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My dear Son Philander; K.C. 22/3/32

Ever since the rec^d of your letter dated at Glanville just after you & your Dear Rebecca had commenced house keeping, my thoughts have been absent from you scarcely for a moment. What would you have thought if my invisible presence had kept my Cogitations company? As it is hardly an hour paper but you & Rebecca are the subject of conversation between the members of our family. Even Little Henry has learned to repeat Rebecca's name & to tell the colour of her eyes, shoes and gown: to which he seldom fails to add what we are all fond to teach him that "he loves her dearly."

That we have had as smooth the water on the Ocean of our College as in the peaceful harbour of our own family I cannot say. Several Squalls have so set the Deep in motion as to cause some hearts to tremble. One large vessel has foundered perhaps never to rise. Three have capsize^d & two are on their beams end. What vile ^{their} final fate is not known.

Do not however think that because I indulge in this metaphor, any levity has been shewn in the process. On the contrary

The Faculty have gone on with great cle-
liberation and unanimity of sentiment and
no doubt is entertained of its eventuating in
good. The cause was this

The Sophs had made much noise in the Col-
lege during the hours of study. In consequence
as the mildest punishment the Faculty passed
an order that the Tutor should in the afternoon
detain them in the Recit-Room during study
hours. At this Johnston's son of Biqua and two
others were much offended; refusing obedience
to the Tutor's personal commands to stay went
their way. Complaint of this being entered
by the Tutor they refused to make the required
apology; & justified their conduct. From this
they proceeded to raise a rebellion in the other
students and succeeded so far as to get 11 names
to a paper addressed to the Faculty dictating
that the delinquents should not be punished
and accusing the Tutor of Tyranny.

The great impropriety of this said paper having
been been represented to them by their friends
eight out of the eleven begged to erase their
names

this being permitted to them and the rest
refusing to say that they thought their conduct
improper were suspended.

one of the first offenders has made the
 requisite satisfaction. The other two remain
 in a suspended state. Johnstone the thing leader
 is one of them and a Preacher is the other.

I have run into this detail because Mr
 Morse when here, being in the moment
 of the troubles, told us he should tell you
 & begged us to inform you of the result.

All is now quiet and we hear of no disa-
 probation of our conduct tho' the last cen-
 sure fell on one of Genl. Harrison's sons.

Salmon has done wonders. Having the
 company of Mr. Sharrow and being entirely
 from company, he meets with unusual praise
 as from his Tutor. If he go on no doubt is
 entertained but he will at the end of the
 term bear an examination which will entitle
 him to a place among the Sophs.

Your Mother and Mrs R & all the Children
 join in expressions of all love to you &
 Rebecca. Pray read Thro' Tay we find
 want it. Uncle March of Sutton Mass^{ts} is
 deceased. Geo: says he died without a will P. C.

your mother has been quite ill with a broken heart. Another indication is coming which can not be mistaken. She has suffered much but is now with one a number a sign of comfort!

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On the 11th before mentioned from George & Leon their sons
Ann & Elizabeth is with us with all other children & their
friends & relatives. I hope to see the other children &
their friends. You mentioned my name is about 140.
This may look me to be happy in some other than
my position.