

M. Hill College.
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Dear Jap,

Now that the
fine autumn weather is
fading and breaking
down into rain & cold,
one feels that the time
is coming for you
turning homeward, at
least if matters are
with you as here, where
we have had an ex-
ceptionally fine and
summer-like autumn
but it is now broken

The Polynesian (Williams ship) is telegraphed as arrived &
we shall hope
to have a
letter from
him in about
a week 1000.

for the time at least

We shall hope soon
to have news of your
return from the journey
to the South you were
meditating when you
last wrote, and some
dear indication as
to the time of your
return.

Hunt, who has re-
turned from California, is
full of the idea of a
new survey of that State

which he says is now
in contemplation, and
as usual has been
"offered" to him, but
he is to be married
& Miss Gale, and to
become a rich man,
so suppose it will have
few attractions. Just
you would inquire about
it when you are in
your way, and see
if there could be
any opening there.

A survey of California should be
thing well done and on a
large scale, commensurate with
the greatness of the State and
the value of its mineral resources.
I have had a letter from Stearns
recently (on subjects connected with
carpenters' shells) and he
inquires very kindly after you
and asks you to visit him
if in San Francisco. He requests
some information as to nothing
of this kind. I think it is
worth inquiring about, as if you
could get such a thing it would
be a fine opportunity to complete
your west-coast work, and you
would be a little nearer home
than in B.C.

We are all well and
going on as usual; but the family
seems very small, and we shall
look forward with great pleasure to have
you company. Ever your affectionate father
W. D. Bacon