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Prof. W. A. Buckham,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear Sir: I have not been quite well for some days or I should have acknowledged your kind letter respecting James. I trust you know that I fully appreciate your watchfulness. It was in time to furnish a basis of further admonition and I hope of improvement. I some thought of going back with James to get a full idea of any bad associates and also to consider about a change of place, but for the present I have abandoned that. James says, "try me one month and then ask the President whether my work and deportment is not all right or not." He knows that I shall expect him to be punctual to every one of his recitations; not to be absent from his room evenings; not to attend any dance balls, and to treat the new Prof. of Chemistry with every courtesy and without the exhibition of log-drills or any other coarse offences.

Indeed his visit here I fear was not so enjoyable