

Knowlton, 16 Dec. 80.

My dear Principal, Yours of the 29th, 5th & 7th would have been answered sooner, but that I have not been up to the mark for anything that could be put off. I do think I am rather on the mending side. But as to work of that I have no hope for some good many days yet to come.

Mr Rice came down with her girls; my sister Emma is here. And I had Miller out last Sunday, the Sunday week before. More or less of proof as to what sort of a man for work they all take me. And that I have just got a six months' leave of absence; though with no thought of really leaving home.

All the same, I cling longingly & hopefully to some amount of future work yet to be done. The story of the "College" is now clearly out of the question for this ever so long to come. Not cause of hope to hurry with anything else. I do think though that if you could give me here a good day or two, we two could together put much into order; especially that I could hand you all I had, need hand you in the matter of the Johns papers & their legal affairs. I do earnestly hope that you will be able to come. I can't be very. I have to hold to it on principle, for such a long day's duty.

Yours very much truly
W. A.

Mr King
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