

Norwich July 20th '40 - evening -

Dear Brother,

Be received your letter this morning, & thought I am
 much fatigued with the cares of the day, (having had a wedding
 here this afternoon), yet my thoughts revert to you & the contents
 of your epistle, that I cannot resist without chatting with you
 a little. As it regards your leaving Best Sarns, from what I have
 heard you say of the people, I am satisfied it is no plan for you
 It never would have been congenial to your feelings & habits of
 thinking & acting, & if so, seeing you were not accumulating thousands
 it was quite as well for you to leave when you did. But though
 you have not added to the weight of your purse, yet no doubt your
 experience there will be of lasting benefit to you, in many ways,
 & some of which you may never be sensible of in this world. It will
 doubtless lead you to distrust, & to place the less confidence
 in man (which I not the more pleasant is the safer course), &
 which is what we need to be constantly reminded of, will lead
 you to look to the hand that directs & governs the universe, for
 guidance & help. It is true you are but a speck in God's vast de-
 sign, but remember that, not a sparrow falls to the ground with-
 out his father's consent, & that he has said, "Fear not, ye are of more value
 than many sparrows, & if he clothe so beautifully the flowers of the
 field, will he not much more clothe you?"

In your letters you did not say any thing of the little errand I request you to do for me
 about the "Munitor & Fossil" review. I shall be so glad as to tell
 me whether there were or were not any numbers of it to be had. I have need now
 yours truly
 M. C. Gray

Brother Skid - Maria has left me most of the sheet, but you
 will not require me to fill it, though I should be glad so to do, were
 I not so much driven by my school at present. We are prepar-
 ing for examination, exhibition &c. and that you may perhaps be

away for a while, demands all my time. I regret that you should meet with disappointments and losses. We are however all liable to them, and perhaps it is well to anticipate them, as they are thereby somewhat lightened when they come to be endured. But with regard to a situation which you could fill provided you wish to teach - I at present know of none. Though I have no doubt that should you wish you would be able to find one without difficulty - ~~Should~~ Should I hear of any I will immediately inform you - Should I know where a letter would find you - Your recommendation of the Book was all sufficient - I only wished to learn your views. It is of course gratifying to me to find that you are pleased with it. May I ask that if you should hereafter be engaged in teaching that, you would make whatever effort you may think proper for its introduction, and should you have opportunities to introduce it to the notice of other teachers, with whom you may meet, that you would refer them to the work - And also that you would show them in what the peculiarity of the work consists.

Brother N's school is not large yet. He is doomed to meet with disappointment as well as yourself - indeed I do not believe he will stay here long - He talks very decidedly of leaving. The packet of books, money and all came safely to hand - they reached me the same morning the letter did - We shall ever be happy to hear from you, and trust that we shall have that pleasure, wherever your future residence may be -

Yours truly
C. Tracy

Brother N's health is by no means good, and ^{he} begs to be excused from filling a part of this sheet. He will remember you when more at

liesure and in better health - His wife's health is also poor - and they are
very much troubled about kitchen help - She consequently desires to
be excused - They both desire a kind remembrance.

Have you been to some school, if so where I am? C. F.

I have been to the Deaf & Dumb Institution in
New York city - I am a graduate - I have been
8 years a scholar.

Do you know Mary Ann Brady in the institution?

I do not know her - Are the males & females
together or separate?

Together - How many?

Do you know any of classes of about 140 pupils
that about the Deaf & Dumb A. in Hartford Conn.

Yes - I have sometimes heard of it.

How far west are you going?

To Oswego N.Y.

Are those young men to meet you at Schenectady?

They said if possible.

Do you live in Oswego?

Oswego Yates Co. N.Y.

Do you go up the Seneca Canal
or by Othello?

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tomorrow

New York City
 Thos. Seminary
 Geo. Shad Esq



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Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the left side of the envelope flap.

happy to hear
 wherever you are

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 -ology, strictness,
 history, etc. etc.
 copy, etc.