

Knowlton, 20 Oct

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My dear Principal,

I could not answer your note on its receipt; having really to do as little as I could, over & above each day's needed work. Last week I had to give to my Term at Sweetbush. And yesterday I had to spend at Watuloo. I am fully meaning & hoping to be in town by Saturday. But some extraordinary hindrances are rather worrying me. One is, that I fear my nephew (who has been away since last Monday week, on a Bull purchase-hunt in N.H.; all the way to Cochrans) can hardly be home with his purchase before Friday; & I much want to have seen him 'till before I leave home. Should I find I can't get in for Saturday, I will write as fully as I can. But you may depend on my coming in if possible can. I fully mean too, to stay in over the preparation meeting of Wednesday.

Thanks for your renewed invitation. My wife is even more troubled than I am, at the risk of my being an invalid nuisance in any (even the best) friend's house. Last time (at Fairbairn's) it seemed as if we never could get away, when once in. I am better than I was; but the amendments are so shaky, & the time of year so risky — even extra risky, for cold & wet, that I really feel we ought not to subject any one to so rough a test of friendship. Still, I am hoping — or rather we are — to quarter ourselves on you; the more

So, as I must this time give myself
mainly to the College. Should it so happen
that I dare not stay the time the
College wants, for fear of being caught
for longer & too long, I must trust you
& Mr Dawson will pardon our running
away from a danger the thought of
which really troubles me more than
a little. My wife joins me in best re-
membrances.

Yours most truly
Christie Dickinson.

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