

Oakland Jan 12th 1880.

Dear Father,

Your last letter
to all of us was intimated to my ears
from which I conclude that you
have not lost all confidence in
me.
I do not

understand how it is that the rest
have not got my your letter, if
indeed they have not, because I
have sent them all along with
mine.

You have heard of the cold
spell at home. It is still
cold here. We had a little soft
wind and drizzling rain a few days
ago, but it has now cleared off
gently and the weather is as pleasant
as could be desired. This was
part last night.

You speak of coming back
in March or first of April. You
will not, I come, bring it all on
my account, and you must be very
careful not to get into a cold spell.
This might take a very severe cold,
unless you are careful about that.

I suppose that you will tell all
about your trip to Vermont, if you went,
or your stay at home, if you did not
go.

I have not yet seen Capt.

Dain Keeber, or Dr. Girardet. I
don't know now when I shall go to
the city. It will
be imperative for me to go to Paris
and teach this summer. Otherwise I
cannot go on at all.

We have been having an addi-
tion to our staff, Mrs. in the shape
of Mr. Smith and Mrs. Taylor. Smith
does not amount to much, Taylor
who has just come, seems to be
of more account.

I don't say very much, if I can
to go East and take off. The school
here does not bear very much of
a reputation. It is no great credit to
a man to have studied here.

I am well, I weight
now 140 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs; pretty well up for
me. I am studying mental Sci-
ence now. The class is not very interesting,
Smith, who is not well to know anything
but it. Rich who has studied so little
that he ~~don't~~ care don't understand it, and
Dr. Benton, who is very wandering, do
not interest me very much. You need
not think that I am disgusted.

I hope you are well.
Don't overwork. Write.

Good Bye
Your loving Son
Ward