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we are very very anxious
that Horace should have
faithful, honest friends -
and after much thought
I have ventured on asking
you to interest the Professor
(your Professor I mean) in him.
Horace has written a full
account of the procession in
honor of Mr Molson - and we
are proportionally frightened
that he may be attracting
himself to a "fast" set. You

know how little experience
of the life and associates of a
large town he can have had,
and our home restrictions
have kept him so far safe
from them - in fact, there are
no proceptions or any thing of
the kind here. I have written
to him fully - (perhaps too much
so -) but amongst other things
have counselled him to ask
Professor Dawson whenever he
is in doubt about any thing.
I hope that I have not done
wrong, in so writing? Horace looks
a manly fellow, and perhaps

feels himself such - but in truth
he is the veriest child in most
things - with a want of "tact" that
is astonishing with such whiskers!
And then! he believes in every one!
And now, I have told you all
about him, except, that advice kindly
given is affectionately received by
him. We have tried to make all
our children our friends, and hitherto
God's blessing has been upon us! So,
if the Professor will speak to him
kindly sometimes, or even yourself, if
it would not be too much to ask, we
should be deeply grateful. And now
I will not further trouble you, as your
time must be more than fully occupied.