

Cambridge 2. 26. 82

My dear wife,

Your letter duly received.
Seems as if I had heard from "Esther"
of old.

Please ask your father to let
me know how reasonable he can sell
me an Upright-Piano and a Cabinet-
Organ such ones as you would
select if you were going to purchase.
Nothing in the extreme.

Thought you heard while I
was away John had been sick.
Has confined to the house one
week and for two or three days
was quite low and occasioned
considerable anxiety. He is not
looking very well and has a cold.

Mrs. Ho-kun Hsia will return to China at the earliest possible date. People have been anxious to obtain photographs of Mrs. Ho but she will not sit although she has been asked by the photographer. It is understood that in China the women are not allowed to be photographed and as she intends to return to China to live she fears it would ostracize her if she were to be photographed.

Edward has returned after a pleasant trip South but thinks he enjoyed himself better in Bermuda. He is one of the most honorable fellows I have met.

The orchestra which is to play at the dramatic entertainment to be given by the Y. P. C. this week have met

at our house for practise and
are to practise twice more at
the house before the entertainment.
The time in raising the pitch
of the Organ broke nine wires
and groaned about it - all the
time but I told him if he broke
all of them he must succeed
in raising the pitch in the end.

When the addition is
completed we are to have two
rooms in the new ell on the
floor with the sitting-room. One
for a chamber and one for a
sitting-room, library, music-room
etc. And for the last named
room I am anxious to get a
Cabinet-Organ and an Upright-
Piano. The largest room which is
the one to be on Bow St. end
is to be the etc room. Hope when
all is completed you will be

pleased and find everything as
you could wish.

When do you think you
can come on to see us and
have the family talk about the
anticipated success of my plans
for this future.

I'll send you in my
next a plan of the floor showing
our two rooms and their loca-
tion and that you can practise
in the etc room all day long and
not trouble any one. As John
would say the name "etc room"
takes the cake and I hope the
room itself will.

We are all well and
move along about the same as
when you saw us last summer.

Remember me to all
with kind wishes and tell Geo
I hope his cold is better. With
love to my dear "Esther"
Yours forever
Will.