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Norway Jan, 26th 1866.

My dear Son.

The last mail brought me two letters from you, beside the note, which Nellie handed me.

I do, indeed, congratulate you on your happy prospects, and earnestly hope, that a life-long happiness awaits you both .... I have known Nellie as Lue's intimate friend, several years, and, since you were here, have felt that she was your friend .... I like her much, but, of course, have no intimate knowledge of her, as I could not expect one so young, to feel any special interest in me. ....

I will most gladly recieve her as a daughter, and hope to win her love, and respect. As yet, I have had no opportunity of private conference with

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her, -- and, with your injunction of secrecy, I wait a convenient opportunity, that I may not excite remark. -- She is still young, tho' more mature than many at 21 years, and without parents to advise her in this matter. I trust you will feel your responsibility, and strive always to make her happy --

I am glad your prospects are good for a maintenance, but, don't count too sanguinely, on rapid increase of wealth. -- I fear you are too confident and will be disappointed at the end of one year's labour. -- I know it is the fast age, but, money slips away from you, very easily. -- I think a man has no right to involve a wife and family in poverty. -- Unless he has some solid foundation, and a fair prospect of a comfortable maintenance, he should not marry. Something

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should be laid by, for accidents, or sickness, or death, that the loved ones may not suffer. -- I have experienced so much privation, and anxiety that I dread its repitition in your case. -- So, I urge you to be prudent, and discreet, and I would advise a postponment of union, till you can know what an other year will neat you. -- You are not sufficiently established yet, I think, to spend the three months time, and the large amount of money, which a journey to Maine would require

May you be guided wisely, in this, and in all other arrangements. -- You will fully believe that I am practiseing self-denial in this advice, as I should rejoice to see you very often, if it was practicable. -- I thank God for the good friends he has given you, and trust you will not disappoint their expectations, but, by study and persevereance will prove a blessing to them. --

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Joe Newhall has purchased an interest in a paper mill in Harresville, New Jersey -- He is now here, to take his family on there. -- They were to have left today, but are detained by a heavy snow-storm. -- The first deep snow of the season. -- We have, thus far, had a very open winter. -- This month has been very cold. -- It is still snowing, and I doubt if they get away before next week. -- Joe's partner in the business is Mr. Harris, a batchelder, who will board with them. -- They will have no neighbours, except the dutch opperatives, and will be twelve miles from everything. -- About 40 miles from Philadelphia and sixty from New York. -- Eliza likes the country, but this is a little too much like solitude, and we regret that she is to be so immured, shut out from all social privaledges. -- She is much obliged to you for remembering her baby-boy, but thinks you had better not spend money for him. He is a fine healthy boy, now three months old, and looks like his father. -- I read your paper when it comes, but the Major reads but

little of anything. -- We all send love. --

Your mother E. A. Mighels. --

[left margin:

I am much obliged to Mrs Johnson, for her handsome present to you.]