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Dear Bro. Tourgee,

I began a letter to you a week ago, nearly, but was unable to finish it, and now will begin again, hoping that I may this time have better success. — You may be surprised to find that I am here once more. I did not myself anticipate any such good fortune, but it was granted to me, and I now hope to be permitted to finish my course without interruption.

I was surprised to hear that you were at home, having supposed all the time that you were still at Washington, (and I am sorry indeed to learn that you have met with such a sad misfortune. You seem to regard it with a far more cheerful philosophy than I could ever attain to. But I trust that your injuries are not to be so serious or so lasting) as

you fear. Yet I would almost envy your condition, could I be sure of the faithful and loving care with which you are blessed. Once in my life, but for a very short time, I was favored with a similar happiness, — with a genuine "angel's visit," — and ever since I've been sure that, sometimes at least, "there's something here of Heaven!"

I had long been thinking of writing to you, supposing that you were either sick at W. or once more engaged in the busy life of the camp & field, and too much engaged to write to me. Your letter was gladly received, even though it brought unwelcome news about yourself. I hope your next letter may bring better tidings.

College moves off — "bully," I can find no better word, — this year. We are in the new building, and the class of '82 is doing the honors of the mansion. Our class numbers twenty-two, (regulars,) all having returned but yourself and Burbank. If you were only here to go through with us, my joy

would be full. — The other classes are all respectably full, and the new freshman Class is a fine one, numbering over forty. — Quincy is in his old place and Prof. Ward has become a permanent member of the Faculty. They are running Dr. Devey almost off of the course, but his name looks well on the catalogue, and they will give him a little to do, I guess. He now gives an occasional lecture on Chemistry to the Juniors at his room in the old building. They treat him worse than we did.

Psi U still lives, though it is not prospering as I could wish. Of the nineteen we published in the last Interpreter, but ten are in college, and half of them in the Senior Class, — soon to leave. We have taken in but one freshman as yet, and one fellow from the Psi Chapter has joined us. We have three more freshmen pretty sure however, and are working hard for still others. The A.S.P.'s came back as much reduced in numbers, as ourselves, but as to their

success in getting new men, I guess they have got the start of us, - as usual, - though of course I know nothing positively on that point. They are good fellows, and I hope that both they and we will do well, - for the rest "I don't care a snuff", as Cooper says.

Do you ever hear from Web? I am in the most perfect ignorance of his whereabouts (and condition, and am quite anxious to hear from him. I have heard good reports of him, and feel proud of his faithfulness (and courage. If you ever write to him, please give him my warmest regards.

I am about dead to-day with a good stiff cold in the head - (and have cut my recitations. Of course I am in no condition for writing a decent letter - as you can easily imagine, - but such as I have, that give I unto you, (and please receive it with the best wishes of your friend (and brother. Please let me hear from you, even though you can send but a few words. Yours as of old,  
Russel M. Tuttle.