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My dear Henry,

Jones writes that no difference can be obtained in prices since the transcontinental agreement is binding. But he strongly recommends taking the N.P. for the sake of accommodations and so forth. You had better come that way and go to Moline via the Rock Island. Look up the price of tickets between San Francisco to Chicago and to St. Paul. Regular price of ticket from here to Chicago is \$ 12.50. I shall expect you here Tuesday the 28th. or Wednesday the 29th. You might drop a line if you stay a day in San Francisco before starting. Now don't fail me Henry or I shall never forgive you. It is your bounden duty to come here as your own conscience will tell you. I will keep what else I have to say until you come. You will stay with Slater and me we have a room for you, and you will find an agreeable boarding place with us I think. I am counting the hours till you come.

Yours aff.

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Minneapolis
Aug 10 / 1885

My dear Henry, The dis-
appointment you gave me
has lasted a great deal
longer than I expected
your visit to. It is not
worth while having friends
they are more causes of
wrong days of useless
and I disappoinment than
pleasure. I don't stop
to analyze your reasons for
not coming up. Of course
none but the lack of time
would hold water.
I would have paid your
fare twice over rather

thou missed the visit, and
a good many more times if I
had been able.

But what is gone into the
past remains only in my
mind in its effects which
cannot be cured by the strong
hairs. I don't suppose you
will ever become a politician
even as Palatia may be in
the Hawaiian Islands

You will not come home
from Germany sooner than
four or five years I know I
should be sorry if you did
You are worthy my boy
and must add your
quota of the world's thoughts
and action

I have more ambition than
I ever had before. But less
hope.

But I must not commence
a letter for this midnight and
I am tired. I am teaching
now from 9-12 from 7-
6 and from 7-9 three evenings
a week. Ad's away work
most of it. I shall be glad
when I am through with
it. I wish all the joy
you can possibly expe-
rience in the old world
and a German university,
and with Helen as I sup-
pose you will be.

Good night Sunday

Yours aff. Wm
Goodman

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Minneapolis
Oct 29, 1885

My dear Army, You are
treating me rather shabbily
I think Butler will dis-
cuss that subject. I
am now writing upon
a theme that I hope you
will reread over.

We have a State Univer-
sity here as you have learned
from my letter probably
It is a rising institution
now under the manage-
ment of Pres. Northrup
who was Prof of English
Literature at Yale
It is a fine new broad

culture and has a great deal of scientific ability and during the year that he has been here has done a great deal for the university which had been under the hands of necessarily practical regents. As it stands it has the finest outlook of any university or college in the Northwest - that of very good corps of students with a few very strong men. The Prof of Meta-Physics and Moral Science is going to leave next year I know him quite well. A poor man for the position - a hard practical pugna-rious man with no fine Meta-Physical grades in him

Now my proposition is that you apply for the position of course not mentioning any knowledge of Peble's (who is the above named Prof) going as that is not generally known. The salary is 1,800 I believe - not much but it will give you a foothold from which you can work out into that work you are to shine in some day my dear boy. Of course the difficulty is that you know no one and if I am not mistaken would find it difficult to get recommendations from men of note unless you can

get them in Germany.
But write to Pres. Gove
~~Northrop~~ Northrop. but
entering an application
and get recommendations
from Pree and John.
and I will do what I can
though I am a very
small species of human
and will not accom-
plish much.

My work is increasing
and I am somewhat more
a Latin School than
last year. Think what
a glorious time we would
have for our voyaging through
Stranger seas of thought to
gather. It would be a
fine thing for you unless you

could find a finer. I will
give you a place "from
which" and though
not magnificent it is all
you need.

Write Pres. Northrop
entering an application
in case of a vacancy
and do it right off. The
last man here was a Princeton
man and the Public
is a Princeton man. They
push their men forward
and you want a good
start.

Northrop is rather dot but
not narrow and other
duty is not required. Though
I believe they wish a man
to teach a half term upon

Natural Theology.

Don't fail to do this
Army. I must stop
and go to work I will
write at length within
a week.

Yours most affly.

Geo. H. Mead

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Minneapolis

Nov 30 1885

My dear Henry,
Your letter
reached me this noon, and
I have done all I could to
decide the subject for you.
I have written a formal ap-
plication for you to Pres.
Whitman and Gen. Kettleton
has indorsed it and the
Pres. will have it tomorrow
I told him letters ~~would~~
would be forwarded him
from Berlin Professors
and that you would
put yourself into communi-
cation with him, that the
letter was simply written

that your application might
reach him as soon as possible
Those Princeton fellows
under the leadership of
Pres. McCook with his Scot-
tish Philosophy are so
furiously energetic that
it is necessary to steady
a march upon them. I
suppose that Pres. M. C.
has a student graduated
last year whom he has been
drilling upon the solid foun-
dations of the intuitions
during this, already picked
out and a flaming recom-
mendation all stereotyped
and I fear they have well
learned that this Professor
is going he will be here
before the Regents and
will take the Chair by storm

and hold it by pure Scottish
orthodoxy and Presbyterian
dogmatism. At any
rate they are going to hear
of you before they put in
any Princeton youth who
has no more metaphysical
weight than a cow-boy.
Don't think this Princeton
Hon. It commits you
to nothing except writing
for recommendations and
sending ^{them} with a note
of application to Pres. ^{Whitney}
If at the end of the year you
see fit to withdraw of course
you can.
From my stand point
it seems that you can do
nothing better than accept
it if you can get it.
God's obligations are weighty

hulsome are not true
some are figments of your
imagination, and will
melt away before your
progress at the hideous
numbers of the Arabian
tale did before Habibi
with his *Siimil* ^{similes} *Jawab*.

In the first place you have
just as good a advantage
as the man who now holds
the chair. He was only a
graduate of one year. He
came with a flaming recom-
mendation I have spoken
of him already. A sufficient
comment upon his ability is
that he learns Metaphysics
for the law, through pure
inclination

This is the greatest difficulty
I imagine that they will
use ^{more} ^{are} ^{can} in the future
Pete Wthrop is not the
man to allow a *ignoramus*
to be saddled upon the university
without a word from him
This is an important chair
and I should think that
they would use considerable
care in their selection. But
this is of course no argument
against trying. I will express
myself candidly. I think
the chances are probably a-
gainst you. But this simply
redoubles my determination
and will not slacken your
other difficulties are
unmoved

About the recommendations
you can get from Oberlin
I think you are pessimis-
tic. They will write strong
and weighty documents
I think. They will see the
desirability of securing
places for an Oberlin man
and will, I think do what
is in their power, especially
if you convince John that
you see some foundation
in the petitions or elsewhere
and that you are not intend-
ing to undertake any project
who comes under your in-
fluence. I am going to
write John the importance
of securing the places
for an Oberlin man and
as he is somewhat a cynic
and here and there

country I think he will do
his duty. And again
I say this is nothing
to bother my mind.
In regard to yourself
of course you must satisfy
your own conscience.
If you really think that
you are incapable of doing
the work I should ^{not} urge
you to take it up. I should
not believe it, but it is not
a matter of my belief
still do not think
you will when you come
to look at the matter care-
fully continue in that be-
lief. You would have
a perfect right to come
here and take a sabbath
you did not accept
looking at the matter

you and I do, knowing the
object and value of metaphy-
sical study, how the main
place it fills is stimulus
and how little the average
man takes with him. You
would rightly and consci-
tiously advocate the argu-
ments supporting the sys-
tem you favor, but do
all you could to stimulate
independent thought and
lecture upon it. Of course
it would be vastly better
to have your own system
But it is not necessary
from the most conscientious
standpoint. Still I doubt
not you will have a system
long before the year end

It seems to me that you can
not afford to miss the oppor-
tunity if you can secure it.
I should expect that after
five years or less of teaching
you would go abroad to
gain and complete your
course and take your
Ph. D. There is no harm and
the additional study would
be worth more to you than
than now. Probably the
university would send you
as they have just sent the
Latin Professor.
It would give you a
place from which and
a definite niche in a pro-
fession from which I know
you will never have to de-

part for lack of work. I shall
aid you in your study more
at this time I should think
than work in Germany
and you would go back
to Germany prepared to
do vastly more work in
a great deal shorter time

If you attain such a posi-
tion your work in life is settled
and I have the firmest faith
you will never be forced
to do anything out of it.

Don't Henry I recede of you
^{superior} fail to do every thing at your
power to obtain it. It is
the golden branch of Amos
which you must learn to
descend to the mysteries
of the universe. You can't
get it by man's force but
we will trust it will grow

to the right kind of efforts.
Now write to John and
Mervie right off. They
will do right well by you
I am sure and this deal
in the letter with a note
to Northrop

I don't dare let myself
think much upon the
ethereal joys that will a-
wait me if you come
this may be ethereal but probably ethereal

But look forward to it
in my subconsciousness
so that it has become the
understratum of my life

Good night a little
my best love

Your most affly
God bless
J. G. Meadison

Gen. Nettleton's wife is a sister
of Mrs Ellis and so is
a relative of yours both
in graduates of Orono
They have pictures of your
family in part of your
brother will and wife and
others. The Gen. knows
nothing personally of you
and less of metaphysics
he was a leading officer
a successful journalist
and a business man here
I don't know what he wrote
but he may do something with
the reports.