

Stratford, Vt. June 11th, 1887.

My dear Sir:

I had determined to give the Treasurer \$50.00 when I came to your commencement (and sparingly, perhaps) to make one of your 100 subscribers, but it may be better to send it at once.

I regret that you have asked me for an address about the legislation concerning the Land Grant College and the results accomplished, as I want no chance for self-glorification, and, more ^{or} otherwise, as I have hardly a day between now and the 29th inst that is not covered by engagements. I must go to Boston on business this week and from there to Amherst next. Even the short literary work for the latter place is not yet in shape. I cannot ^{hope to} prepare anything for your occasion that would do you or me any credit in the scraps of time that will remain to me next week.

I am aware that something needs to be said about the absurdity of asking for the small land fund received that a farm should be purchased and practical instruction given in farming,