

Charlotte to Bernard
April 1871-

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Bernard in New Haven.

refers to his Thesis -

Speaks of papa selling his
hard wood -

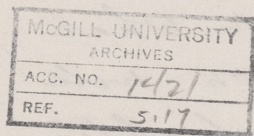
Uncle John having good
Sevup -

and an Uncle

Melaine than (?)

St Andrews.

April 15th 1891-



My dear Berne,

I got seated, just a week ago to-night, to write to you when I recollected your absence from New Haven, and thinking a letter would not improve while writing, concluded to delay writing till there was a chance of your being in your old quarters again.

To-day, Mary received your Trenton despatch, which though short, served to tell us of your whereabouts and tis always pleasant to be able to locate the absent ones - The subject of your Thesis sounds extremely interesting to us scientific folks though I say Simon Martin would be more intelligible.

The Modern Bethlehem, as well as the ancient, is, I believe

a place of interest, not only for
the mines, but there is some kind
of an Institution or Seminary
for what purpose I hardly think
you will be able, perhaps to
enlighten me, though the subject
is foreign to the business that
takes you there.

It seems a long time to wait
till July to see you at home,
but it was so glad that Papa
concluded it was best for you
to finish the year, knowing how
much you would gain even
during one more term - Don't make
yourself sick, trying to accomplish
so much, remember health is
of first importance -
You will be sorry to hear that
Mamma is suffering very much
from her severe headaches - I sup-
pose the Spring weather makes
her more miserable than usual
but it does seem as if some-
thing could be done to relieve
her - young Dr Robertson is trying
different things, but to night
she is laid up again &
looks used up -

I do not think any of us have written since the death of Mrs Cross of Chatham - She has not been strong all winter, but at the last failed very rapidly, so that it was only a day or two before her death that her friends apprehended danger - It is a sad, sad loss for her husband her children and the whole parish, for she was a truly Christian lady - I have not been able to get up there yet, papa is so much taken up with his wood, his farm and the office, that it's not much use applying to him and there is no horse that I can drive -

Papa has sold all his hard wood, well, he thinks, considering all things Mr Owens of Chatham bought it & his barges come right here for it - so papa is saved the bother and expense of taking it to town -

We are having a very early spring, the boats have been cupping for several days, so we are brought into the pale of civilization once more - The little Sanguinaria

is in blossom and the Squirrel Corn
in bud, but the last few days have
been chilly and cloudy so that
the grass is not very green and
there are no leaves yet. It has been
a very good Sugar year, and some
very fine Syrup is put away for
you - Uncle John made about
eight hundred weight, enough for
himself and his friends," he says.

I have not been reading much
lately, French takes up the spare
moments for you know this is
a busy time in our ménage.
Digging up to come out fresh
with the trees and the flowers
and next week will be devoted
to getting rid of the winter's smoke
and dust, for house cleaning has
to be gone through with & I must
confess my ignorance as to who
the poet "Morré" is, his name isn't
in my book of Literature - I fancy
he is an American -
We have not heard from Louisa
for sometime, but since she went
to Naples - They remained in
Rome nearly three months, getting
to feel quite at home there!

Of town news I have heard very little lately - perhaps you are better posted - Uncle Melancthon has I believe given Newton and Mel an interest in the business on the strength of which arrangement Newton has rented the little cottage next Uncle's - I'm glad for they are rather thick at Aunty B's and when you take the front parlour it would be overflowing! -

I think I have spent a long enough year to tire you so must say good night -
With love from all

Believe me your
affectionate sister
Charlotte.

I forget to tell you that Laura had a grand party this week, with boys at it - Twenty guests and gay times! -

May - 1871

Mother to Bernard - 5.8

Tells of the death of B.J.'s
Grandmother in Montreal -
and also of the death of
his mother's mother - I think
Mrs Seymour -