

Cambridge 10. 3. 1881.

My dear Lou,

Now I will try and answer some of your questions remaining unanswered,

First. The stock exhibit was most satisfactory as it amounted to \$7119.79 and the fixtures to \$796.36. Increase of stock over last year \$2440.07 and fixtures \$84.95. We have an Insurance of \$4,000. on the store and \$1500. on the storeroom. Think I shall have it increased to the full amount.

Second. Am not yet fully prepared to say what I think of Ed. Cutler but when we have returned from Fayal will be better qualified to express my

opinion of him which I think will be favorable.

About the first week in December I expect to start, or as early as the ship sails.

The enclosed scraps are cut from a program of a concert which I greatly enjoyed and particularly these selections.

If you will remember I told some time since the financial condition of the house and from the first of Oct. I take charge of the affairs beginning on a cash basis so as to see if we cannot live on our present income which I am positive can be done and even more than that, less. I do all the buying and look after things in general. "Coming events cast their shadows before".

Abbie's boy is in Falmouth with his grandmother Perkins who took him there one week ago last Thursday for his health as he has been ever since his return from Hongkoo suffering from St. Vitus. He is much improved and they will return on Thursday next.

I telegraphed your father to know what has become of those papers sent last week for signatures. The notices ought to have been posted three days ago and it worries me.

While Mrs Perkins and also her husband who went several weeks before her are away Lizzie is staying with Abbie.

Lizzie's trip did her much good and she feels quite satisfied.

We manufacture a large number of blank books for student trade and so far the sales have been very large. 5187 lbs of paper into blank books.

We draped the inside of the windows and outside under the sign and the door inside with black and white for six days. In our window a lithograph of Garfield in crape and the other, one of Lincoln in black and white. On Sunday, Monday & Tuesday we had smilax, fern and flowers in the windows and ivy trained among the drapery. We have taken down all but the window drapery which we intend to have remain 30 days from the death of the President. Until Oct. 19.

An addition has been made or rather an improve-

went to the store since you
were here. We have now
green boxes for retarding the
stationary from which is indeed
an improvement to the store.

Mother was very much
pleased with your letter to her
which was a very pleasant
surprise.

Have been looking over
my personal effects preparatory
to going away and mother
says it makes her home sick.
Only for a short - three months.

Let me hear from
you soon. With love to all
and much for "Esther", good
night.

10.45.P.M. Yours ever
Will.

Scandal