

See also a hamlet on the broad continent that has not a stable in the scene. It cannot be that the grand experiment of the government is to fail when the nations of Europe are waking up to the realization of its advantages and when the eyes of a weary oppressed world is turned toward us with intense longings for our success. I don't know whether the rage for "missionary problems" is felt to the extent it is in Europe that it is - here. It has been some time I don't know how long, since I wrote you. I think though that it was some time in last Nov a little while before I went - to Winsted to keep school. My school there numbered 2 scholars I had two boys who were not a year younger than myself or not much more than that. 7 of them were what in a school would be called large boys. The school was situated in a district in a rather deplorable condition, morally. There was so far as I know a but two families in which God's blessing was invoked around the family altar. In only one of these it was my lot to bring that soul destroying heresy Spiritualism had there obtained a foothold. The man I saw and heard of that belief the more I was impressed with the idea that it was an ingenious device of the adversary of souls to drown men in perdition. One man as near as I can make out was a pantheist in belief (or in pretend to belief). Some had no particular religious opinion as I know of. Considerable interest was taken in school though some of the parents visited me. I had some promising to do; the school was by no means an easy one. The parents for some reason became dissatisfied



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Dear Mr. H. M. M. M.
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with my success or with me, as I think with a sufficient cause though I was by no means perfect, and they injudiciously allowed the children ~~to~~ to know of their dissatisfaction and that there ^{was} ~~would~~ be a probability that I should have to leave the school and that you know would cause them to try their utmost - to have me removed and besides, one member of the general Committee was the man from whom the prudential Committee first heard that there was any trouble. He was a book keeper and as business was dull perhaps he wanted something to do. at any rate he took the school after I left. I should ^{not} want to assert that he wanted me to leave so that he might have a place but I don't know but that might have ^{had} something to do with it.

At the end of seven weeks, I left the school and started for home. I could by paying about \$100 more get home by way of Leno so as I had not visited Uncle Josiah for a long time I concluded to go that way. I had a stage ride from Winsted to Cassaan 17 miles for 25-c^ts then took the cars and went up in the Housatonic R Road to Leno and surprised Uncle very much. I staid with him about a week and spent the time very ^{ple} pleasantly and then came home to surprise our family also. I had written a letter so that it went in the Monday morning mail but Saturday they had not received it though it was in the Office; there had been a blockading storm during the week.

During the next week after ~~we~~ ^{we} went home we went through the sad scenes of ^{the} sickness & death of Aunt Charlotte. This summer I have been attending.

school and studying Latin & Greek. I have had to study very hard more so than I shall next-term any way.

My being absent last winter made it much harder in Latin & Greek we all commenced this summer so that I stood on as good a footing as any of the class to commence with. My mark in that was 984, maximum 1000 one other had 989. My Latin mark was 968 stood 4th in the class. ~~But I will~~ I will send you a catalogue of the Seminary for the past year you will see the number of my class (The Junior) to be 48. This includes the number who were members at any time during the year. Only a small part of them will enter the Middle class with us in two or three weeks.

Our Sabbath School is quite prosperous now. Mr Lafayette Clapp is the Supt. Edmund Clark & Oliver Clark are the Librarians. The scholars number some 150 scholars & 20 teachers. We have a teachers meeting held once in two weeks at our Pastor's. My class use a smaller class question book than the main part of the school. There are now 5 classes in what is called the Infant-Department. I have 8 scholars in the class.

I hope that I may be the means of doing some good, in this way. I feel encouraged in seeing some improvement in their appearance in the class though I don't know as there is any ^{particular} seriousness among any members. I pray that there may be. We have also a P. Concert each month.

Mr Lafayette Clapp has opened a news office in a new building erected by Mr H. F. Knight on the north end of our ~~parish~~ ^{parish} which he had before built just across the road from the Seminary south of the old burying ground. Speaking of the burying ground reminds me that

me that we have been enlarging our new cemetery on the South side of it
Quite a number of houses have been built this year in Easthampton
which standing the pressure in money matters

Sabbath eve, this noon Mr C. A. Y. Atford came to me
bringing a package. He intended to see Uncle Lauren but he had
not come. He wished to know of the box for you had been closed
I told him it had not he said that there was enclosed in the package
one for Mrs Geary who was once a ~~classmate~~ a roommate of Mrs G. at
her school in Mt. Hill Sem. She would be obliged if you would when you
had opportunity send it to them. We opened the package, as the box will be
so crowded that all could not be put in together the presents from Mr H.
to yourself are a towel like the one around Mrs Geary's a piece of silk
or cambric or muslin or something else I don't know what, for a dress or
aprons and the trimmings for the same and a catalogue of the Mt. Hill Sem I think
and ~~sent to~~ He asked me if we had funds sufficient to carry it across
the Isthmus, I told him if it could all be crowded into the box which we
now have as near as I could calculate it would cost about \$7,25 ~~and~~
~~and~~ \$5,75 of which we now had. He then handed me 25 the balance

The war is even the theme of thought and discourse in every
circle. The views of people differ in minor points but I fear of no one
who is disposed now that matters have reached the present crisis to
refrain from carrying on the war. I think that in some quarters
there has not been enough of confidence in the Government, too much
disposition to censure seemingly inaction or rather, ~~as it seemed to them~~
for not acting with sufficient energy & haste. The influence of the Tribune &
perhaps the Times in undermining ^(public faith) the confidence in the administration
has been very pernicious, or has had a tendency that way though
I hope, I think that with the great body of the people there is a satisfaction
with the acts of government. I know through what a baptism of blood
we shall be compelled to go through before God will see that we have
been punished enough; still I have perfect confidence in the final
triumph of the government - because it is fighting against the wrong,
against a rebellion as causeless as it is insatiable, fighting for the
rights of universal man. As has been said "There is no island in the