

Bloomington 2^d Sept. 1845

Dear Sir

I write you now merely to say that I congratulate you on your elevation. You may understand this as referring to geography. I have been wishing for a month or two of mountain-air for months. Here we are now & have been all summer in a close vapour-bath; - raining almost constantly and no breeze, the air so stagnant that even a tornado would be some comfort. At Charlottesville you will on the contrary be refreshed by Eurus & Caurus & Zephyrus and by & by Borcas. We have none of them. A windmill here would not in the last three months have ground corn enough to feed a chicken. - I have no gossip worth giving. Dr Dodd (Mary's husband) has had a very good practice but little pay so he has sold his house & intend moving hither where we have eight sons of Esculapian already. My son John has been at Richmond in this State but from the last accounts is getting no practice. It is a fine part of the country but the inhabitants are mostly Methodists and Quakers disposed alike to frown on all but their own. Sam^l has completed his course of Law; but read, at home being too young to swim without a cork. Andrew is married and is traversing Kentucky with a view to save some land for his mother in Lewis's estate. I myself am - I can give no very glorified account of myself. I am however well pleased with R. & R. your former colleagues in that foolish town of Athens & its more foolish University. But my family are growing up and the Society is not such as suits them.

This may give you to understand how things affect me
Personally I care nothing for circumstances farther than it respects
plain fare and books. These are my best comforters. Some good
in the world probably may result from my doings, but it is likely to
be little compared with what I could wish. This thought depresses my
spirits occasionally to a low very low point, for now I am decidedly
on the declivity of the hill: but such regrets are foolish except
as they prompt to greater care in redeeming the time.

Your removal diminishes the chance of my ever seeing
you again in this world. I shall however as long as I remain
in it not cease to feel the liveliest concern in whatever
concerns you & yours.

I of course will expect a letter from you whenever
your convenience may serve and your mind prompt
In the mean time I can only pray that you may
find your new position such as you desire & that God
may give you in it his blessing

Very sincerely your friend

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