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Esteemed Friend.

It is, with a great degree of pride, that I announce the safe arrival of Your most Welcome messenger. I was somewhat disappointed in not getting it sooner, but, better late than never, and it becomes me to say, that the satisfaction I experienced on the perusal of Your Charming letter, did more than compensate me, for the sad hours of dejection.

I will not chide You, for any negligence on Your part. perhaps my letters are of too little interest, to call forth a prompt reply. I am well aware of the fact that, my letters are not at all interesting, but you will please give it a due consideration. that I have never had the advantage of a Collegiate Course of studies, and furthermore. my letter writing has been very limited. But yet, I write with a seriousness, never felt before, and entertain a hope of reciprocity, the growing devotedness, the unexpressed, desire for the best interests of Your welfare in such short space of time is well understood and duly appreciated by myself, and by the prolonged interchange of warm sympathies and kind offices, amidst prosperity and adversity, the bond affection becomes stronger than Death,