

Canton, Ct.

Feb. 13, 1890

Wm. A. W. Purves

Mayville, N.Y.

Dear Friend

Today, I learned, by the daily papers that my appointment as Postmaster at Canton had been confirmed by the Senate. Now that the contest is over, I desire to give you my thanks for the very kind and effective letter of recommendation you sent me. While I do not know that it had special weight, yet I have all the time felt that it had, and was pleased to be able to send it with my other papers. Of course, I was dissatisfied with the result. It will, I trust, I live, be of no help to me, and place me fairly on my feet again. I do wish we could meet sometime. But in some way, our paths have not crossed or come in contact but were so far,

As you see, and forming, we are all well,
but I take but little of good matter to go
around with us. Self and boy, & our youngsters
has some of the "old blood" in him. Coming
home from school yesterday, his mother and
myself noticed at six or seven an unusual de-
velopment on his forehead. By a skillful
cross-examination his mother got at the cause
viz, to wit, namely, a fight with another
boy. Seems to me that Chautauque litera-
ture has not exercised the wild (if it is
wild) spirit from the rising generation.
I do not see but the old rule (practical)
is, "if a boy hits you on the cheek, give him
"one on the snout" holds good yet. I do not
believe in quarreling or fighting, but if nothing else
will do, then, I tell my boy, do your best and
not worry, for if you get the worst of the battle,
you will earn little for all this. Again, please
accept my thanks, and also my kindest
regards to yourself and yours. Which I
am the same old

A. L. B. radner.