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N.Y Feb 21, 1867

My dear Lizzie

I received an other letter from you this morning. You don't want to see me more than I want to see you. (Don't you see that my writing is improved I spent two hours to day in finding a gold pen to send [illegible text]) There is every motive for pushing my work now, + only my desire to see you + yours to see me opposed.

So I can't come much as I want to. I continue to make a little progress with so many discouragements, that I can hardly realize my success. Some times I succeed in reversing a man's opinion, It is rarely favorable at the start. I am going to buy some more crockery + have it shipped. As it will be plain now, this can be but little choice so I presume you would trust my taste.

Shall probably get a sewing machine. I presume you prefer a piano to a melodeon? How shall we plan in the use of our rooms? The South room as parlor, + my study are in the college building? How I [illegible] your hours at home for Feb?

Be patient my dear wife. We will live in hope. Do not make external applications to Jimmy's face. Mary is feeling blue because we are not going along with them. She dreads the voyage.

Talk to the children about me + think of me once in a while. When you have nothing to do, I would advise as a help to your memory that you look at my picture occasionally... I studied yours for a half hour yesterday. I had not been able to find it for some time.

Love to all. Tell me if Candace gives up going. If she does I want to find some one else.

Ever yours
Sidney