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My dear Smith,

I must ask you to pardon me for not writing before, but I am afraid that I cannot give any very good excuse for my negligence. All I can say is that I have not been in the mood and that, often, all is more of a wear than it seems to be just thought. My son has been teaching a good deal, but I don't to say too much about them - especially in letters - so that all that matters now.

I am glad to know that you are well fixed and contented in your new quarters and I trust that your experience in college is more to be congratulated. Your few words concerning Professor Goodson lead me to think that he is a good fellow as well as a good scholar. I never have been spoken of before as "a really great man" but I suppose she is that - in her line, at any rate. To me, there is only one of the really great sort at Harvard and of course you know who he is - probably you want to hear her speak of the Freshman's reception in Sanders. The Crimson you send me like old friends and I hope you will keep on sending them - but if you are a subscriber - and please let me know if you wish me to keep them. It is more as large as it used to be but I cannot see that there is much more reading in it. But advertising pages and I don't



than the editors for their charge. A time for or I suppose the  
ready matter will increase. For an editor, and also all a college  
editor, likes to see his English - have you or had it may be.

I am coming to Cambridge some ~~time~~ day this week or next  
so I shall have a chance to smoke a pipe with you and  
hear some talks. I am about the Messianic log speech in  
Antioch and the rest will be plain sailing. I have omitted  
the Hypothesis however as I need my time for it - also Jabb  
revision. It is the most mixed up mass that I have yet found,  
and I need all the legitimate assistance I can get. You  
will be glad to know that I am more enthusiastic than ever  
over the play and am pretty confident that it will amount to  
something some day. To be sure the time and work I have spent on  
it would be ample to write a book, but I do not regard what I  
have done. I am a great believer in solid foundations, and what  
could be better than a creditable translation of a Greek play?

If there is anything you wish me to say, meet me, meet me a  
letter Monday or I shall have time. I must not be gone from  
last Sunday and few for and his spouse - stick then like me.  
I shall probably go out again this afternoon. The notion of going  
to Boston has just troubled me exceedingly. I need something of the  
kind of an a man do I and I have struck my usual luck in re-  
gard rooms. Butler tells me, in one of his short sporadic let-  
ters, that he has a room on Bowdoin St. that will feel lit-  
tle for my living in it. So, with that and some Copley rooms, I  
shall not have to bother you.

I am glad that you will have a chance to meet Ford  
and Hubbell (who, by the way, is a student at the New Church  
Sunday School) and I only regret that Latham is too far  
away to be called. I had a letter from him the other day.



acknowledging the Vic and telling me of various things. He  
is getting to be an enthusiast on the subject of moulding the young  
minds and I am mightily glad of it. - He is a fellow who  
ought to have a tremendous influence over an intellectual young one  
and it is very gratifying for me to know that he is bringing it  
to bear in the right direction. There was a time when I feared the  
contrary - for he used to be full of whimsical fancies that might  
play the devil mischief his many that they should.  
Judge for the matter in an hour here. Combs read  
has been in its play along the local fortnight. A notice will tell  
you that that at time was June, but October is the month for  
me. I like the red leaves. But I have much in mind of de-  
Gaudin and that makes me think of Lombard's article in the last  
Century. To find judge from some extracts I have seen, he comes  
down upon his disciple pretty hard in places. You have probably  
read the thing for yourself by this time. I do not read  
much of anything now, as my eye has got out again. The Vic  
now then has a little too strong.

I have composing some more "miscellaneous" poetry and am now  
doing a sort of French March not too hard - or rather it is  
doing me. I have the music all written for a ballad, which  
I had not seen by the French Song. Do not think of this  
that I am leaving to some two masters for I have dabbled with  
notes all my life and surely shall as long as I live. I have  
no part in any of it here, save the ballad just mentioned - which,  
I think, has a little character and some originality. The words  
are not yet made, but they will come with time.

(133) I had a letter from Thomas for other day in which he in-  
vitably enclosed a clipping from the New York Sun - a reprint  
of my "Miracle" brains, which you heard. "Kemos," which will  
appear in the Globe for October 18th is crazier than that. You



Was in view the first draft of it - which was not much  
like the present form - but did not care a damn for it. I  
doubt if you like it any better this time

With my best regards to Mrs Smith, I remain

Yours ever truly,

Edwin.

Portland, Maine,  
6 October 1891.