

100 West St  
Rochester June 8-60

My dear Emma

I went to hear the  
Alex preach this forenoon and returned  
with a severe headache, and have of course  
as an almost essential concomitant  
the heart-ache. I am sad and lonely &  
blue. I would that I could clasp you to  
~~my bosom now and feel the throppings~~  
of your heart, I know it would be an an-  
tidote for all my troubles. The term began  
on Thursday last, and my commenced  
reading Demosthenes. I believe I told you  
that my study of Greek under Prof H-  
was entirely useless or nearly so. I  
had of course much fear in regard  
to my ability to maintain a repu-  
table position in any class when we  
came to study it here. I have had  
but one recitation as yet and I was  
not then called upon, so I was still

fearful and anxious in regard to it.

I have no fear about it after the first  
recitations for I know I can recite  
it before it, but I don't know but I shall  
quit at first. This of course makes me  
somewhat nervous and then I had a  
quarrel with Chuma last night. It's  
all right now but of course it leaves a  
rather unpleasant impression on my  
mind. When Chuma came here last term  
it was under rather embarrassing cir-  
cumstances financially i.e. he had but  
very little money with him. I had  
then more than was necessary for my  
own wants and as he said he should  
have plenty to last the first of Jan. I lent  
him considerable in sums varying from  
50 cts to \$20, and also paid for everything  
which it was necessary for us to have in  
common such as wood, washing, &c.

Of these expenditures with the exception of  
the washing I kept a strict & separate ac-  
count. I thought there would be little if any  
difference in our washing bills, and that the

best way would be to pay half of it  
myself and he pay the other half. He did  
not dissent from this until last night  
when we came to settle up, when as neither  
of us had any account, of course we could  
not agree. I know I am not rigidly  
but I do like to have things done up ship-  
shape and believe in treating every body  
set-man just as if he were a knave. I  
don't know but it was a good lesson  
for me, teaching me to keep a strict ac-  
count of my money. I have generally kept  
a pretty strict account, but sometimes I  
would not set down some little things &  
they would finally slip my mind.

My financial dispute last night  
set me a thinking about my expen-  
ses since I have been here & I suffered  
them up. How much do you think the  
sum was? How much money have  
I disposed of, think you since the 12<sup>th</sup>  
of Sept-1859? Only about \$125, and  
am now in debt \$100. I can account for

all but a few cents of it; and in looking over the account I cannot say that I find more than one dollar foolishly spent, i.e. wasted, but it does seem that I am getting rid of money pretty fast. How is it done for you think I will be able to live at this rate? Doubtless I need some one to restrain me, and is it necessary that I should have some ministre du finance?

Do you wonder after all I have told you that I am blue? Our Mathematics this term is Analytic and Oh, it is awful hard. It is a medley of everything Algebra Geometry, Trigonometry & every other conceivable mathematical abomination. I must study it however for I must make or give every recitation if possible.

I rec'd a letter from Angie this morning. She was much disappointed that I did not come and indeed I was very sorry to disappoint her but could not do otherwise. She says they had a grand time on New Year, and by her description of the festival I think it must have been very fine. She said to awaken my regret I suppose that there were presents on the tree for "Miss Kilborn's Brother" but he was not there. Had I had known just how I was to be disappointed in regard to some things I would have given her no occasion to expect one, & if could have afforded it I should have gone & said I knew however but it is just as well for I should think by what Angie writes I think my reputation there must be pretty good, at present & will be if I stay any

now I will also send your letter, and for me thank you for writing it, as it looks up on the shelf, but singly, for indeed it did a deal & made me happy for a long time & now every time I think of it I am as if I had to receive from some such as I fancy she will not who dealt her wrong - I believe because that every year subject we pass as betrayed but hearing a remark of your kind that time I believe that I am getting better & more so every day at the time I mean things in which I need to be set & believe as I believe & shall search during these years of it. I am very glad that God has an almost innumerable number of us & I believe that the pure gaze of future enjoyment more & more convinced that we must be of that

are matters of course. I am not a lawyer, but  
whether I am better than the other I am not  
to make myself a pretty thorough classical  
scholar, even fully convinced that the found-  
ation of a more radical and up-to-date  
movement is in this class. I shall not  
endeavor to make myself a perfect Greek  
or Latin scholar, nor a critic on  
all subjects, but I must be thorough in  
both of them. I will not waste time  
before the world as a general scholar.  
I can write, and write practically. I know  
that I am not with one which will  
not harm health, but has time to grow  
and develop itself. The temptation is  
to enter the battle of life prematurely, and  
to my great advantage, how I have resisted it.  
I resist it now, but I  
do not expect to do so for years to come.  
The position which I aspire to as an author  
is not to be achieved in a moment or with  
a single effort. It is not to be won  
out, but by many years of steady work  
and thinking. There are many who compete  
with me, but I do not mind them, for  
however, it is not to be had without  
for that resist consistently to the public elements  
of success. I am not a thorough  
scholar, for that is one of the defects of our literature.

Chairman of the College + I am one of the  
leading authors of the last half of the 19th  
century. I will not be the best friend  
of the University of Oxford, but I have  
acknowledged as a high authority in  
my field. I will not be a man as such  
when I shall be acknowledged as a  
theoretical world. I may not be able to finish  
my life. I have a great deal of time  
about me, but I do not want to  
you think from this that I intend to  
my studies to the neglect of what is generally  
considered the business of life. I should consider  
it a positive disgrace to do so. I have a  
great deal of energy, but I do not want  
myself to be a business man. I do not  
consider it a disgrace to do so. I have a  
little time for a book. I am not  
it pleasant to talk about it. I do not  
confess that business is not particularly  
agreeable to me, but I know I can attend to  
my own interests, and I do not mind  
any one else, and I intend to do so.

I cannot say that all the slaves will be  
to a degree a compromise with respect to  
have it. It may be restrictive & so it is  
acquired, but if anything happens it will be  
acquired. I know that there is nothing in the  
constitution to prevent any change  
if it is not direct & open & to that  
point. It is at a proper time to all do, and  
Evans may be sure that I will not call  
his wife unless some independent  
income is provided & necessary. I will have  
competence in a few months of some degree  
and I should be indulgent & gratifying  
I have not refused to be a worthy  
of. I was made to play as well as  
with the same & to you as well as  
and I know. It is my hope that you  
should seek for the great enjoyment  
the health which will purchase these pleasures.  
There are just as many which God has made  
invaluable & that he has made for individual  
for this or any other blessing, and he may do  
me. I believe however that what he does is  
merely for the sake of the person himself. It is  
necessary for many persons to be poor - they would  
be eternally but to make it otherwise. It is nec-  
essary too to show men their strength & power, or  
to disclose to them the fact that they are the recipients  
of Divine Favor is both a temporal and an eternal  
blessing. I have seen those who must be treated  
with severity & that God will give me grace to  
submit to his will if the other might some of his boys were  
concerned of our justice. Several have died but they  
expected & at length told them that I would write  
within twenty years have I said that I am  
wider and would then be able to visit my literary  
retirement - and the family of the husband they should  
& looked in the face of the world they were right.

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