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## Letter to Fuller

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Burlington N.H.

July 1. 1844

My dear friend Walter -

I can't say how it is that I have  
suffered your affectionate & most welcome  
letter, rec'd a long time ago, to remain  
so long unanswered. I had the readiest  
mind to write immediately, but was  
taken ill - the very evening, I set out  
on a series of visitations. I took it with  
me to answer - & the indisposition caused  
by doing having more to do than I  
had ability to perform, kept it off - &  
now all I have to do is to beg your  
pardon & promise to be a better boy in  
future - I had once hope that I  
might meet you at the Western Board  
meeting - last week - Bro. Eastburn  
was there, looking well, & I am glad



to learn how well he had weathered  
the storm in Boston. Mr Smith, (your  
successor at Galesburg) is highly satisfactory  
to us all as a Professor & Pastor & Preacher.  
The College in all internal respects, except  
number of students, which is slowly on the  
increase, is in a very good state. Mr Brewster  
exceeds expectation as Pres. & is what  
we needed - a plain, hard-working, self-  
sacrificing, & very judicious man, moreover  
a western man which is of great consequence  
has the entire confidence of the students.  
I expect to leave to my house near  
Cincinnati, in the beginning of Oct. Your  
young man will be ordained at the  
convention which meets, this year, at  
Delaware, the day after Commence-  
ment. Suppose you come out & be  
present at their ordination. It would  
be very gratifying to them & all of us.  
I was much interested in your account  
of your present situation & your theological

school - May 4 - have the happiness of  
training up many faithful ministers  
preachers of the truth who will never  
be seduced from the gospel - I hope  
your health is well established - I left  
all my family in their usual health -  
Please give my kind regards to Mr.  
Fisher & believe me to be very affectionately  
Your friend & brother  
Chas. P. McNamee