

Knowlton, 21 Dec.
77.

My dear Principal, When I wrote
you last, I think I forgot to re-
fer especially to tomorrow's
meeting. I had not forgotten
it when making my arrange-
ment. Two or three matters con-
curred to make it impossible
for me to get in. One was the
fact that, unknown to me, the
yearly meeting of our County
Agricultural Society was fixed
for that day. Last year, in
my absence, they made me
President of it. Through the
year I have been unable
to render any service in that
capacity. And I could not
decently absent myself on
this last occasion for any
in the whole year. I have
been kept, so, so unexpected-
ly busy ever since I got

house, with Judge & other
work, that there remain a lot
of things that I can't cut my-
self off from doing or trying
to do, for some few days
longer. If I can, I want
very much to run over & see
Father, too, on my way in-
to town, or before I go in.

I count on getting in by
Thursday or (at latest) Fri-
day. And as soon as possible
after I get in, I will see you.
I shall be in town till pro-
bably the Saturday week after;
or possibly, till Monday, the
11th. There will be a heap
of Judge work for me; but
I trust I may be able to
make my self of some little
use to the College, for all
that.

It is necessary enough,
as regards my self, that the
thing I see stated in ^{the} papers
for Lord Dufferin's visit, will

be a time I must spend out
of town. A Term at Sweet-
bush opens for me on Mon-
day the 14th, & will last till
the Saturday following. So,
I suppose your College re-
ception, if it takes place
(as I hope) will go over in
my absence. Except for my
own feeling in the matter,
however, that will matter
amazingly little.

Our best remembrances
to all your household. Though
somewhat tired, I continue
no end better in health
than (with all my work)
I could have expected.

In haste,

Yours very faithfully,
Christie unkin.

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Handwritten signature in brown ink, possibly reading "John ..."

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