

Sept 26. 83.

Dear Father

I enclose memo. of the more important letters received, and also an acct. of the apples. I am arranging with Hamilton to get potatoes in exchange for those given him. If I could only have found some way of getting the apples picked I c<sup>d</sup> easily have rescued 2 barrels more. The only arrangement I c<sup>d</sup> make was with Hamilton's boys, to give 2 hours a day to it after school; & meanwhile a wet windy day came on which blew down about 1½ barrels. It is such a disappointment to see good fruit going to waste. It makes me feel how unfortunate it is for

a business man to attempt gardening, for I have of course no time even to overlook the picking, tho' what has been picked are fairly done.

We are now quite settled in this house. I had 3 days at the end of last week before returning to Office, & made the best of them, I think. Amongst other things, I have put a new lock on the litchen door (the side door of the house I mean) as it was quite worn out; have had a key fitted to door where the furniture is stored down stairs; & got the ~~door~~ lock of our present bed-room repaired at Chanteloup. Have also sorted out ~~your~~ the drawers in your desk in the library, & the tool drawer, & got things generally into something like order. Have had an old English "D" put on all the new silver; as your silver has the "D" in script character. It looks very pretty especially on the engraved spoons.

I find the gas leaking 2 ft a day  
which must be at the taps. This is  
the only remaining thing that requires  
attention. I have asked Bailey to come  
up & fit them closer.

There is little in the way of news.  
I began regular office work Monday;  
& Florence has been receiving visitors  
this week. We are both well, & happy.

With love to Mother & Eva, your  
affectionate son,  
William -

We are invited to dine quietly with  
the Campbells on Sat<sup>o</sup>.

I have acknowledged all letters  
received; & forward one enclosed.

W. B. D.  
Oct/83

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Returned dead letter, addressed  
Annie Young, Knowlton Flats -  
E. Andrews, Chicago. Photo? of glacial  
markings.

Moses Purser, advice of box of specimens  
shipped.

Acc<sup>t</sup> from Gooding & Hunter, of \$2.<sup>00</sup> owed  
by George. (Paid)

Do you wish Subscription to Art Union  
paid? Circular has been sent -

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Apples.

St. Lawrence.

- 1 Barrel (Eva's tree) kept.
- 2 Barrels Sent to Pauls.
- 1 " Given Hamilton

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| 1   | " | faller ones, House of the Judge |
| 1/2 | " | " " over.                       |

- Pippins
- 1 Barrel - Anna.
  - 1/2 " kept
  - 2/3 " Hamilton.
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