

Lenox, July 18th 1880.

My dear brother Horace,

Your very fraternal & rather impatiently looked for letter dated "Haugman's Creek, W. T. May 10 '80," ~~was~~ re-mailed to me at Brooklyn May 28th, was most joyfully received; because especially it informed us of your safe arrival home in improved health, as well as of the health & joyful meeting of their long absent father by your dear children.

We were very sorry you were at all out of pocket, but ^{nevertheless} do not think either you or they will ever feel any serious or painful regrets at an undertaking so prosperous & delightful to yourself & all your brothers & their children.

Of your visit, our dear brother

Addison, under date of July 3rd
~~says~~, (in a letter in answer to that which
you & he rec'd from me at Iowa,)
says — "His visit was a green
spot in our prairie life. I wish
we could see more of the brothers
& cousins here. Eunice was
here and spent nearly a week
lately. We had a very good visit
with her."

I left New-Haven ~~about~~ the
21st of April; Albert & Ella accom-
panying me from Bridgeport to
Lenox, & my family following
me about the 1st of May.

I went vigorously to work on my
big Telescope, completing the final
grinding & polishing of the Spec-
ulum in changing its focal length
from 16 to 12 feet. This work I had
nearly completed at the time ^(June 5th) I
left the house for the use of the
family of ^{No. 5} Senator Pundleton of

Ohio, to whom Albert had rented
it for the season. — (4 months.)

I have found however a great deal
to do on the east, in the work of repairs
of fixtures & adjustments; so that
I have hardly as yet found a moment's
time for other work, i. e., Surveying,
draughting &c.

We are occupying for the Sum-
mer a part of the house of Mr.
Post; (the 1st house below the
Cong. Ch. on the hill.) viz. myself,
Mary, Sarah, Mr. Baldwin (when
in town, though he has been gone some
weeks,) & his sister.

Albert on two or three visits spent
2 weeks or more in super-
intending the completion of the
work on our house & grounds.

The place now is a charm-
ing one, about as attractive
& convenient as any in the vil-
lage. I think it is worth \$10,000.

It has cost Albert near \$7000,
but I think he does not regret
the outlay. Willie would hard-
ly know the place it is so greatly
changed since he left. Indeed the
changes have mostly been made since
you were here. The lawn is beautiful.

I have suffered most of the time
since I came here with a sensitive stom-
ach, manifesting itself in premature hun-
ger, combining with it faintness, nausea,
& sometimes intense, ~~pain~~ throbbing
pain through the entire cavity. ~~of the~~
I am now however much better. The best
relief seems to be ripe acid fruits, mod-
erately acid cherries, & currants sweet-
ened are among the best. I have also
suffered greatly from an ulcerated toe, (the 4th,
left foot,) of 3 months constant dis-
charge & intense soreness. It has just
become healed, & the soreness gone. Hence
I begin to feel like a new man.

Under date of June 8th. Loren's Henry
writes - "Father has been quite unwell this
Spring, - has suffered intensely from
rheumatism some of the time." I hope he is better
now. ^{Now} ^{we} are all fading, & shall
soon ^{have} completed our costly stay. May
we every one be ready for the great change
wherever it shall come. (yourself &)

Love special & earnest to all your chil-
dren; in which Mary & Sarah unite.

I am very anxious to learn the issue
of your exploring tour. Please let us
hear from you soon.

How is your new Pres. (Mr. Herdick
I believe.) liked? I understand by
the Congregationalist that the num-
ber of students in the university is
increasing.

As ever -

Your own Br. J. Lyman.