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Forest Grove Ore. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 1883.

P.S. I received  
from Dr. Atkinson for  
you half a dozen cards  
on Ho. O. R. M. R. R.,  
and wish our division  
of W. P. R. R.

My Dear Father,

I have time for  
a few words only. We received a  
letter from you thru H. a few days  
ago. We are glad indeed to know  
that you are happy and well.

You speak of the Hood River scheme,  
&c. We would not have you, for anything,  
urg such a matter now, or even speak  
of it, unless it came in very naturally.

It would, of course, be in very bad  
taste to look as tho we wanted to take ad-  
vantage of our new relationship to ask  
any favors. But I don't feel like  
committing myself to such a scheme  
as that, <sup>school</sup> unless there are funds to build on.

This business of struggling along

in abject poverty and building up educational or religious institutions is about played out.

If I cant have a good support while I am at it, I wont do it.

But this leads me to consider the question of the Fresno place. I dont <sup>know</sup> know, but that if M. wanted to invest any means she would find that a good place. If she wanted to expend \$2,000. for two 20-acre lots, and then let me go there and develop both with a view to paying thereby for one of them, it would no doubt be a great investment.

At the end of ten years, the lots would, according to all probabilities, yield \$2,000 apiece yearly income. The fact is I am so annoyed with the frequent interruptions to hard solid <sup>work</sup> resulting from my chronic tendency to catarrh that I have about concluded that I must spend a few years anyway in such work as would be required on such a place. And if M. wanted to make such an investment, it might help me almost invincibly in the way indicated, and at the same time be a very fine investment for her. If after 4 or 6 years, I could do so with energy and vigor, I might resume professional duties, and probably accomplish much more