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Dr. Peter Parker,

My dear Sir,

The pupils of my School have been very much interested in a native of China who has spent some time in our city, and who, during the last week, visited the school. We were affected by the account he gave us of his condition, and his prayer was most touching. It occurred to me that I might make his visit of some avail in awakening a missionary spirit among my young pupils. I propose to form among them an Association for the purpose of aiding in some definite object, such as you may propose to them, such as the support of some native pupil or teacher. They will lend out by our Chinese friend, some lines to his daughter, as the commencement of a correspondence.

Some time since Father—Dr. Wood of Andover, wrote you in favor of a similar plan. I had in view of awakening a missionary spirit in my school, connecting with some collection of curiosities, such as shall more deeply interest their attention in the plan proposed.

If you have the leisure to make us a small collection, with the aid of our Chinese friend, I will propose to us some plan of usefulness, I shall be much obliged to you.
I have followed, with much pleasure, your course of helpfulness since we are connected together as fellow pupils. Your history certainly illustrates what may be accomplished, even under discouragement of the worst kind, which would sink to the earth an ordinary mind, by an all-prevading perseverance. No one of our class, though some of them the most talented, has gained the well earned honor, or accomplished the good you have done.

It has often occurred to me that you have, in your missionary effort in China, pursued the same course in one respect, which our Savior pursued when he came on his mission of love into our world. He commenced with healing the sick, 2 proving himself the sympathetic friend of those to whom he was to preach glad tidings.

I hope that more complete success will continue to crown your efforts. That will indeed be a blessed day when China is turned to the Lord. For this all Christians must presently pray, while you labor. The eyes of all nations are now fixed upon the events transpiring in your adopted country.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Daniel B. Moody.
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