

Burlington July 6th 1866

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Dear Sir

It is a long while since any of us have heard in any manner of you, so long that we hardly know where to direct a letter to you but presume you have removed to Florence with the removal of the seat of government. So many things have happened since I wrote that it is useless for me to attempt to tell you any part of it. Our own town is improving very much, real estate has advanced about fifty percent within two years and such a thing as hiring a house or even getting board is an impossibility nearly. Last November I bought the old Pitkin place in Cherry st for \$3500 and within two months I was offered \$5000 for it and did not sell.

Mr Edmunds place is now estimated to be worth \$20,000 and he only paid \$6,000 for it. The 3rd Congregational Church is just about complete and the new organ is to be tested before an audience at twenty five cents per head in a few days. The dedication is to take place very soon. The interior is quite pretty but I think