

Oakland Heights
Ashland, Me
Apr 3. 1893

Dear Anna,

Your welcome letter
of March 29th arrived yesterday
PM. The part of it that
states we must is that about
May, of course it will be a
great loss to lose him; but that
would be almost made up
by the glory of a new professor
being called to Harvard. What
concerns us most however is
the possibility of William at
length getting a place in the
Sill. Van Home cannot at
the moment do anything for
him, he returns escaped, though
he holds out hopes of the
texting department. Return's
argument for Vautlet is that
is quicker than William,
and they do not consider

that W. has had no chance,
owing to being taken away
to other matters &c. William
as you know is not fresh, but
he is very accurate and pains-
taking, and has good gifts for
explaining what he knows.
Before I left I mentioned
him to McDonald, in case
of any vacancy, and gave
him his testimonials. McD
said it was better ^{precisely} to be
in the C.P.R. than in the
College. I told him that it
might be a matter of more
than money, as W. had
education and gifts which
might enable him to do
original work if he had
time. I shall not of course
now say anything of this to
Wm., but if Bernard and
you will kindly watch

~~the time of events~~, and when
~~the time comes~~ put in a
 word for W. and advise him
 what to do and inform
 me so that I may stake
 in at the right time I
 shall be glad. Of course
 nothing can be said of this
 now, and I would not
 have it supposed that I
 would promote Boney's leaving
 in the interest of W. or any
 one else; but in my own
 interest and in his, it
 would be good to have Wm
 in a college position. Perhaps
 he might have some chance
 at Harvard if Drey declines.
 They would not easily get a
 better man, and William
 would exactly suit the
 solemn ways of Harvard

B. Mamma wrote
a long letter to which
you do not refer spec-
ially about yourself &
your prospects which you
do not mention. She
supposes it may have
reached you about the
time of posting your letter.

If Boney really means
to go, there would be no
harm in asking his in-
fluence in favour of Wm.,
as he knows W. & is under
some obligations to him.

JWD

Is the Green Avenue property the
Miles Willeau's property, as this was
in the market some time ago, and
adjoins the botanical garden? JWD