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June 30, 1886

My Dear Wife

I yesterday had a long visit with Mr Corbett. It was my pleasant [illegible] to meet him + find so much interest in the College and readiness to help. I was prepared to find him cool and indifferent.

He did not tell me but from one there I learned That he is soon to be married to a Miss Ruggler of Worchester a young lady of about 20. Mr Miles who sails tomorrow for [?] was a member of Dr. [illegible] Church which she attends. She is not a professing Christian.

This I [illegible] to learn. The M. says she is a serious person.

Mr. Ruggles is a wealthy man which waiting to see Mr. G. I entered_ into a conversation with a lady waiting also – a cousin of Mrs. G. She said that Mrs. G. died [us] beautifully as she lived—resigned happy – could be tempted to complain. Feeling That God had been so exceedingly kind to her always that she had [illegible] afraid that she has not afflicted enough and meeting death as his dispensation. Just before her last decline is when she saw this – she must die. She said she would not have left Oregon if she had supposed that she was not to return.

She would have been glad
to have been buried there. She
had identified herself with Oregon.
and felt that her memory would be
More [illegible] there than anywhere
Else. I shall always cherish
the memory of Mrs. Corbett.

I wish we were going tomorrow
as Mr. Miles is. Dr. Baldwin
advises me to get \$ 30,000 + return
again in a few years and got
the balance of the \$50,000 as
times are too unfavorable now.
But unless there is a crash, Which
I do not expect. I shall stay till
I get the full amt now as it
is. It is easier to be away
from you [Thurs] Than to go back to A
struggle against difficulties [illegible]
to inadequate means. [and] Then
how to return to this work again
bye and bye. I wish to finish it
now. So courage.

I wish your Father
would go to Oregon. Now is the
Time if ever to sell here and buy
There.

The Presbyterian Church
in Portland wants a pastor. And
Mr. G is looking for our + I am
going to help him. I am greatly
interested [illegible].
I am pleased with Mr. Miles. I think
it is settled that Joseph will go.
What do you [say? I am going there
Love to all Sidney.