

Seneca, July, 31, 1860.

Dear Brother & Sister,

It is some time since ^{we received} your last very brief letter ~~accompanying~~ your Sarah's charming little letter to our Sarah; & longer still since I last wrote to you. The reasons of my delay are three. First, I looked a good while for a longer letter from you. Second — no business — Third, I have wanted to send some new information. I cannot now give in detail the history of the events which have transpired since I last wrote; but must be contented with a mere outline of the leading ones. First then in respect to funds. About the first of April last, Mr. Brown, my manufacturer of Bottledard & Co. wrote me that he must have pay in part at least for his work: (amounting to \$2000 or more) saying, "that he could not go on without at least \$500". I wrote to him assuring him he should have it, & immediately went to work to raise it; but tried several weeks unsuccessfully. At last, just when affairs had got into such a shape that Mr. Brown wrote saying that he had commenced his last week! I struck copartnership with a young man, a former pupil of mine, of this place by the name of John F. Brown, the son of a wealthy farmer, on the following conditions. He was to put in to the

concern \$1500. \$600 to be paid immediately, \$300 more in one month, & the remaining \$600 in six months from the signing of papers, so far as it might be needed.

Of the \$1500 I have received \$900; of which I have paid some \$500. (+ \$100, previously of my own funds,) Ezra Lincoln Esq. Engineer & Solicitor of Patents, of Boston, \$275 to secure a patent of my inst. in England, & the remainder I have on hand, except what I have ~~used~~ used for traveling &c. = \$83. I hope the \$1500 will be sufficient for our work. — In return for this aid, I put in the use of my Pat. rights till 2000 insts. are sold, & give security for the same on my marking machine, worth at least \$2000; allowing Bourne $\frac{1}{5}$ of the net income from the sale of the first 1000 instruments, & $\frac{1}{6}$ of the income from the sale of the 2nd 1000, provided that of the first 1000 shall equal \$10 on each instrument sold. (otherwise $\frac{1}{5}$, as in the 1st 1000.) I am to employ 9 months each year in the business, & Bourne 4 months till the said 2000 insts. shall have been sold.

Secondly, May 15th a patent was issued on my improvements which I duly received. This secures to me the invention in about the form I desire. And I expect to receive a patent from England before long.

Thirdly I find some trouble & some delay in getting my book published. This seems to arise not from lack of confidence in the book, or authorship; but from the fear of interference with some other work to whose author the publisher is committed in part; & partly

from the fact of its connection with an instrument which though admitted valuable is not yet introduced. Hence say ^{they} "the demand for the book is uncertain"; it may be large, or it may not; or though it may ultimately be large the pay will not be immediate. I have conferred considerably with Swison & Shimney of New York, who seem to have great confidence both in the inst. + book. Still it is uncertain whether or not they will finally conclude to publish it, on the only plan they will look at, viz. as an offset for the favor. --- Incorporating into a new edition of Robinson's Surveying, which they are soon to prepare, such parts of my book as relate specifically to my inst. + to have the exclusive privilege of doing this.

I greatly need heavenly wisdom to guide ^{me} in all departments of this important enterprise. Seek this in my behalf dear br. & sister, I entreat you.

I am now intending to present my inst. for examination at the "National Convention of Teachers" to be held at Buffalo, N. Y. next week. I expect to meet my classmate Mr. Richards there + attend a somewhat similar meeting with him the week following at Boston.

As soon as I get a return from England, which I suppose will be in a few days, I intend to ~~write~~

to publish to the country & world a description
of my inst. its uses & importance. I am
in hopes this will create so strong a reflex force
as in some sense to compel the publishers to
meet the people's call; — a plan suggested to me
by Dr. Luther.

Crane & Vinton have dissolved partnership
& the former is now alone. — a happy change for
me on the whole, though it has temporarily put
back my work a good deal, & creates a call for earlier pay.

I have lately earned \$120 by 24 days' labor in
surveying on the Old "Berksire R.R." without
which help I hardly know how I should get
along with my family expenses. 8 of these
days Albert went out with me as chairman
at \$1.25 per day.

While at New York a few weeks since I
met Mr. North, who told me he had raised \$16000
& meant to obtain the balance by circulators sent to the
ministers throughout the country. I hope you will
not be obliged to work alone much longer. May the
Lord bless you all in your work & struggles & anx-
ieties. Work for Christ only, relying upon him
& his promises alone, & you will certainly succeed.
All the devoted ones join with me in the warmest
love to you all.

Yours and Dr.
J. Seymour.

P.S. Do write soon & longer.