti-slavery after as full an enquiry as I can make, both sides; early Education will have little thanks for it.

Now, I object, to your Cool taking it for granted that I will not believe your statements. I believe I have never hesitated to do so, when you have given signs that you were speaking in earnest, and in a discussion like this I am sure you would not speak otherwise — try me and see if I will not believe — tell me what you know; give me facts — this is what I want.

Whether you can enter upon this question free from prejudice as I do, I will not discuss; but I wish you would try to cast off old prejudices as much as possible. I of course admit your superior experience; your life in both free and Slave States gives you this advantage — and I ask you fairly how you think they compare — you say you have seen "slavery in seven States; freedom in nine" — but you do not give me your impressions of them — why can't you do this in your next letter?

I should much like to see any statement of arguments which you may be able to gather for the morality of Slavery, so I hope you will not forget your promise when you mentioned it — any such; but if I might judge from the way you open your argument upon slavery you would not be likely to support such a statement — for you commence as though you had no intention of defending the System of Slavery, but would content yourself by defending the Slaveholder — "Slavery we admit you say" and even allowing it to be an Evil, it is a necessary one" Without stopping now to

absolutely necessary. I have not yet lived long enough, to sit down quietly when I am convinced that a thing is wrong and satisfy myself with the judgement that it is necessary; because I see how it is to be eradicated.

If I believed that "Emancipation" meant as you seem to think it does necessarily "selling the slaves South", I could join with you in your detestation of it and understand what you mean by "shifting your responsibility" — but it does not necessarily mean that; that might be prohibited and prevented by law. If any one Slave State would show a willingness to improve its slaves with a view to their ultimate freedom; it would have little interference on the part of Northern abolitionists + what legitimate good men who honestly detest the system of slavery and conscientiously attack it, + that sneerers, slander it and are seeking to extend its. If you think it is wrong why not join? I wish all the Slave-holders who really lament the existence of slavery and would see it removed could help remove it, if they could see the way to do it; would speak out. They would find, I am convinced, that in spite of Northern fanatics and Southern bullies, there is a feeling of charity for the slave-holder even at the North and a feeling strong, deep, and genuine — ready to break out into active help.

I cannot in closing this letter recommend any subject more earnestly upon your attention than one which you mention in your 4th vol. Your responsibility. Have you begun to think much about it? What it means?

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The only natural cure I can think of for parasites, is the gardener's knife — If you believe slavery is a wrong and an evil you ought to labor to put a stop to it; and it can never be stopped without self sacrifice — and if pain and sacrifices are to be endured; they must necessarily come upon those who have the disease. It is not fair for slave-holders to ask freemen of the North to bear half the load; half the pain and loss, which will be necessary in order to do away with slavery. If you had contracted a dangerous disease which rendered an operation necessary would you fairly call upon your neighbor to share the pain with you or even to pay the surgeon's fees? — But you may think that the North are bound to do this, on the ground that they helped fasten the disease upon you. "They sold their slaves and we bought them" is your language. I have no doubt that a portion of your slaves were obtained in this way — I have never seen any reliable estimate made, how many, but even if the North did have a great deal to do, with the planting of slavery; may it

not be said that you who have been reaping the advantages of it (I speak of pecuniary advantages) so many years, ought to be willing now, to bear the most of the expense and self sacrifice, without which, I do not believe Slavery will ever be removed?

But aside from all this; I believe that if the South would show any disposition to put an end to Slavery, they would find the North gladly aiding them in every possible way. I believe there are many pure and earnest philanthropists at the North and South too, for that matter, who would make any sacrifice to put an end to what they feel to be, a great wrong. The trouble is, that Slave holders, so far from admitting that Slavery is wrong and showing a desire to stop it, contend that it is right, ~~and~~ or, at all events, a "necessary Evil" and so labor to perpetuate and extend it.

As to the free States "Enacting a law to ameliorate the condition of the slaves" — it would be difficult to show how they could do so now, as they have nothing to do with them — but I suppose from your reference to the "Emancipation acts" that you mean the free States never did enact any law of the character — you make the "statement advisedly" you say and perhaps it is true; though I cannot believe the "Emancipation acts" were wholly unproductive of good to the slave. And I am convinced that there was some real philanthropy in their conception and execution. Certainly, ~~the~~ if our Emancipation acts were not productive of good to the slave; it was owing to the imperfection of these particular acts rather than to any necessary inherent weakness in the principle. For instance — Pennsylvania passed first an act — I have recently read it — it is ascribed to Franklin and is worthy of him — it passed March 1780; and, originally there was nothing to prevent an owner of slaves from taking them into another State and disposing of them, as you say they did do; but it was, there was no express article prohibiting it; but in 1788; additional enactments were made by which this was prohibited. I did not now enter upon the expediency of such a method of doing away with Slavery; in fact, I had better not attempt it in the present state of my knowledge to suggest ways of rooting out Slavery. All I want, now, is to see whether Slavery can be defended; can an honest man find such arguments in its favor as to answer to his conscience; for seeking its extension; nay, I will say; for being content with its continuance where it is now established any longer than it

 3/13/60

Most of my correspondents are young men just getting into real life – and the problem "What to do?" and "how to do it?" is taxing some of them very sorely. I can see it in their letters – we are beginning to see how much there is to be done and how short the time and I for one, will not consent to spend these short years in useless bickerings, either for Church or State; in entire devotion to money-getting or pleasure seeking. I will not live a little, selfish, life. If Nature, and the Bible are true, such a life is bought too dearly. The questions which make some waver and press most heavily are such as you are free from. You, at least, for all pecuniary troubles; can follow the better impulses of your nature; and I do hope that you will use your great advantages for the good of those around you.

But I must reserve some room to have a little chat with you about old friends and run over the gossip that

has elapsed since I last wrote. Have you heard that the future Mrs. John H. is found. She rejoices here in the name of Lizzy Hobbs of West Newton and is "scarcely out of an engagement with a young man named Douglas Frazar" — so Hopkinson writes me. By the way H. is turning fast into a politician — he is of course, out and out Republican and says he is going out stumping in this state and hopes with Grant meadville. He expects to go with letters from Banks and other notables.

Henry Bond has entered the firm of Walker Weir & Co., and as he writes to you, I suppose he has told you all about himself and also about Ned Hooper's class party, which came off some weeks ago — there were 32 members of our class there. Did you get a card from Prof. Cook? Huntington is hearing his classes in Chemistry while he is gone to Europe.

Jim Fay wrote to me a little while ago inquired affectionately for you — If you have any interesting matter to give me about the dear old class, please send it. This is a shocking looking letter I know but haste must be my excuse.

Please answer soon — and give me some good, sound, pro-slavery teaching if you have any. And believe me

Yr. Aff. Cheem

Shall hope to see you next summer — most glad at the prospect.

Joh. Cheney

Oak Forest March 15th

[1860]

Dear Henry.

Your letter of the 5th inst has just come to hand. I rather think you have missed several of our letters as you make no mention of them. Several of Mary's and my own to your Father and one of mine to your Mother seem never to have reached their destination. I write particularly now to urge you to come down with your Father to the inauguration of the Clay Statue in New Orleans. The occasion itself will be a very interesting one, but there is difference particularly to the fine opportunity it will afford you of informing yourself thoroughly with rec

We were very sorry to hear of the indisposition of Ellen and Lilly. The disease from which we have all suffered more or less this Winter has entirely disappeared. Not a single fatal case occurred on the plantation. The disease is rather troublesome than dangerous and although so generally prevalent, was never heard of before this season in our Country.

You must let us know by telegraph whether you are coming down; we shall certainly expect some of you. Mary joins in best love to all.

Yours very sincerely

Hart. Gibson

gard to investments in Southern property. In this neighborhood there is no property for sale, except perhaps in localities too far from the Railroad or a navigable stream to make it desirable. As a non-resident I should infinitely prefer this Parish or the Parish of St Mary's to the "Coast" as being in fact more productive, more healthy and entirely free from overflow, with the single objection, perhaps, that we have absolutely no society, and our accessibility to New Orleans does away with even that objection. Since if I were to reside in the South I should prefer a plantation on the "Coast" as a permanent investment. I have no doubt you could sell yourself very readily as there is a vast amount of property offered for sale.

Suppose, therefore, you make up your mind to come down with your Father. It would be better to come about a week or ten days before the Inauguration as we shall return to Kentucky as soon after the 12th as possible, in case any of you should come down. The entire trip would not occupy more than a month at the outside.

In the event that none of you conclude to come down, we shall probably leave New Orleans about the 3d April. Couldn't you over-persuade Miss Lilly to join the delegation of Kentucky ~~[illegible]~~ ~~all~~ young ladies. In that event I think we might count with certainty on your joining the party.

I am sorry your Father didn't seem to approve your project of a visit to Europe this Spring. It would be an elegant bridal tour if you have any matrimonial projects in view

and has just informed me that he was going to bed, so I suppose I must begin to think of my "visions downy", and prepare to bring this scrawl to an end. This Winter has been a very quiet one I think, as a general thing. We had a very pleasant little Sociabbe at the Elliot Hall J. P. where I saw lots of pretty girls, only a week or two ago. Your friend Miss Mary Bowditch I thought made herself almost ridiculously prominent (at said Sociable) by lacing herself so tight, that she looked as if she would break in two. I must now dry up. Write soon and believe me very truly

Your friend

Henry M. Bond

Rocky Nook March 20th/60

Dear Dane

It is some time since I received your last and most welcome letter, but I assure you, business is the only thing that has prevented a more speedy reply.

I hear from "Brother Henry's" friends in Cambridge, that he is engaged to some fair young lady, and therefore, I apply to head quarters immediately, for some more definite news, as to who she may be, and where from, (I hear a rumor that the young lady resides in Springfield, and that Henry T. Jr is expected on this way soon) Please do not deny this if it is true, and promise me that you will at

least, be prepared to pass a day or two with us at Rocky Nook, whenever you do come on this way. I assure you, you will always find a welcome here and it will give us great pleasure to see you.

You may have seen or heard from some paper that I had entered the house of W. W. & Co and I will take the liberty to send you a circular thinking that you might like to see one.

With regard to Frank Abbot, I feel very confident that he is not a candidate for the Class cradle, and that strange as it may seem, that he has not lived with his wife to have any sexual intercourse with her.

I received a letter from your Chum yesterday, who seems to be in good health and spirits. I wish you could have been at a class party or meeting, at Ned Hoopers on Beacon St, a few weeks since; there were about thirty of the Class present, and we had a right jolly time, chatting together, singing old college songs &c.

I suppose you have heard of Prof. Cooke's marriage to Miss H. & of his European tour and that Will Huntington in addition to the pastoral duties of the last term, is to hear Prof. Cooke's Classes recite, during his absence. Likewise you have probably heard of the nomination of Dr Andrew Peabody (D.D.) of Portsmouth, for Plummer Professor (in place of Dr H. who has resigned,) which has lately been confirmed by the almost unanimous vote of the Overseers.

Will wishes to be remembered

Grace Deathe "Silly Allenbury" gaining particular applause. Tom Eminents "Snike" was capital. Miss Sarah Palfrey remarked, with her peculiar drawl, that "Snike was perfect as to affect one almost to tears", thereby showing her extreme goodness of heart. The romantic individuals were obliged to burst out laughing in his face. The box-work was beautiful. And now I must congratulate you upon so early having made up your mind to enjoy the domestic

Cambridge
Sunday March 25/60

Dear Brother Henry

I must begin by remarking that, of all lazy and abominable sinners, you are the chief, and if I were not the most lenity and forgiving of maidens, Lizzie Bragg says insulted Chirography would never more be seen in Sunsamon

however he will regard
what is past with sublime
contempt, and pass on
to themes less disagreeable
and more entertaining.
This twenty-fifth of March
is a great day in the religious
world, and particularly in
this Huntingtonian community, since it is the last that
will see Dr. Huntington a
Unitarian. We anticipate
seeing him, with his followers,
confirmed tonight in the
Episcopal faith. — what
will ~~not~~ actually make the
evening still more enter-
taining will be the very novel
escort of the adorable "Frankie"
who still remains true to his
first affection, showering
upon your humble servant
paintings, photographs, verses,
and invitations of all sorts,
ever accompanied with the
touching remark "you see
I think of you always." The
grand Dickens party has
finally taken place, & was
very successful. Stackpole's
Micawber, Minnie Beckham's
"Marchioness," Emmie Rulell's
"Infant Phenomenon" and

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Ellen shall have Clara's place in school, and I only wish we were able to hire to take charge of her. Lizzie fell in love with some of those girls. We now hope for a visit from you, the "little lady" & Ellen to-day. Mother is very much improved, that we hope for a change in the weather. You won't change your mind about the Easter visit, I hope soon. Mother & Clara join me in love to you & your sister & little boy.

Yours very truly

Lizzie M. Ridgway

peculiarities of Medlock, and beg that you will tell Lily, from both Clara & myself, that we do most heartily condole with her on her future prospects - and that we do most earnestly warn her, while yet there is time, to consider well, ere pledging herself to love, honor & obey a personage so aggravating, slippery and tyrannical as our worthy brother. It would be convenient for us to know soon when the aforesaid ceremony is to take place, since the Ridgway family - servants and all - will feel it incumbent

upon them to furnish a large Pennsylvania wagon comfortably, in order that they may migrate to the wilds of Kentucky, to witness the interesting performances on that important occasion. With regard to Mrs Gibson it pains me extremely to hear that she & her family have not been well, but I cannot forbear expressing my great surprise at the entire indifference she has shown, the past six months, about retaining my friendship. I think I manifested my love for her by overcoming the many difficulties in the way of taking so long a journey as I did last summer, for the sole purpose of visiting one of my dearest friends. I thought too, she cared for me, when she, & you all, did so much to make my long stay delightful. I suppose now that politeness & hospitality alone prompted her, and I sometimes seem almost regret having put her kindness to so severe a test. One would at least suppose she could have written, when she finds time to write for other friends. But change is the way of the world, & I probably too shall learn soon the lesson of dropping old friends with old garments.

Feb 20, 60

Friend Henry

Your kind note has just been handed me & regret that ill health prevents your accompanying us tomorrow evening. but sincerely hope, if not for your sake for that of another that you may have sufficiently recovered to meet Barclay & myself tomorrow at noon so we can arrange to go together in a Hack & if I were your Physician would advocate a side & change of climate ~~or~~ I saw the Ladies off yesterday & left an invitation at Waters' Office from them to you and himself, & repeated same to your Father, which I presume he

delivered.

Hoping I may meet you at Tilford & Barclays tomorrow at one prepared to go along I remain

Truly yours

R. C. Morgan

I shall take great pleasure in inviting the gents mentioned in your note

Chicago May 29th 1860

My Dear Son

I arrived here this morning in time for breakfast 8 o'clock - having an easy and delightful trip - a large double berth in sleeping car to myself - retired at ten and slept comfortable until 5 this morning when we reached Michigan City - by keeping the sleeping cars the entire trip from Cincinnati to Chicago - with no interruptions during the night, from officials - to show our tickets - a great nuisance - and always practised in my former travels

This place has greatly improved since my last visit here - I hope to reach home by Saturday - Have particular attention paid to the Commodore Mare that has lost her Colt - have her regularly & carefully milked - with her bag often bathed in warm water or any thing that will allay the inflamatione & swelling - Save her bag from spoiling if possible as it would greatly impair her value as a brude mare - See that the Boys attend industriously to working the Corn, and putting it in order - visit Bedford one day this week & see that all

is

getting on smoothly & keep a general look after every thing

I shall ride out, this evening to Strawberry ridge - the name by which my place here is known - I shall divide it into 4 lots of 5 acres each & they and have it leased out for gardening purposes vineyards & Nurseries

I hope to see you all by Saturday - If not then early ~~in~~ next week monday or Tuesday at furthest

Present me most affectionately to your Mother & Sisters (to each of whom you must give a kiss for me)

And do not forget to remember me affectionately to Hart

There is great enthusiasm & confidence here among the friends of Douglas - If he gets the nomination he will carry Illinois triumphantly so they say - the young the ardent & enthusiastic - those who are active in elections - are for him & there will be a vast crowd from here in attendance at Baltimore

Your devoted Father

A. J. Duncan

[last half 1860]

Dear Sir

In Compliance with your request I will see the gentleman and extend your invitation to dinner to morrow to meet Mrs Blake & Chaney - I will be very happy to accept if well enough, at present am laboring under a severe cold which must be my apology for not calling upon Mrs Blake & Chaney to day -

Miss Lily was in the land

of the living" last Evening and have not heard of the absconding since -

I hope your part will not have to be omitted in the performance on Thursday Evening in consequence of indisposition.

Yours very truly
Edwin Bacon
Monday Day 10/

A. G. Duncan Jr Esq

[last half 1860]

Sunday evening –

Mr. H. T. Duncan Jr.

My dear Sir

I am happy to be able to tell you that we hope to see Nicholas the latter part of this week. He expected to sail in the Adriatic, from Southhampton, the Twenty seventh. Allow me to congratulate you upon the event to which you alluded, in your letter. I hope your good example may have some influence upon my son. I presume you have heard of the death of my Uncle Carneal. He will be buried on Tuesday, at 2 P.M.

A. B. Brand – Jenkins
B. Brand – Duncan – Brandegee
D. Brand – Andrews
D. Brand – Brandegee
Worley – Blake
Morgan – Chaney
Bennett – Morgan
Craig – Baker

A. B. Brand – Jenkins
B. Brand – Duncan
D. Brand – Brandegee
Worley – Blake
Bennet – Morgan
Craig – Baker
Morgan – Horne

With compliments to your
Father family
Your friend
Catharine L. Anderson.

are almost absolutely in your power, gives me a very deep sense of your responsibility. No man can ever be happy when he shirks such responsibilities, at least, no man who deserves the name of man; and when I think how great your responsibilities are, I feel that you have enough in attending to your own property to furnish you with a noble and life-long field of usefulness.

Have you heard that our class cradle is needed. Frank Abbot has a little daughter in the West. Poor Frank has had a hard year of it; working for dear life, for three dear lives, in fact, at Cambridge. He is a noble fellow; has acted nobly and I never wished for the Midas touch more than now, that I might turn the class cradle into gold for him. With respects to your family, believe me

Yr. Aff. Cousin G. L. Chaney

Ans. on Jan 13th 60

Meadville, June 6, 1860

Dear Cousin,

I thought you could not have been at home when my letter of introduction arrived, and yet Mrs. Heidekoper said that you were seen in town the day before they sent the letter; so that I was quite mystified. Thank you for solving the mystery so soon. I was sorry both for your sake and the Heidekopers, that you did not see them. Their society has been most beneficial to me. I believe if my year's living here had brought me no other advantage than those derived from social intercourse with such excellent and attractive people, it would have been a year well spent.

But why the blues? What has been troubling you? I wish I could accept your kind invitation, were it only that I might try to comfort you.

The H.'s had such a delightful trip in your State and Tennessee and give such an interesting account of it, that, with this in addition to the pleasure of seeing you at your own home, I almost feel tempted to come to Ky; but there are too many cords drawing me East. I expect to leave here for home on the 5th. of July and unless I should change my plans, I mean to return next September to enter the Theological School which is located here. I intend to give up teaching because I fear I cannot teach and give sufficient time to my own studies. Shall be sorry to relinquish my interesting charge into another's hands; but shall take comfort in having all my time for study.

I have been for a day or two half looking for Ned Hooper, who, (I heard from two sources, though not from himself directly) was coming to Niagara and meant to try to come and see me. It would be most delightful to me, but as we shall probably meet in a month in New England, I hardly think he will take the trouble to come. Do you keep posted in Cambridge news? If so, perhaps you have heard of Miss Lizzie Howe's engagement to Horton of '57; Pelham's Ames's brother to Miss Virginia Lee; & Furness to a Miss Wadsworth.

Shall you be in Cambridge at Commencement and at the Inauguration of Felton which takes place the day after? Bigelow will deliver the address to the Alumni. You do not mention your prospected Eastern trip, I hope you have not given it up.

Really, it is too bad, that you should have the blues, when you have so much to make life a grand and useful Existence. What opportunities are placed in your hands! Be sure, you cannot, if you would, throw off the responsibility which wealth and an influential position have placed upon you and the thought that men and women with immortal souls

They postponed it till then because of some fuss about the assignment of the Latin oration on that day. The Faculty slighted the Senior and offered it to a Junior, which raised such a storm of indignation from the injured Seniors that they declared they would absent themselves on the day of Inauguration, so to avoid such an unpleasant occurrence the Faculty were glad to have it the day after Commencement, after they had shaken off the mutinous Seniors and when many of the Alumni would be present.

The death of Wilkinson, (1st Scholar you know) will cast a shade over Class day.

They are going to build a new house for the President. Cook will have Dr. Walker's old house. Hoping soon to see you, with respects to your family, believe

me Yr. aff. Cheum

F. L. Chaney.

Answered May 21 –

Meadville, June 19, 1860

Dear Cheum,

I wish most heartily that I could accept your kind invitation but it cannot be this summer. When I first read your note and saw how you had smoothed the way, my wishes made me almost determine that I would come but cooler judgment says "You cannot" so I cannot.

Here is one impediment in the way – I have engaged to escort Mrs. Alfred H. and her little daughter as far as Boston and I must keep that engagement. But I am rejoiced that you still intend coming East and shall anticipate much pleasure in meeting you there.

Ned has been and gone, after a delightful visit of three days. He reached Meadville last Saturday week and stayed until Wednesday morning. Mrs. Edgar H.

invited us to stay at her house, so we went there; a real paradise of a place which they call "Hill-home". You should see Ned – he is looking finely; is actually ruggedly healthy – has gained twenty lbs. since we saw him in Boston and is without a suspicion of the blues. He told me all about the fellows. Richardson's engagement to Miss Hodges is acknowledged. I have not heard a word of our old friend Waters; sometimes wonder what he is doing.

I do not believe, from Ned's talk, that he will return to the Law School next term. He said he never intended to be a lawyer; only engaged to attend the Law School a year to see how he liked it, and he evidently does not like it much. I laughed when I read your dolorous "ding-dong" over your law studies; it seemed so consonant with Ned's time in speaking of the same subject. I don't think Frank Balch is overpleased with it either, but Ned says he is sure to succeed; his diligence and clear-headedness are a warrant for that. He himself is not so hopefull. You know they are chums, that is, Ned is his day-chum. John Gray has Ned's old room and has joined the Law School.

Can you realize that almost a year has passed since we were dancing around the tree at Harvard? Friday of this week is Class day and Robert says the graduating class is bound to surpass every preceding class in the magnificence of their celebration. Here they will have a pleasant day and as good exercises as we did. By the way, our Oration & Poem are in print and will be distributed soon among the Class. You will come back in time for the Crackers and Cheese of Commencement will you not? You know Felton's Inauguration comes off the next day.

Rocky Nook June 24th/60

My Dear Dune

From your long silence I inferred that the report which has become so well known about here was true and that you had really gone and done it without even giving your friend Henry an opportunity to congratulate you on your supposed happy union. Even now I can't but agree, with all your classmates in this vicinity, Charlie Horne included, (who is now visiting the Swans in Dorchester) in presuming that you are engaged to marry some fair young lady in Springfield Ky.

From the fact of your having invited Chaney to visit you this Summer I suppose that you are not yet married as rumor

celebrations (spreads, dancing &c). I think there must have been a greater number of people at Harvard than was ever there before. The ladies looked beautifully of course, in their thin dresses dancing on the green grass. Bailey is here passing Sunday and Ned Hooper is coming here to tea. After tea Will and the above two with myself are going to drive over to see the Swans in Dorchester; Charlie Horne is staying there now and Hayden & John Gray are to be there this evening. The Harvard won the "Beacon Cup" again most gloriously on Charles River yesterday P.M. amid the cheers & shouts of the

says you are. With regard to Frank Abbot's child, I was as much astonished at hearing of its birth, as you could have been; for Jim Fay told me that he was positively sure that F.E. had not had sexual intercourse with his wife though at the same time I frankly confess that I thought he must have resisted a great temptation. Any way Frank had been married nearly ten months at the time of his child's birth so that no suspicions, which might arise, from the fact of his secret marriage can have any just foundation.

Cheney wrote me that you had invited him to visit you but that he didn't think he should accept as his desire to get home soon seemed to be so great.

But I hope you will be here so as to be present with us and do your part to cheer the hearts of '59 on Commencement Day & Evening. O you must come on, you know we have our Class supper on that evening and the day after the inauguration of Pres Felton takes place.

They have been down on that class of sixty the worst kind out at Cambridge. The Faculty suspended (through Boggs's instrumentality) quite a number until Commencement for throwing out bottles &c. and assisting in the grand smash up the Monday before Class Day. O! we did have a splendid time Class Day. '60 was very highly favored in having a most perfect day in every respect for their

assembled multitude.

I suppose you have heard before now that "those eyes" which you use to speak of in such glowing terms, have been spoken for, by a Southener in her (Fannie Fessenden) Brother's Class at the Scientific School, by the name of Clarence Gordon. Thes Richardson's engagement to Miss Julia Hayden I suppose you have guessed at, if you have not heard it, and I think him a lucky fellow to get her.

Charlie Horne says you have entirely ceased writing to him and that he has not heard from you for an age. All this delinquency in the correspondence line certainly looks very suspicious.

But, what can be the cause of your fit of the "blues"? Hoping soon to have a decent sized letter from you, I remain as ever

your attached friend Henry M. Bond.

next Sunday she expects
to be on Boylston St.
devouring "Miss Thora".
the Europa might to
reach here the middle
of the week. & does it
not seem a pity that
he should no sooner have
Mrs. Bonditch & Tacke
than he follows in their
footsteps? Since
writing the above your
second letter has ar-
rived. and he was
most delighted to
learn that there was
no real cause for ale

Cambridge
Sunday. June 24/60.

I do not in the least
know what you mean,
dear Brother Henry,
by talking of my not
writing, & forgetting
you. when I must
certainly consider
myself the injured
party. not having heard
from Sam cannon for
nobody knows how many
months. notwithstanding

some most heart-rending & lengthy epistles, written by this enraged hand. But being made of most loving & lovable stuff - I answer this soon your note - being most unwilling to cross to foreign lands without one farewell to my dear Lexington friends.
A most brilliant week we have had of it since last Sunday - the most interesting amusements being Prof. Parsons' Class party - the Glee Club Concert - Class-day - & the victory of the Harvard in yesterday's regatta.
Class day was the most charming one known - the wonderfully beautiful weather adding much to the enjoyment of the day. The entire absence of wine was another admirable point. We had a fine view of the regatta from one of the Mill-dam houses. Clara is out this morning (our present home being Miss Upham's) visiting her adored friend Miss Susie Walker -

& Clara & "Brother Henry" believe me

Yrs very affectionately

Lizzie

Cambridge

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this apparent neglect. Indeed we must forgive & forget all around, and I am only glad that I expressed my opinions frankly - instead of being silently angry. Lizzy has arrived at last looking just the same - only rather more English in appearance & manner. She was glad to get back - but most sorry to leave England. I received your message - & she in return sends kind & smiles & love - your

will probably see her before long. but as we are to sail from Canada on July 7th. we shall be so unfortunate as just to miss you. Pray write us sometimes, addressed as I shall inform Mary, & keep us well posted with regard to Lexington. As to your own future prospects, we are delighted that there seems so much happiness in store for you - may your dreams of this never be disappointed, and may "Miss Lily" prove all that you could wish. Give my amount of love to your Father & Mother & the girls - and tell them we are accounts to forget us while abroad. I shall write Mary & Annie Board on Sunday. So wish a great deal of love from mother

Cambridge. 1850 June 20

Dear Duncan

We propose to have an O.K. Supper during Commencement week & while we are all here, and would not like to miss you at it. The Secretary (Motte) asks me to give you this notice & request to answer saying whether you will come & (as a matter of form) whether Keyser shall be committee of arrangements.

Yr. classmate & friend
Charles S. Peirce

Address Ellis L. Motte
care P. G. Seymour Esq.

Mr. Henry T. Duncan.

Ansd. July 3d — was unable to accept
(owing to want of money)