If Chaney is with you give my regards to him, and tell him we expect to see him also on Commencement Day.

Yr friend & Classmate

F. H. Swan.

Ans. Oct 21. 1860

Cambridge July 29. 1860.

Dear Kentucky,

I was glad to receive a letter from you a day or two ago, and to hear that you were still engaged in the noble study of the law. You spoke as if you were undecided about coming on here Commencement. We shall have a great time and if you possibly can come you had better do so. We are to have a class supper on Tuesday July 17. the night before Commencement and expect about sixty to be present. You will have an opportunity of seeing more Classmates together than will probably soon be together again and besides

it is the meeting of the Alumni and the inauguration of President Felton.

You spoke of politics and seemed to think that Douglas would carry your State by 30.000 majority. If that was the case then it can hardly be so now when Kentucky's favorite son is in the field. Mr Bell in the Democratic fight must carry the State by several thousand plurality, and I hope the old Whigs will all stand by him as we intend to in Massachusetts. We ourselves hardly dare to hope that we shall carry the State, but we are going to work, and have great hopes that the election will be carried to the house where Mr Bell would be elected, and the good old Conservative Whig rule be again over the country.

Rhode Island is a doubtful State as is also Connecticut, and if we succeed in keeping Lincoln from being elected by the people we have hopes of soon rescuing New England from the hands of the Republicans.

Perhaps you have not heard that Frank Abbot has won the Class Cradle and has now a little daughter in Minnesota named 'Ethel.' The Cradle will be soon finished and presented to him. The oration and poem have been printed and you can have a copy by calling at my room Mrs Blanchard's Appian Way. Where I am to be found at all hours of the day and evening, with the exception of lecture hours.

upon the Faculty. I believe I told you that Felton had got into trouble with the Seniors by assigning the Latin oration for Inauguration to a Junior. He has done several other imprudent things since, but this was the immediate cause of the alumni trouble. The Seniors refused to be present or take any part in Inauguration; & so, Felton ~~started~~ upon the idea of having it on Alumni day. This was the ground of complaint in the resolution as Mr. Lee expressed it – "the Faculty have been acting very foolishly and got themselves into trouble and want to make use of us, the alumni, to get out of it." The resolution after a heated discussion was laid on the table, but I think it did good and will teach Felton a little prudence, if he is not too dull and self-complacent to learn. The Exercises at the Church you probably saw reported in the paper. After that came the alumni dinner which was the pleasantest thing of all. The speeches were very witty and everybody in good humour except Felton, who evidently had

And Oct

Salem, Aug. 15, 1860

Dear Henry,

I was sitting reading "Carlyle" with Ned Hooper, when your first letter arrived and I assure you, we were both glad of such an interruption. I had been hoping to hear from you soon and had sent you a "Triennial" a day or two previously, by way of hint that I was still in existence.

I sincerely congratulate you on the advent of your youthful nephew, and hope he will prove an honor to the name he bears. This morning I called upon your friend Mrs. Silsbee, who seemed

much pleased to hear about you. I wish you could see Ned Hooper. He is really fat; eats heartily, goes to parties and is one of the jolliest persons to meet that I know, and at the same time is as truly pious as ever. I have seen more of him than any of my friends since my return. Commencement week we spent together at the Bonds' in Jamaica Plain. You ask to know about the doings at Cambridge, so I will begin at once. Tuesday Evening at six o'clk between forty & fifty of our class met at Porter's and had a supper there. I do not think the fellows have altered a whit in outward appearance. It was delightful to meet them again. I got away by Eleven and I don't think many stayed much later. Wednesday was Commencement, you know, the same old sixpence; only heard a few of the pieces – neither more nor less remarkable than usual. Spaulding's valedictory excited considerable remark, because he addressed Charles Sumner as Mass's favorite son. Felton, I heard, was so enraged that he said he would have given (?1000.?) to have had five minutes time to deprive Spaulding of his degree. I spent the day in pleasant intercourse with old friends. Douglas and his wife excited considerable attention. A lot of our fellows joined with as many of the Class of '60, and marched round, Commencement afternoon, singing the old College tunes. We did not any of us know why we were doing it, or where we were going but being in the neighborhood of Pres. Walker's we stopped in front of his house & by clapping & cheering brought out Douglas, who made a pacific little speech or rebuke to make a speech. Pres's reception in the Evening – very pleasant – same as usual –

Thursday morning we had a hot Alumni meeting, in consequence of an attempt to pass a vote of concurr

I put them through the Mock Curiosities and the Museum etc. And sent them back completely satisfied. Home means to stay here till next month. Hodge is entertaining him now. He (Hodge) & Pat Gray have been awhile at Conway N.H.

Poor Frank Abbot! this little baby is dead. It seems more than flesh can bear; such an accumulation of troubles. He died here Sunday — looks worn and pale but keeps up bravely to his work. The Class-Cradle was nearly finished — I saw it when I was in Boston; it is scribed "Ethel Abbot from Class of '59" — don't know what will be done with it.

I have not another moment of time or I know not when I should stop. I shall return to Meadville in a fortnight — shall love to hear from you & perhaps you will write before that time. With regards to your sister & family, I am Yr. Obl.

8/15/60

not recovered from the rattling he got in the morning. Not content with burdening little speeches in the Church with ill-timed expressions of his determination to have the laws of the College rigorously enforced; he took occasion in his speech at the dinner to reiterate this determination; whereat some few seniors hissed a little. I did not hear it, it was so low and slight, but Felton bristled up and said he cared no more for hisses than for the cheers that followed them; thus throwing a damper for a few minutes upon the jollity of the occasion.

I was obliged to leave before the speeches were over, in order to attend an O.K. Supper, we held at Porter's. There were ten of us, when Eb. Channing

And it was very pleasant. I hope you will be on hand to attend one of these O. K. Sixtees. They are really very pleasant – for the pleasantest sixtees I have ever been at. I came away early in order to get out to Jamaica Plain that night, where I arrived between 11 & 12 & found Ned sitting up for me. The next evening Henry had a party of about twenty, and we danced and sang the old songs. How I wish you could have been present at all these festivities. There were many inquiries for you and one quite common one was "Is Duncan engaged?" or "Is he married?"

I say "no" very confidently because I think you would have told me if it were so.

I could not avail myself of your kind attention which I received a few days ago, because I was expecting Henry down to visit me on that Saturday and he came. I thought I would go up the following Monday, but it rained hard and I thought it would not be pleasant to go, especially as it was probable that your friends would have left before I arrived.

Charley Horne is in this neighborhood. He spent a few days at Marblehead with Ned and they came over here one day to see the lions.

Louisville Ky Aug 18/60

Henry Z. Duncan Jr

Dear Henry

Your esteemed favor came to hand a week since, and I delayed thanking you for your kind invitation ~~till~~ hoping that I would remain in Lexington, longer than I did.

But as I made a flying trip, stopping only a day, I did not see you. Since my return I have been busily engaged giving my deposition in a Commercial Suit involving some 75,000 ff. — a deposition of some 85 pages. —

This I mention as an apology for not giving your kind favor attention on my return. —

When I visit Lexington, if possible, I shall certainly show myself more appreciative of your hospitable invitation. —

Very truly

C. Webb Jr

Lexington Sept 2nd 1860

My Dear Son

Your most welcome and affectionate letter - came duly to hand - informing us of your first fruit & the prospect of good sport all of which, I hope you have enjoyed - The grouse you promised by Express did not arrive as we expected - lost or stolen on the road I presume

I hope your arrival has cured up and cleared the Aloet bring him in with you, when we can satisfactorily arrange upon the best plan for feeding a large lot of hogs or any thing else that may be thought better

PS - I learned as I came home last evening at Kennedys Shop - that James Matson had died suddenly in the afternoon - supposed to be apoplexy - He dined at his Son in Laws - Burbridges yesterday - went home soon after dinner & was found in his spring - soon after dead

I have spent several days at Bedford the past week pushing 12 plows – to get 200 acres of wheat in & if I can do it in time put in 100 of Barley – I am putting the ground in quite as good order as hemp ground – far better than I have ever put it in before

We have nothing new, I understand the Macalisters can be at home in time for the fair

All join in much love to you – including Master H Duncan Gibson – We hope to see you, my dear son in a few days yr devoted Father

A T Duncan

Maplewood Sep. 10th 1860.
Monday Morning.

Dear Duncan:

Your kind note I recd. on Saturday, & I merely write to tell you, that owing to a visit of a distant friend I may be unable to leave for Lexington befor Wednesday or Thursday, instead of Tuesday, as I intended. This will not prevent my seeing the Hair honour & will give you as much of me as you want.

Thank your Mother in advance for me, please, for her kind invitation. I am sorry that it will be impossible for the Wife & Boy to accompany me this time.

Yours Very Truly
Your Friend
Minor Millikin.

Maplewood Sep. 22. 1860.

Dear Duncan.

I have treated you shabbily, I confess, but it was unintentional & unavoidable. Just after writing my note to you Lewis again taken sick & have so remained until this, my first day of available convalescence.

It is probably well: for however much I should have liked to have seen one of your glorious Kentucky Hairs, the Fair owner have intruded talk my seeing you, & I trust at some future time to renew our old Cambridge acquaintance under more favorable circumstances.

When again in Ohio remember us to Lizzie Crane (as I knew her) & for yourself Believe me Very Truly Your Friend

Minor Millikin.

Aud. Oct. 4 —

If you or your Father visit our State Fair do not fail to enquire for me at the Sec's Office. It bids fair to be a great success.

MM.

Answ Oct 27

42 Court Street,

Boston, Oct. 8 1860

Dear Sir:

I rec'd your letter 4 or 5 weeks ago, & was glad to get sight of your familiar hand (writing). Your friend Mr. Bradlee I have not yet seen. Though Lucius, who is at the Law School, has made his acquaintance. He was invited to my house at a small party some time ago, but was prevented from attending. We have our house closed for October, as Madam is taking her vacation in the country, & I am having some

coming out for Douglas as his second choice is an enigma to me. However, we will hope for the best.

A vital matter however is still pending – namely the whiskey that your father ordered for me three years since. Please enquire of him in what stage of progress it is, & when it will be sent on. Give my kindest regards to him your mother & all your sisters, & believe me

truly your old friend

G. Washington Warren

painting going on. I am glad that you are in the Law, & I think, if you stick to it, you will do well. I have not heard for a long time from your father - and I have missed his visits here for the last two years. I fear, that, now you have got home, & your sister is married, he will not make his annual visits here as he used to do. I am glad to learn that you are an uncle in your own right. It promises well that you will some day be the head of a family of your own. As to Politics we are all in the dark here. I joined the Breckinridge wing of the Democracy because I believe their Platform to be sound - & the only way to defeat the Republicans here, is to make the Democratic party strong. I have no faith in the Bell & Everett party, as a separate organization. If the South had stood together in one party, all the Conservative men at the North would have joined them, & we should have had one strong National Party. What does your father think of Mr. Bates of Mo. joining the Republicans? Crittenden's

affair. But to return to your own happy prospects if you will write me, Harry, about time in December & my presence is desirable, although I am afraid my desertion of Blackstone will be scarce pardonable, I shall have very great pleasure in complying, you possibly know how heartily I sympathize with you in your happy prospects. Affectn your friend & chasmate

Bates Blake

Cambridge Oct 16th 1860

Ans. Oct 21.

Dear Harry I hasten on receipt of your kind note to offer you my cordial congratulations on the happy event of which it was the tidings.

I accept with much pleasure your invitation to be with you at "that trying ordeal" {fully believing that even my support will suffice for its "difficulties & dangers"} not being able to resist the

temptation of seeing you once more before you exit from our melancholy bachelor existence. I am {don't smile} quite assiduous in my attentions — to the law & have got very much interested in this pursuit. Both myself argue a very interesting case in Moot Court in about a week upon wh I have been much engaged.

Jimmy Russell is with us this term {having postponed his marriage for the present} & is a very diligent student.

By the bye Stackpole's engagement to Miss Mattie Parsons came out to day! {The bright vision of Polynesia land has faded}

Everybody here is on the qui-vive at the coming of the Prince. The ball on Thursday Eve {wh I propose attending} is to be a splendid

wedding if I could. Shall you journey? And shall you start away immediately after the wedding. If so, I should want to come some days before. Please write me as soon as you can, that is as soon as you can tell me when you want me to be there.

It is very kind in you to desire my presence and I sincerely thank you; and if all goes prosperously I hope I may be with you. I hope you gave my regrets to your friends that I could not call upon them when in Boston. Let me take the liberty of an old Chum and ask you to present my regards to your betrothed and with sincere respect to your family and affection for yourself, I am, Yr. Chum G.L.C.

Answ Nov 9 giving him day &c —

Meadville, Oct. 30, 1860

My dear Chum,

I am really ashamed that your last letter which so interested me, should wait so long for an answer. My time is very much occupied, more so than last year, for the duties of this school are such as never leave one a minute's leisure or at least, a minute when he does not feel that he might be at work on some one of the many and important branches pursued here.

I was not without suspicion

when I received that letter of yours requesting me to call on your friends in Boston; but I did not feel certain; in fact, I can scarcely believe now, that you are really engaged. I am glad that I did not know the fact then, for I should have been too disappointed that I could not see the lady.

You do not tell me much about her; but as she is a resident of your own city, I imagine, it is not a new attraction. I fancy, there is a period in your courtship earlier than the year eighteen-hundred and sixty. Is it all fancy?

I wish I could have a short talk with you. It is all so hard to realize and to write about.

If you have found one to whom you are ready to plight your marriage vows, (and to my mind, these are terribly solemn) one whom you are ready to take "for better or for worse" till death do you part; ~~I~~ And if she is worthy your love and you of hers as I cannot doubt; then I do most heartily congratulate you, and pray "God bless you both!"

I must come to your wedding if it is a possible thing. "The middle of December" you say is the time. If I come, I shall have to get leave of absence and make up my studies. I think I can do it, but I should want to know just the day of the

Vienna Nov 11. 1860

Monday eve

Lizzie has written a note of condolence to Miss Brand, so I will write a few lines to my dear Brother to congratulate him on his approaching happiness — We were rather surprised to hear that you were to be married so soon, & very sorry too, for I was in hopes that I should be able to attend your wedding; but I shall have to content myself with full particulars from Mary who I know will write to Lizzie soon — As for

My Dear Mary —

I cannot resist congratulating you & letting you know how delighted I should be to see Simeon Eikson Esq — You must draw me his portrait, & tell me if you & not-pal a hundred years old — Everybody is getting married about this time, Alex & Rebecca Agassiz, Emma Lewis, my cousin Julia Cooley &c &c — Quite regret not being at home — You must give us a minute account of the wedding, & every thing connected with it — Love to your mother & Father, Alice & Lily — believe me

Yrs. Lovingly

Lizzie

Tell Jim Oakes Bostonians thought you

expecting a letter from a happy Bridegroom like yourself, I fear it would be a great piece of presumption — Who are to be your bridesmaids & groomsmen? you were very rude not to ask either of your Ridgway sisters to stand up with you.

Lizzie has already given a sketch of our travels, so there is nothing left for me to say, now, than that we are having a delightful time generally, & to say again how glad we should be to see you at the present time — We are quite wild to see your wonderful nephew.

& particularly since he shows such good taste in admiring his disagreeable uncle — however if he could speak for himself he might tell an entirely different different tale — As I shall fail to attend the nuptials I hope to be at the house warming & shall expect the best room in the house to be fitted up for my especial use —

Give a great deal of love to my new sister, whom I hope one day to see, & a kiss all around to my old ones — and with a hundred kind wishes & congratulations for yourself,

Believe me
Yours very affectionately
Clara

Cin.ti Wednesday Nov 14th
[1860]

My dear Henry

The sincere pleasure with which I shall assist at your forthcoming nuptials can only be appre=ciated by yourself, who know how truly I value and esteem your friendship and can understand the interest I take in an affair of so momentous importance as that about to take place. Your bride must be indeed deserving of all the lavish praise I have heard bestow upon her in order to be worthy

of one possessing so many superior good qualities as yourself. You deserve a noble wife, my dear fellow, and one bright with all the virtues of woman. The future Mrs D I can already congratulate and am prepared to offer my equal congratulations to you as soon as I am introduced to her.

My ready acceptance of your kind invitation depends of course from the feelings which Cousin Alice Warfield may have upon the subject, for I would not, in contrariety to her wishes, like to enter upon any gaiety so soon after her father's death. She, however, will undoubtedly appreciate my sentiments and offer no objections whatever. I shall be at her house on Friday even'g next to remain until Saturday afternoon when I hope to have a glimpse of you. My best regards to your fathers family and to your bride, and believe me, my dear Henry, that no one more sincerely prays for your continued happiness and future welfare than

Your aff friend
N. L. Anderson

Mr H. S. Duncan Jr
Lexington.

Meadville, Nov. 15, 1860

My dear Chum,

I scarcely needed that second letter of yours which was forwarded to me from Salem, to complete my regret at having delayed answering your first letter.

I believe I should have answered sooner if your letter had not contained such a momentous disclosure. I did not want to answer it in one of the little interims between work, which I generally devote to letter-writing and so I put it off.

your wedding, but I think you had better select some-one who would grace the post better than your Country Chum. Just reflect - call to your mind the blank figure of your modest Chum. He finds himself, upon an examination of his wardrobe, to be utterly incapable of any greater radiance, than an occasional party in this quiet town requires. Indeed, he shrinks somewhat from obtruding his un-silked, un-satined un-jewelled exterior into your wedding at all; his only wish is to get into some corner that commands a view of the marriage and ask God to bless you and make you and your wife happy and useful in your new relations to one another. So, if you please, don't put such an ungraceful lout into such a conspicuous place.

Please present my respects to your family and believe me very sincerely

Yr. Aff. Chum G.L. Chaney

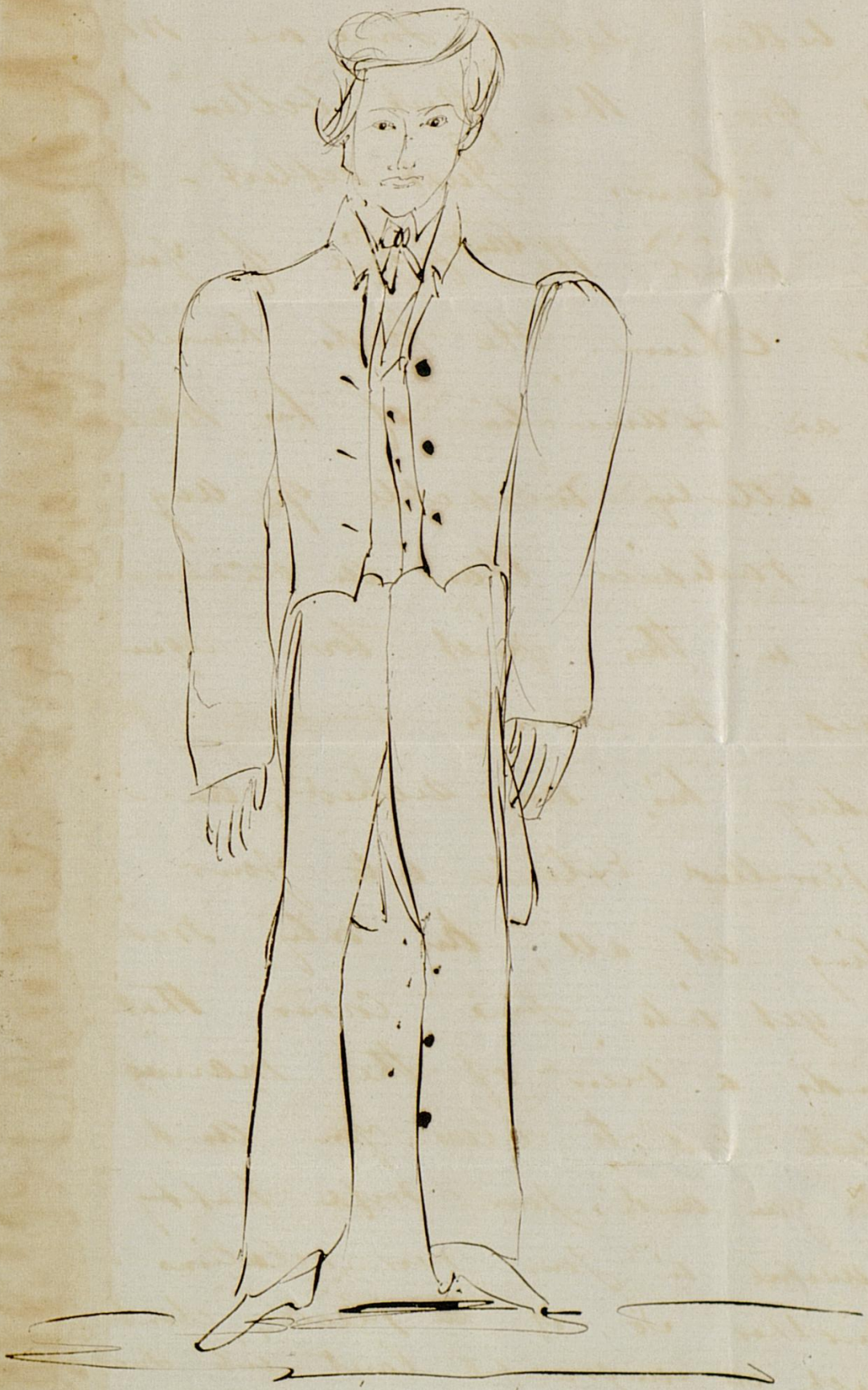
I find myself reckoning upon being with you on the approaching occasion, but I'm sure I dont know when I made the determination. I am not conscious of having made any determination and yet I am conscious of a real intention to be there. I have not asked leave of absence of the President or made any inquiries or arrangements, all of which I ought to do, before speaking decidedly about coming and yet in spite of all obstacles that I can forsee, I mean to be with you.

I will write to you again before I start and tell you when I expect to leave Cincinnati. As to the State police, I know nothing about them. Is there any probability of their interfering with me? If you think there is, (and you can tell better than I can) I should like the passes you offer.

I hope Blake and myself will meet on the way. Is Horne coming? We shall have quite a reunion.

You speak in your letter sent to Salem of my being one of your groomsmen. I thank you for the wish and do appreciate fully your kindness in asking me to take so honorable a place at

Nov. 15. 1860



Your Cheem as he appears when "Got up" - Can you stand such a Groomsman as that?

Mr. E. Bonney
Lynn Mass
Nov 18th 1864

Mobile Nov 18th 1864

Dear Henry

Your communication of Nov. 11th is before me. The intelligence it brings was not unexpected though I was not anticipating quite so early a summons. If not prevented by unforeseen events I shall not fail to be present on the momentous occasion. I scarcely know what to say to your request to act in the capacity of attendant. I feel deficient in view of my age and the awkwardness I feel I should display in such a capacity toward as I am of late to country, in undertaking to play the role your kindness has assigned me. With the above remark, suggesting in addition that some one nearer your own age, in my place would be more suitable to such a position I leave the matter wholly to your own direction with a feeling of undisguised gratification that your preference has singled me out as one of your groomsmen. I sincerely trust that nothing may intervene to interrupt the joys of the event and that it may inaugurate an-

ra in your life of continued and uninterrupted happiness. I will add that the character assigned to the lady of your selection gives me no apprehension that the result will prove adverse to my hopes.

You tell me that your father and yourself have been proposing a visit to Ills and ask me in reference to Hom's hunting condition and the quantity of game. Hom for a month to come will not be affected in his hunting capacity. Quails are abundant now so than I have not seen them but they are distributed as yet over the fields. Then having yet been no weather to drive them into the timber. They are a little more difficult to find now than they will be later, but still I think you will not lack sport nor find it difficult to lay in an abundant supply in a few days hunting. I hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing your father and yourself at the time indicated. I am glad to hear that your father has made so fortunate a disposition of his cattle. I have three cow lands in fine condition for market, that will average 1400 and I think something over. I am very anxious to to get rid of them as I don't think it will pay to feed longer and as they are in the way of the mowers they got through from Nov in good condition and without lap. They are regarded as a good and cheap lot. Its corn is quite cheaper than last year I have but little fear that we shall not feed them to advantage. Tell your father if he does not come out to indicate his views to me as to the disposition. It would be best to make of the remnant of last winter's lot.

In the hope seeing you soon and my best love to all I remain

Yours affectly

H D Jenkins

Geo L. Locke Rhinebeck Dutchess Co N.Y.
Geo A. Torrey Cambridge Mass.
F. W. Loring Care F. C. Loring Boston Mass
N. B. Shurtleff Jr Boston Mass
C. L. Swan Cambridge Mass
A. J. Winn Care Joseph Winn Woburn Mass
W. H. Perry Greenville So. Ca.
J. H. Pryor Cambridge Mass.
L. W. Memminger Charleston S.C.
Edward Stanley Waters Salem Mass
Alexander McKenzie Andover Mass.
Jas. A. Sawtell Charlestown Mass.
A. J. Lathrop Waterton Mass
Michael Norton Brighton Mass.
D. A. W. Smith Newton Mass
H. H. Richardson in Europe
S. W. Langmaid Cambridge Mass.
E. H. Jackson Plymouth Mass

This is as near as I can come at the address of the fellows. Some of them have moved without sending me word but I have no doubt that they can be reached through the address which I have given. I hope that I shall see you when you come this way.

Yr Friend & Classmate
F. H. Swan

Dorchester Nov 18. 1860

Dear Kentucky

I received your letter some little time since but have been so much taken up with politics that I have neglected everything I hope I am in time for your purpose. Allow me to congratulate you on your good fortune, and to hope that you may be as happy as a king.

I will give you as nearly as possible the address of the fellows.

F. E. Abbot - Meadville, Pa.
P. W. Ames (Dungeness near St Mary's Georgia Care P. M. Nightingale)
L. W. Bailey Cambridge Mass
F. V. Balch Cambridge Mass
William Barney (New York N.Y.
William Barrett (Care Lewis Jappan) Cambridge Mass
Geo. W. Batchelder Salem Mass
A. J. Bates Cambridge Mass
Clayton F. Becker Cambridge Mass
Geo. Baty Blake Cambridge Mass
H. M. Bond Care Walker, Wise & Co Boston
W. S. Bond Care Geo. Wm Bond & Co Boston
Wm Bev. Brown Care C. H. H. Brown Baltimore Md
Franklin Burgess Care B. Burgess & Sons Boston Mass

Chapin H. Carpenter Brattleboro, Vt.
G. L. Chaney Meadville, Pa.
Chas. Chauncey Phila. Penn
C. A. Cilley Somewhere in Minnesota
J. A. Crane Care F. H. Swan Cambridge Mass
Edward Curtis 27 Washington Place New York
E. H. Cushing Charlestown N. H.
C. A. Daniels Care Obed Daniels Milford Mass
Geo. Draper Care Daniel Draper & Sons Boston
James H. Ellison Waltham Mass.
Oscar Ely Holyoke Mass
William Everett Care Ned Everett of the Ledger
James H. Fay Care Harrison Fay Brookline Mass
H. M. Field 88 & 90 South St Boston
Daniel F. Fitz Ipswich Mass
Jas. M. Freeman Care Pliny Freeman New York Hope Ins Co. N.Y.
Geo. F. French Cambridge Mass
Henry W. Fuller Cambridge Mass
John C. Gray Cambridge Mass
F. B. Greenough Cambridge Mass
Fred Sears Grand d'Hauteville Boston
D. H. Hayden Care Dr J. C. Hayden 164 Tremont St Boston
S. H. Hilliard Care Francis Hilliard Roxbury Mass
F. M. Holland Cambridge Mass
A. L. Hollingsworth Milton Mass
E. W. Hooper Care Dr R. W. Hooper Boston Mass
F. C. Hopkinson Cambridge Mass
H. P. Hoppin Cambridge Mass

C. W. Horne Cincinnati Ohio
H. J. How Haverhill Mass
James A. Runnill Cambridge Mass
Wm W. Swan Cambridge Mass
Wm R. Huntington Care E. Huntington Md. Lowell Mass
W. W. Newell Cambridge Mass
Albert Stickney Care Lucy Stickney Cambridge Mass
J. W. Stephenson Cambridge Mass
Geo. Lawrence Care Turnbull Slade & Co Baltimore Md.
Wm H Keighler Cambridge Mass
Heyward Cutting Care F. B. Cutting New York
John H. Ricketson Pittsburg Pa.
J. A. Winslow University of Va, Va
Edwin C. Lewis Care Col. R. G. Lewis New Hampton N.H.
Ellis L. Motte Care Mellish J. Motte 2 East Castle St. Boston
Jas Schouler Concord N. H.
Robert Tower Brooklyn N.Y.
Horatio Paine 386. Fourth St N.Y.
Wm E. Lamb Care Thomas Lamb Boston
E. G. Low Jamaica Plain
Strong Vincent Erie Pa.
Geo. B. Merrill New Bedford Mass
D. S. Preston Care John Clark Pres.t Equitable S. S. Office Boston Mass
E. W. Metcalf Cambridge Mass
C. S. Peirce Cambridge Mass
E. M. Abbott Lynn Mass
J. Winslow Lynn Mass
Chas. J. White St Denis P.O. Baltimore Co. Md

Louisville Novem 21st 1860

My dear Cousin

I have delayed thanking you for your most welcome and cordial letter much longer than my feelings dictated, but the departure of my Son for the South, his narrow escape from the ill fated Pacific, his return, and my shattered nerves, must plead my excuse, I am even now in a poor state to write to you upon so interesting a subject.

I had heard your marriage spoken of before seeing your Mother and Father, and thought of it with much pleasure taking the interest in you which I always have, but this great momentous of all events in life, bore my thoughts upto you with even a deeper and more tender interest than usual. I have seen but little of Miss Bonner but she seemed tho a stranger, a lovely girl, to see you united to her, dear Henry, would afford me true pleasure yet I cannot say at this time, whether it will be possible for me

Send — Form
New York City

to be with you on that occasion or not, our Gentleman will be South, our little pet cannot be left at home, nor could he risk taking his out in so inclement a season. Mr Ford may possibly come up before then, it is doubtful. My movements would depend upon his return. Your Cousin Mary and Robert desire me, to present to you their kind and affectionate regards, and thanks for your polite invitation to them.

Alice writes me, she hopes to see you and your Bride when you visit New York. he understands it is your purpose to visit that City soon after your marriage. I will send you his direction if you do, and I trust you will gratify both her and me, by calling at Mrs Haines to see her. I had a hearty laugh at your request about advice, with as to "governing a Wife". I have no experience in that way, having always governed a Husband, and believing that they are the happiest, where the rule is reversed right. I advise you to perfect submission as your only hope, any similar hope with her sweet trusting affection, can do just what she pleases with her husband, tell me in a year from now if that is not true! I feel already a kind of kindred link to Mrs Lilly and you must present me as such to her, and at some future day you must afford me the pleasant privilege of having you together as my guests.

With affectionate remembrances to your good Mother, your Father and the Girls I am sincerely

Your attached Cousin
Mary Jane Ford

Joe says he pities you from the bottom of his heart, but sends you his love — the subject of marriage is one that always seems to stir him deeply —

I suppose you have heard from some of your friends here the recent college gossip — the Sophomores have been very naughty, and a number have been sent off, but, if they will be good boys now, the rest are to be allowed to stay.

With the kindest wishes for your health and comfort, I remain, Yours truly, Charles Eliot Norton

Cambridge
Nov. 25th.
[1860]

My dear Mr. Duncan,

I was, as you say, somewhat surprised at receiving a letter from you in Italy, but glad, as I always shall be, to hear from you, from your own pen of your welfare —

Allow me to present to you my sincere congratulations on the approaching happy event, and to assure you that

your friends here will be happy to see you again on New England soil. You are joking I presume, when you ask, "if it is safe for a Southerner to visit New England"?, there is bluster in the newspapers North & South, but thank Heaven it is as yet confined to the newspapers, and I trust always will be —

You have doubtless heard from Mrs. Bowditch by this time, as she said she should write you at once —

The Ridgways, when last heard from, were in Berlin; and were to pass the Winter in Florence; they are enjoying themselves exceedingly — You must let us know where you will be, and when you will be here, that we may call upon your bride —

Cincinnati Nov 29th 1860.

My dear Major

As you desired I have taken the matter you mentioned to me yesterday into consideration & have spoken to Nick, whom I found posted in regard to what he is to wear & I believe already supplied with the same. The letter you spoke of as having been written from Illinois reached me yesterday afternoon. The trouble with it was a delay in mailing. It was dated 22d & postmarked 26th. The more I think of the matter the better satisfied I become that the reasons I mentioned to you yesterday will prevent me from accepting your flattering proposal. Had I known of it a week or two before I should have been exceedingly pleased to have acted as groomsman on the occasion, but the

lateness of the notice will effectually prevent my doing so. & sorry as I may be to refuse I shall be obliged to again ask you to excuse me.
Remember me most kindly to your Father & Mother & all. In conclusion I can only send my most sincere wishes for your future happiness & beg you to believe me as ever

Your sincere friend
C. W. Horne.

in the land, to stay the progress of treason & disorganization

Mary & Hart are with us still - Mary & Duncan still have bad colds - ballance of the family well - Mary is besetting me to buy what she calls the Black Smith shop - that is the Newberry house on Limestone Street - I think they are both a little tired of Woodford, at least, until he makes it comfortable - But as I am now trying to make up her full complement of hands on the Sugar plantation - whether it will be convenient to do more at present I do not know, Every thing is getting so out of joint and depreciated - that it bothers us all to the greatest prudence

All join in much love to Lilly & yourself Your devoted Father

W. J. Duncan

Lexington Dec 3rd 1860

My Dear Son

Your letter I received on yesterday - We were all delighted to hear that Dear Lilly & yourself were so pleasantly situated at the Continental - and so well pleased with the kind friends you had met - Your informs me that you would be off to N Y where I direct this letter - Had I known of your visit to N Y I should have given you a small commission to attend to for me - Call and pay my Subscription to New York Express $6 it is part due some months & expires next summer - Also call at the Office of the N Y Observer - I think was a Subscription - for this paper pay for the time up to your

call & discontinue the paper
I paid up to some time last
Spring - from that time to the
present pay of & Clear that leak
the lady read the paper - but
myself & that but occasionally
Do not fail to call on Mrs
Gustin & Miss Emily Duncan, & to
both of them remember me most
cordially - and to all the family of
Mrs Gustin - for whom, I entertain
a sincere respect -
You should call upon Mr Bancroft
by all means
Upon your return to Phil^a
you will find at the Continental
some letters for Washington - to Mr
& Mrs Crittenden you will need
none, also Mr Vice President
Breckenridge - I know but 2 of
the Hy Delegation - Mr Jno B Ste=
=venson of Covington (though a Dem
ocrat) he is a charming gentleman
& a man of talents - Also Mr Robt
Mallory of the Louisville district
a man of fine sense & clever abil=
=ities - he is a farmer - well edu
cated & a gentleman - Simms you
know I presume - It would be
well to renew your acquaintance
as he is a land proprietor - and
joining you in Illinois - out of
whom a bargain may be made
since of these days - So that it
is best to hold civil relations
with him - While in Washington
post yourself fully of men & things
& give me a full account all you
see & hear
We are all gloomy & anxious for
the future - fearing the worst, and
hoping for some time - there may
extricate the Country from the
perils that encompass her - It
will require all the wisdom and
prudence of every patriot in

Boston Dec 1st '60

Dear Henry

I thought I would delay writing you until I had arranged at what time I should leave here.

It is now my intention to leave on Monday morning {nothing preventing} in which case I shall hope to arrive at Lexington the latter part of

the work ensuing.

I am sorry not to have the pleasure of Fred d'Hauteville's company whose business engagements render it impracticable for him to leave home at this time

Your numerous friends have desired me to convey their congratulations upon the approaching auspicious event which I trust to have the pleasure of presenting personally with my own.

In great haste very truly your friend

Baty Blake

comprehension they are — will feel constrained to postpone a personal expression of them to some more private, but they hope not distant, opportunity.

In the meantime, desiring the kindest to you both as brother & sister — and nephew — I remain, as ever, very sincerely yours

Joseph H. Flint

Louisville Dec 5th 1861

Dear Henry,

"Better late than never" would be an excellent maxim, were it not so often perverted, as in the present instance, in excuse of procrastination the sin that so easily besets most of us.

As to the forgiveness you speak of — that is one of the last things appealing which we should fail to realize the truth of the benignant assurance — "ask, & ye shall receive". It is one of my heresies, as you know, that the prayer for it is all that the good God requires of his erring children, and not bloody sacrifice nor any other kind of atonement. But, in truth, in regard to the delinquency which you refer, I am disposed to believe that it was too nearly venial to invoke either the grace of contrition, on the one part, or of forgiveness, on the other. For it is another of my heresies, as you know, to consider that frequency

and transgression are so inseparably connected, that without the most absolute realization of the former there can be no responsibility for the latter. Now, I strongly suspect that before a certain young gentleman was fully aware of it, it was quite out of his power to come, with a whole heart, to Louisville — quite as impossible for the hapless implicit H.D. to turn himself, "corde et corpore sans", from Lexington, as for the feathered subject of fascination to escape from the subtile attraction that is resistlessly holding it within the magic atmosphere of the smiles of its destiny. Do let us understand me, for a moment, as implying to the future Mrs Dunn-can, any of the attributes of the heart of the cock & fowl, except his chorus — unless indeed they are regarded in that admirable Columbine combination, which the ~~[illegible]~~ Master inculcates as an excellence in christian character.

I have present me in advance, with the most cordial salutations, as one of her new relatives, to that estimable and fortunate lady — fortunate alike in charming, and being chosen — with the assurance that as I have been honoured with the privilege of offering to her future husband such counsel as I may deem pertinent to his new relation, it will be my first care to charge him to be an obedient husband, in order that he may hereby set a good example to her who will have promised, under the sanctions of both Law & Gospel, to love, honor, and obey him.

My desire and expectation is to be present at the ceremonies which are to establish this new relation, to participate in your morning festivities, and to be among the earliest, as I certainly shall be among the most cordial & sincere, of those who will congratulate you on the prospects auspicious of your new life. But I fear that I shall be alone, of your Louisville relations. Nannie & Mrs Ford, with all their interest & affection for you and yours — and, I need not say to you how sincere and

My dear Mr. Duncan

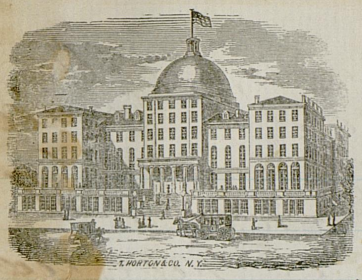
A foolish and I am afraid a growing habit of Procrastination has almost made me too late to congratulate you on your present and anticipated happiness. Accept all kind wishes from the Doctor, Nat, Lizy & myself for you and your bride elect. - Pray let us know if you coming to this city

that we may renew the friendship so pleasantly commenced some time ago, and have an introduction to one on whom so much of your future happiness or sorrow depends. You will find many changes even in the short time since you left. Such activity and variety is rather opposed to my English nature and I wish I could look forward to a more settled state. Our friends the Ridgways are to winter in Italy. They are enjoying their travels exceedingly I think from the letters we see. Eliza their servant, whom I dare say you remember is with us.

Be sure of a hearty welcome whenever you come from

Your friend
Olivia Bowditch

Dec 6. 1860
112 Boylston St. Boston



Burnet House,

JOHNSON, SAUNDERS & CO.

Proprietors.

Cincinnati, Thursday Dec 6th 1860

Dear Henry

Thus far I have been led on in safety & health & shall be glad to see you once more very shortly.

I wrote you from Boston, on Saturday last informing you of my proposed departure & would now say that I intend leaving here to morrow afternoon or Saturday morning I have not decided

which I called at Shepley Dorne's Office where I saw him & Nick Anderson & I assure you it gave me great pleasure to see them once again, particularly as I have not seen a person I knew since leaving the "hub of the Universe", I was glad to hear from Nick that his invaluable services had been retained for the happy occasion.

With kind regards to your family I remain Dear Sir yours truly

friend Baty Blake

{In great haste}

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Dec 7th 1860.

To H J Duncan Jr By Telegraph from Memphis 7 1860.

I leave here today
for Kentucky

Joel Higgins

Lexington 7th Dec 1860

Dear Henry.

I have seen Mr. Bruce the County Ct Clk he says you had best come in on Monday to sign the Bond. as it would be more regular, but under urgent circumstances he would issue the licence from your note. I have also seen Mr Brand who will sign his consent at the same time.

yrs truly
W Goodloe

Note I will be your Security

My dear Sir.

It is with difficulty that I have restrained myself from the yearning due to the lady you have described with such graphic power.

May I hope that the training to which she has doubtless been subjected to ensure that obedience (which it would seem merely requires at the altar in default of stout sticks on his plantations) may have produced its effect? and without any aid?

Mary, now, understands the thing! I can

come off with flying colors.

Happy days. harmonious life – and years that leave behind no unpleasant memories!

always affectionately – remembering Mr. Sparks and myself. Remember us also as affectionately your friends. –

Mary C. Sparks

Monday. 10 Dec. [1860]
Cambridge.

fancy Mr. G., coaxing a month for permission to have her boot.

Bray commend Neill Howard to kiss her for me most affectionately

I know not what further to say of Mary for I have heard such contradictory tittle tattle that I shall hardly think brightly of you all in Dec. without a note to say how she is, and something of her family.

And now ask her — approaching cautiously — to kiss Neill Howard, whom I shall certainly visit, perhaps to the exclusion of Mary, as much am I interested in her future (not Future.)

But my choice is rather in favour of Mr. D. mean. I know Mrs. D. by heart, and shall search no longer on day her incarnate.

A thousand, thousand felicitations to you. If you will bring up your bride I will reserve myself for her disposal any week you will name?

You write dear Tolstoy — flourishing! — I hope you mastered the proceeding which such

— You would have enjoyed much. Having to be pretty cheerful, Fanny & in expectation further time than Brother Hezie for 3/— The Strathcarth Zouth Lts. Bath hampered with great perplexities, but the hearing has been very manly and entirely tolerable, and the wonderful hopeful belief, I have no relative in the form of those who make convenient Such indignities of personal existence, and shrink behind the Fallen honour of their national independence should be ~~the~~ as clear Yes & free! — but personal independence should be the first matter, and some entirely should make me the hero of this barrel.

And some entirely I cannot do.

For the worst of a mistaken hope never hands much suffering as personal of hope disappointed. Can you hope me for a & grave! Fancy the face of Mr. Philip? —

Innocent tableau away notice of death & Philip? —

And for this the first letter was delivered, we cannot it

Mary we should do, Mr. H. & children, & I have away thing & come ale for you here? Protect the house here, but there must be fire & Mary will quite fall of his wife you = would. Mary

as your Polar Star "Nil Desperandum" as your motto — and although you may encounter high winds and waves you will make the journey of life safely.

I hope there is no Statute in Ky. against "altering or defacing Brands" as you have totally blotted out one — By the way, among the many sacrifices women make for men what greater one than giving up her maiden name, for her husband's? What would induce you to give up your name for any woman's?

Praying Heaven's richest blessings may crown you both in time & eternity I remain

Yours with respect

M. G. Singleton

Centralia Mo. Decr. 13th 1860

H. T. Duncan Jr.

Dear Sir:

For the nuptial cards of invitation sent us through your kind offices accept our kindest thanks — Our formal "regrets" to Mr & Mrs Macalester are not expected and therefore not tendered.

We had an intimation last week through Mr. Cartright that we would be invited — and having long desired to visit Ky. I had my "outfit" ready and my mind almost made up to avail myself of the best opportunity, perhaps, that will ever be afforded me of seeing Kentucky beauty — intelligence — wit & elegance in one short evening — I waited

Monday for the invitation, then being compelled to go to Columbia I instructed the P.M. to forward my letters to me that night; and sure enough they came and he simply wrote on them "fwd" and sent them without way-bill, and consequently the P.M. at Columbia did not deliver them, but sent them back according to their address. So it turned out that we did not get them till Wednesday night, a little too late to commence the journey with any hope of reaching destination "on time" But my dear fellow if it has turned out that you have "failed to make the connexion" and should try it again the next time I hope to be "up to time"!

It is now just 8 o'clock P.M. and I can well imagine how the pulsations of your heart quicken, and respiration becomes more difficult, and an unaccountable shaking of the knees take place - indications of intense anxiety and the sluggish revolutions of the wheels of time that shall bring you to that moment when you will realize the bright visions of an imaginative mind stimulated by genuine love.

In launching your bark upon, to you, an untried sea, freighted, as it is, with a "jewel of great price" with a just consciousness of your own prowess, take Common Sense for your rudder - Love for your anchor - Justice for your Pilot. Charity for Counselor - the Little Things Providence may offer for Ballast - the happiness of both here & hereafter

Cambridge Mass
21. Dec 1860.

Dear. Henry:-

Please accept, for yourself and Lady, the warmest congratulations of

Your humble friend
Clayton. F. Becker

To-

Henry. F. Duncan Esq
Lexington Ky.

Duncannon
Dec 23 1860

My Dear Brother

It seems like a month since I saw you and I miss you very much but hope you are enjoying your visit very much.

Ellen and I went to School Friday it will not begin again on

Wednesday week.

Mrs Humphreys and Louie Gibson were here last night Louie wants Ellen to go down and spend this week with her but I do not expect she will go. Cousin Kate went yesterday she is coming again in two or three weeks I am going to dress a doll and give it to Eliza when she comes back Sister Mary gave an accordian & Henry a little watch he broke it before he got home winding it up.

Sister Mary and Mother are going down to Woodford tomorrow, I am going to knit a pair of slippers for Mother tommorrow

Ell and I are to sleep in your room tonight.

As the fire is getting low and I am getting sleppy I will tell you and Sister Lily good night with much love I remain your aff't sister Lily Duncan

Lynn, Mass, Dec 23, 1860.

My dear Duncan;

I received day before yesterday your wedding card. I had heard before of your intentions through several classmates, so I was not taken by surprise. I hope you will allow me, although a Northerner & a Republican, to congratulate you as a classmate & to wish you a happy matrimonial life, with many of the blissful encumbrances thereto appertaining. You do well to evince your regard for "the Union" in these perilous times, & deserve success certainly.

Hoping I may have the pleasure of offering my congratulations personally before we are grey-headed men, I remain

Your friend & classmate,

James Schouler.

Henry T. Duncan.

Dear Duncan -

Accept my thanks for the token of remembrance which announced your marriage, and, though distant from you, permit me to mingle my own hearty and sincere congratulations with those of your friends which must come to you from all sides in this season of your happiness.

Very truly
Yr. Friend
A. J. C. Sondon -

Revere House,
Boston Dec. 23d 1860.

Boston, 30, Court St.
Dec. 25, 1860

My dear Duncan,

Very much pleased was I at receiving your token of great joy in Lexington — Concord, you know from History, is always connected with and follows close the affairs at Lexington Meeting-house. Among the songs with which the single "Men's" of 59, tho' their name is legion, solace their loneliness — is one styled "Love not", in which we declare ourselves to be "Lawless sons of Clay" — Thou, — happy son of Clay, even of the Clay of Lexington, have sung unto us a new & diff: song.

I shall be glad to hear from Baty Blake a full account of the ceremony — Please present my kindest regards to Mrs. D.

Glad hoping some time to meet

you & make Mrs. D.'s acquaintance in Boston, for I probably shall not soon journey west — I afs[illegible]

You I can remain, in Boston or elsewhere, truly & affy

Yours,

William E. Lamb

Mr. Henry T. Duncan
Lexington, Ky.

Lex Dec 27th 1841

My Dear Son

We were all a little uneasy on yesterday at not hearing of your safe arrival knowing your punctuality and attention to writing

Since you left every thing has gone on as usual - I have spent 2 days at Bedford, with decided benefit to my Cold the open air is I believe the true remedy - I should have written before this - But for the occupation & troubles - always incident to Christmas, with me Our Christmas - would have been perfectly happy - had your plate & that of Dear Lilly been occupied - which I hope it will be

always hereafter - I must have all my Dear Children with me always on these occasions - Mary, Hart, & Duncan have been with us ever since you left & I suppose will spend the winter - or aught to

I suppose that all Dear Lilly's family & friends are well - Nothing of any interest has occurred since you left

We are all sad & gloomy at the threatening & perilous condition, of our beloved Country - The impression is strengthening daily - that the Black Republican party are indisposed to do any thing to guarantee to the South her constitutional rights - You know how intensely human they is - But

If

this state of things continues she will join the South - preferring to secure our rights in the Union But if she cannot do this she will go off - The Greeley and other madmen are doing all they can to precipitate revolution - Any two honest fair minded men - could settle the difficulty directly - But political knaves & demagogues are making matters worse every hour -

I shall write & send your general letters to morrow while you are at Washington write 2 or 3 carefully prepared letters - extracts from which can be published

All joins in love to yourself & Dear Lilly - with many kisses for her - both the compliments of the season - I remain yr devoted Father

D T Duncan

Meadville, Dec. 20, 1860

Dear Henry,

I have been consulting the Railway Guide, the best source of information I have at hand, and if I may rely upon it; I shall be able so to make connections at Cleveland and Cincinnati, as to reach Duncan in a day and a half. For fear of some unforseen delay, I have thought it would be best to start from here next Thursday, and so be sure of reaching you by

Saturday night at least; but if I am not mistaken in my information I shall arrive on Friday forenoon.

I think of you and your rapidly approaching marriage every day and yet do not realize the truth of it. It must make one feel twice the man he was; to be married. In fact, if the marriage is a right one, I believe a man more than doubles himself.

With sincere regards to you and yours and hoping soon to see you, I am

Yr. Obt. Servt

G. D. Chaney

the sermon and reference. I have made inquiries for Br. Bull and have secured Pearson. If the former is in town I think I shall secure it. I read the little tract with interest; while riding in the cars.

I am fairly at work again and begin to look back upon the occurrences of my visit to Lexington as almost in the region of dream-land. Please dispel the illusion and assure me of the reality of it all by writing to me as soon as possible and telling as much as ~~possible~~ you will about yourself and wife.

With sincere wishes for the happiness of both, I am

Very aff.ly Yrs,

G. L. Chaney

Meadville, Dec. 31, '60

Dear Henry,

I have not written to you sooner, because I knew you would not get my letter until you returned to Lexington, and that I am sure is not yet. I wonder where you are on this last night of this most eventful year, to you, and I wonder whether you feel the influence of the evening and are thinking over all that the year has done for you. I feel almost sure that you are in Boston. I hope you are. Perhaps you were there at Ned Hooper's Class Party

But no, on second thought, that could not have been. I believe that came off the same evening we had that delightful dinner party at Mrs. Brand's. I enjoyed that evening exceedingly. I had a long talk with your wife; the first good talk I had had with her, though I had seen her twice before. I saw your wife four times in all; and I think it is the best compliment I could pay her and I rejoice that I can say it truly; I liked her best of all in her simple home dress as she appeared at your father's house, at breakfast that Saturday morning. Whenever I think of her as she looked then, I feel sure that you may have much home-happiness with her. I shall remember among the pleasantest recollections of the year that has almost past; my visit to Kentucky. Please remember me to your parents and sisters, when you see them next and assure them of my grateful remembrance of their kind attentions. And if there are any others who remember me with sufficient interest to inquire about me, you will be safe in assuring them of my lively regard.

I met many agreeable people and should be sorry to think I was never to see them again. I hope you thanked Mrs Morrison for

Lex Dec 31st 1861

My Dear Son

Enclosed I send you two letters one to Mr Mallory & Stevenson 2 of the most prominent men in the Key Delegation - both natives of Virginia & excellent specimens of the Old Dominion

Mr Crittenden & Lady - & Vice President Breckenridge - you know and should promptly call upon - through them & the gentleman I give you letters to - you will be able to see all. that is worth seeing & knowing at Washington

I wrote you yesterday at N Y - hope you rec'd it

Tender my warmest love and a kiss for Dear Lilly - I am

Yr devoted Father

H J Duncan