



Trust Grove July Aug- 3rd

Dear parents

We were rejoiced to receive a letter from you yesterday. Although this is the Sabbath, I think it will not be breaking it to write to you. I have been wrestling violently with Edwards on Free Will during the last few Sabbath, and Jonathan has rather thrown me. Since you went away, I have ^{also} read one book of Virgil.

To revert to my business matter, have you made enquire yet respecting the Port Variable school? If you find no encouragement in any direction,

then, I should like if possible, to know with somewhat more definiteness in regard to the Junn Water school. If it were tolerably certain to need a new teacher, and if I could have the first chance of getting it, it might pay to wait about my proposed trip to the South of the State. I will however write myself in order to save time. I have been considering your suggestions relative to printing, and, after having consulted Myers in regard to it, have rather concluded not to. The reasons are; he says that a person would have to print for three or four months before he could make enough to pay his board in Portland. I could not therefore make nearly enough in

one year to go to the States.

Not until I had printed two or three years, would I be able to command good wages; that is, from twenty to thirty dollars per week.

As I do not wish to be a printer or even an editor for life, I hardly think it will pay to spend so much time.

I want something to do that will pay well for the time, without the necessity of any further preliminary preparation than my already acquired education affords.

I think it best, after mature consideration, to follow the plan already indicated, if you do not succeed in finding any thing on the Sound. If I do go, I would still be desirous of keeping my eye on the Junn Water school and of having it

understood that I would be ready
to take ^{it} if desired and, if in the
meantime, I had found nothing
else. It might be advisable to
come back. If you will
therefore, after having ^{made} the best use
you can of the money, send them
back to me and also send an
order for forty ^{or} fifty dollars, if
will be glad. I would like to
go this week very much, but I
do not see as I well can.
The wheat will be cut this
week and the oats too, perhaps.

With a great deal of
love,
Your son W.

Pardon the dismal appearance
of this sheet. The absence of your gold
pen is accountable. for the
I suppose you have heard of the great fire in