

Making no discrimination
against color, sex or age.

I should mourn to hear of
the death of Miami University
But rejoice to know that
she had become strong
and useful, by ceasing to
be known among men as
a mere S. Ectarian School

I will inclose three
miniatures, two of Willie,
and one of myself. Take
your choice and give one
each to Olivia & Ellen.

I shall pass on in the
even tenor of my way, hoping
to receive at an early day
your acknowledgment of this
hastily written note. Tell
my Sisters, that the slightest
token of remembrance from them
is always received with a grateful
heart - Long may health and happi-
ness attend you, making smooth
your pathway of life? Yours W.H. Reed

Butterville Oregon
August 5th 1878

Dear Mother

I addressed
you not long since, inclosing
a couple of face-shapes of Ami-
anda and myself. Did you recei-
ve them? I herewith forward
you photographs of our young-
est boy "Willard Clay, Reed"
He is nearly a year older
than I was when in 1825 we
arrived in Preble Co Ohio, from
the little Whippingpost State
of our Nativity. Willie is
a bright active Child, and I
suspect you will not fail of

detecting in his features a vivid reproduction of the paternal side of his ancestry

Lora left here a few days since enroute for her sister Libbies in Eastern Oregon, intending to visit all her relatives in that section of the State

Portland, like Chicago and Boston has just been visited by the firey fiend. Some 23 blocks were consumed destroying in the neighborhood of one million dollars worth of property

I was sorrow to learn of the apparent unhealthy condition of your two State Universities located at Oxford and Athens. Founded, I believe in 1809

upon the magnificent grant of one entire township of land to each institution. Those old Universities are the Alumnates of many of Ohio's most distinguished Sons. But their mission and usefulness has to a great extent, always been overshadowed and general sympathy for their prosperity withheld, by their narrow Sectarian mismanagement. Mark the contrast between these dying Universities, and the once despised "Oberlin" founded long after by private means, ^{but} has most truly become a power in the land. Concentrating in her various departments I believe, no less than a thousand students