

I have been thinking of you
 and your family very much
 and hope you are all well
 and happy. I am well
 and hope these few lines
 will find you all the same.
 I am, dear friends,
 ever your affectionate
 son,

[illegible]

& the school at Springfield
give me some concern
for their continuance &
prosperity upon a perma-
nent basis - they are
most important points
- exercise influences beyond
their localities.

I had a long talk with
Mr & Cox & he is willing
to give up for any better
arrangement.

Why can't thee take a
ten years leave from the
plow & upon the
farm & buildings, rent-
free, & with a few good
assistants, build up
a school of 100 boarders.
Or take Springfield School
under some suitable
arrangement,

I am anxious to see
 thee back in N. York at
 the head of the Garden -
 with Sidney at the stove
 & at Springfield.

The late revival among
the young friends has
deeply interested me
& I would go there & live
with if I were a
younger man.

I hear that you have
a nice wife, & in that
case I consider you
not twice as valuable
a man, as when single.
Turn the matter over
to me.

With kind regards to
 thee & thy wife thy friend
 W. H. P.

Please say to John Butler