

Isaac Goodnow correspondence

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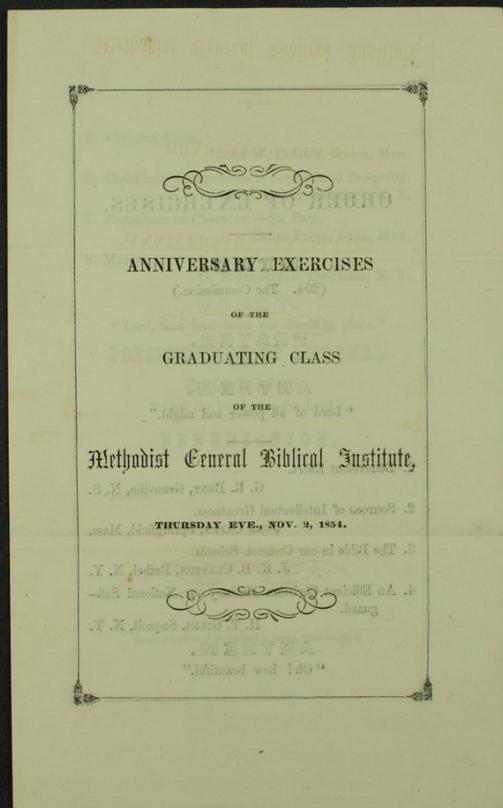
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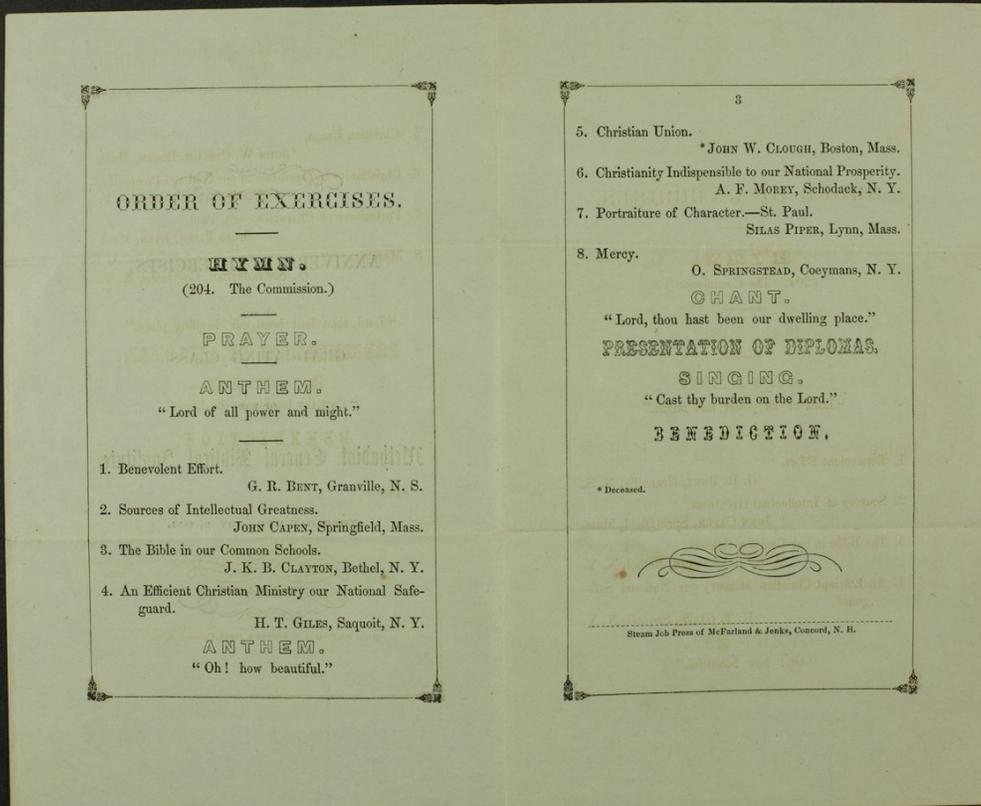
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...er. Everything seems to me harmonious
by and pleasantly. I wish some of my old
classical scholars occasionally. You know
the Million Henry of Fall then it begins
he has recently this year the effect of an injury
received at a fair fair, & horse a slip from
a path and injured him. He has ^{had} an
intermittent slighting his ^{own} chestnuts, I will
tell Warren this week in a speaking com-
pany of upwards of 20 who make a surprise
party at the Browns. The four ministers here
carrying all the 'goodies' with them do so
to make them no trouble. It was a nice
time but rather cold. They have a son a
week 4 1/2 months old a nice baby. Wish
you would write me whether the change of us-
sages a climate has made any favorable
change in your health, & also in reference
to the Goodnow. - Write me also about how you
love. The annual will this, please do about
you. your house, & how has your family
your time & your religious privileges. Dr
William a few sent their love to your family
proposed me to in music. her father has al-
to purchase a Piano for her use. Love from

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Johnson, Mrs. H. P.

Miss Goodnow
Dear Friend

Many thanks
for your kind letter and tender
sympathy. In thinking of the
past, and those who were
called themselves our friends
I felt constrained to consid-
er you among those who
were, but are not. You have
redeemed yourself, and I
am truly thankful.

Once when my husband was
from home, I took a long walk
alone, and saw standing at
the head of a ravine, a solitary
sycamore, clothed in white, as
the morning, a few leaves linger-
ed in the top through which
the wind sighed a monody.



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I clasped my hands in agony
and thought such would I be
without my husband, while
I stood oppressed by the thoughts
the leaves fell from the tree
the tree and I turned suddenly
away, left I should see the last
friend depart, such I am
My husband was all on earth to
me he was father, mother, home,
children, husband, home, all in
one, the business of my life
was done, but now my occupation
is gone, alone, alone.
It will be impossible for me to
accept your kind invitation to
visit you, but it will at any and
all times give me pleasure to see
you and your sweet wife.
Give her my love, remember us
kindly to Dr. Davis and wish
him success in his penitential
aspirations, I feel certain you
have no man of more eminent
ability among us, and none
whose wife would do our sex
more credit in Washington.
With renewed thanks for your
kindness, I remain
Yours truly,
Mrs. H. P. Johnson

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Topeka Kansas

To Pres. D. W. Mason
Agricultural College
Dear Sir

I received
today a telegram
from Bishop Vail
requesting ^{me} for him -
(as he could not be
present) to nominate
Rev. J. H. Lee formerly of
La Porte Indiana (now
on his way to Kansas)
to fill the place vacated
by the death of the
lamented Mr. Proctor

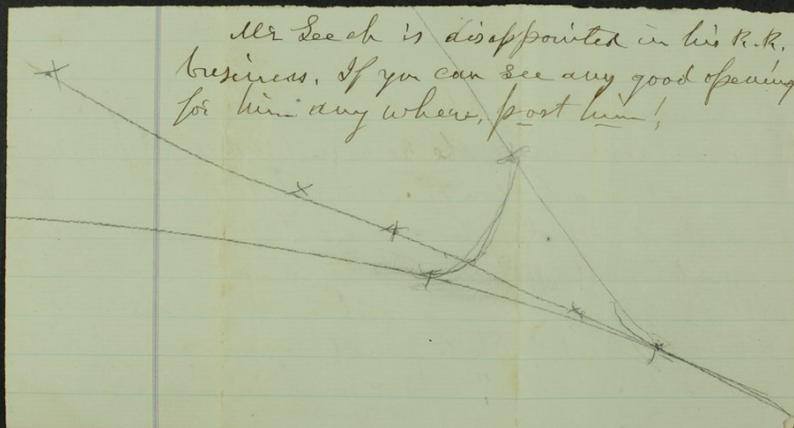
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I have accordingly
made the requisite
communication to
Gov. Crawford -
I think you
will find my brother
(you will pardon me
for speaking of him
so freely under the
circumstances) an
excellant successor to
Mr. Preston - He is
a graduate of Kenyon Col.
Ohio - a good a
accurate scholar - a
good speaker and
a good pleasantly
gentlemanly fellow
who lives on good
terms with his
neighbors - He is
not anxious to teach
but is Capable - having
succeeded better than
I did when we were
teaching at the same
time in Gambier.
Hoping you may
find in him such
a man as you need
I am My truly
I. N. Lee

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"I had given up seeing your brother; he came quite unexpectedly, when he announced his name I at once discovered the resemblance to yourself. Somewhat older, you will wish to know how I am impressed. He is an affable, well-appearing, intelligent man, so I told him that I should perhaps wish a year to visit east & rest, he will probably not wish to wait so long & will find some one else." There you have the gist, pertaining to yourself.

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Lee, H. H.
Dear Friends
yours of the
24th was duly received and thank-
ed. I was not long in ascertain-
ing its contents, was very glad to hear you
were well. but you did not tell me
when you were coming back to
Manhattan. but I have heard by
the by that you were coming in
March and I hope it is so. we
are tolerable well for old people. altho
G's health is not very good. he
has had to work very hard since
Allen and Cathers went into the
army, as they left all their stock in his
care and they left before our hay was
all cut at our harvesting time.
but we have got most all of our
farm work done for this winter
and G has been digging stones
on Mr. Hollistons farm for our



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Church the last 4 days we hope to
build another Spring and summer
Believers is at a low ebb with us
all at the present time. There are 8
of our members in the army and
some others have lost their interest
which makes it very hard for the few
faithful ones. Allen and Colburn
are in Co. C. 11th Regt I. O. It is weeks
today since I heard from them and
they have been in two battles since.
I see by the conservative and I feel
very anxious in deed to hear again
we direct all our letters to Ft. Scott
in care of Capt. A. C. Adams. I had a
letter from Mrs. David Adams last
week she is in Wetumara Ind. yet
she has another son. He was at
Batterson Mo when she wrote, their
old home stead is not inhabited
at all. Dr. Robinson owns it yet.
John Bosaw is on his farm and
says he is going to stick to it

I don't know if he don't stame out his family
& I Laggs are well. Mr. Strong's
have another heir they are well.
Cynthia G. was in Exil Mich. the
last I heard from her. she had
byered her sister Emily that was
there and she was with her brother
in law Maj Beebe and McBright
are first and second stewards in
an Indian Regt. at Ft Scott they left
here with the 11th Regt but were promoted.
I suppose you know that Cells Barton
two kin balls Henry Barns. Charley Thomp-
son. J. John. Chapman. John. Deane
John Beck. have all gone in to the
army and lots of others up the blue
and most all of St George. John
Deane was very low the last time
we heard. I don't expect to hear he
is living. John Arnold died in
the hospital with camp fever. he was
in the Kansas 6th cavalry. Robert
is in the 11th his poor mother is most
heart broke

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3 weeks ago to day Mr. Kapp was buried here
taking up Mr. Kapp's well and it came
in at night. Two weeks ago to night I sat
up with Mrs. Bishop and to Mrs. Healy's
she died at sunrise Monday morning
cough sore throat. Two weeks ago to day
Mrs. Charles P. Barnes was at our
church last Thursday she was buried
she had a lung fever. Truly we are
passing away. I desire to be ready when
the messenger shall call for me.
Mr. Blood for a year past. It has
been asserted that there was not a live
beech tree in the state of Kansas we
had a cold freeze and a little snow with
it in Oct which it is said killed the
fruit trees and a deal of winter wheat
but I hope it is not as bad as many
fear it is. we have not had any
beeches from any trees yet. but there
was an abundance of wild plums of his
fall and grapes too. I expect Beecher
Candson will be married about new
years to Collins Bergus the Express
is not printed now the press has been
carried up to the College. Houstoun and
Humphrey had some trouble in politics
and Houstoun took the press away.
Now I hope you will not wait so long
again but write often and tell me
when you think you shall take your
wife and come to Manhattan. I hope the
wishes and kind regards of your friend to be

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Dear Mr. G. —

I was into Mrs. Tolson
one evening or two since, & was there shown some
Kansas curiosities, hailing from your region, &
while examining them was forcibly reminded
that I was some debtor to the amount of a
few lines written in a corner of one of your
husband's letters with interest. (What's the per
centage with you?) & hasten to cancel it
that you may start another account. You
still domiciled at the Windsor House, & still
enjoying life very much. Had a flying visit
from mother, on Thursday last, (Quarterly
meeting day, you remember & presume) she is
quite miserable, chronic scabies, of some two
years standing, had considerably reduced her, so
that I can say her daughter would fairly out-
weigh her, (however let me whisper to you that
said daughter decidedly flourish in these days) she
has recently placed herself under Dr Green's care,
& hopes Homeopathic treatment, will benefit her.

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She brings me special news from Gall Krieger, Jerusha Westgate (that was) is thought by her friends to be in a desision. The other girls are well and doing well.

Some of the old students are still with us, but the Archolot girls have left under very sad circumstances. About the middle of last term Sarah had an attack of bleeding from the lungs, no fears were entertained at first, & for a few days all promised well, but shortly she had repeated attacks for several days in succession, which very much reduced her. Being prejudiced against Dr G. they employed Dr Clowdage, but his medicine seemed to have no salutary effect. We had considerable of damp foggy weather which was very unfavorable for her & she lost strength daily. She remained with us till partly through conviction & partly through great care, at her earnest desire she was removed to Phoenix, where her sister resided, & had since been gradually failing till hope had well nigh fled, & all felt that she soon would leave for a brighter home. She is very calm & cheerful, and resigned to the will of Heaven.

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Sept 23rd

Draft

Prof Goodnow
has some good plans
for Kansas - which
he would like to lay
before you - Will you
let me introduce him

Yrs truly
Bradell Phillips

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M —, B.F.

Manhattan Monday. ev.

Prof. S. T. Goodnow

My Dear Friend,

Your favor
came safely to hand with
the five fops to Denison. Many
thanks for your kindness.
I will take some notes
and do as you suggest,
in return.

I think I shall
leave home in about a
week. I will drop you
a post when I decide
and should be pleased to
have you go with me.

I will stop and see
you for 24 hours.
My wife joins with me in
love to you & yours
Yours truly
Isaac Goodnow

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McClellan, James C,
Chiswickville Mass Jan 18th
Dear Sir
I was very glad
to hear from you. I would
to my stallion he is the most
valued horse that is in this
County he had won the
first premiums at Dedham
and at Greenfield also diploma
as. For speed he has not been
under training. I had him
on track and he went his
half mile in 1:17 after covering
up 199 mares last season. He
is a shining black and stands
15 hands and 3 inches high

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his weight is 1130 lbs. I had the old black mare
regard to his stock it's last year and have got a colt
good phalloside: two colts first her and my horse and
14 months old for \$75 each equal one do.
Net Smith sold me colt Wages & Miller have not made
16 months for \$250. also any improvements on the colt
one 4 months for \$75 his stock value. Net many changes in
of colts have taken first Tom since you left except
premises last fall at some have died of suppose
Chadement and Greenfield you know of some that have
two years old and one years old. The two species and Buck
and 4 months old. Robert Chandler Vincent
Carpenter took is good for Vincent Ansel's wife
but they do not take quite and my wife and others have
as well as mine gone to there long time.
Brad Swensport has got I don't is very fine if do not
the dam of my horse now think he will last long.
Fred has got two colts from W.S. Miller has been very
he and Volney they are convenient sick this winter but is a little
he put the colt mare to my little mare.
horse this year I do not know
how it will work.

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People here begin to think
that Garrison was a great
help to Coleraine in regard
to horses and other things
I do not think of any thing
more to write this time.
Write me when ever you feel
disposed and I will answer
you as best I can in regard to
what is going on here.

Yours with my best wishes

Geo. S. McCallister

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McKenna, Fannie

Waco Texas.

Dec. 29.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Goodnow:-
Well the holidays have
come and gone, and
your kind and inter-
esting letter, has not
received the attention
it merited. Procrasti-
nation, is one of our
many faults, we so
often defer most pleas-
ant duties. We accepted
the gifts, from you
and your husband,
a few days before
Xmas. We appreciate
them very much, and
think it so kind

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and nice in you to
send them. We are
very much obliged to
you, and we will
always hold both
your names most
dear, in the golden
wreath of friendship.
Wishing you both a
"Happy New Year"
We are your friends.

Mrs. T. P. Sparks.
Mrs. Fannie McKenna
+
Alice and Maude.

I write this letter, so it
will answer for us all
Fannie McKenna

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Melody? L.A.

Pleasanton
June 27th

My Dear Cousin

Your
letter came to hand
in due time & I am
so glad to see ^{from} you if
I cannot see you though
"hope to see" before
many years - can you
not pay us a visit
sometime when you
are on your way
home I suppose your
business is such that
it allows you not muc.

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time to visit - When
I wrote to you last
William was thinking
of going to look of some
land as I told you
but has given up
going I think for the
present - we are in
hopes to find some
land nears home that
we can buy for him
there is some near
us now for sale I
do not like to have

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him go so far away
from us to live.

You write that you
have been prospered
since in Kansas. We
seem to be prospering
some now & are in a fair
way to get a living. have
had a good deal of
sickness since we have
been here - reached
here the 4th of June the
next January, after, we
buried our oldest child

a girl of 18 with the
typhoid fever. It went
pretty much through
the family - no more
fatal cases however
in our family - let
us hear from you
often as convenient
we should be so
glad to see you &
your hopes we may
be permitted to survive.
Much love to you
all & all enquiring relatives.
In haste to G. & M. Kennedy.

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Miller, D. Henry

Meriden Conn
J. I. Goodnow
My dear Bro
The time is just
approaching for the payment
of the note I gave you for
\$1000 in Mo. I am sorry
to be obliged to inform
you that the present
state of the money market
together with my recent
personal engagements
will not allow me to
meet my obligation. What
to do I had I know shall
I send you back the \$1000
for a check - I never in
return my note. I write
this early that you
may not be expecting the
"litter". My respects

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Mr Wiley will send
you probably one leaf
of his note - I have
refused from saying
a word to him on
my personal message
in this matter, lest he
might be discouraged.
I never knew the mind
of many before, especially
since I left old Wilkesbarre
but as it is, I am "hard up".
The Abolitionists, may
God bless them if he can
but I cannot. I hope
"Behrens College" is looking
up though I presume you
feel the pressure as much
as we do. Cheer with me
Lewy. With kindest regards
to Sister G. I am as ever your
S. Henry Miller

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As we get cleared, I
think better of the tract
my day. The 8 acres
where the house stands
a good judge told me
is worth 400 itself.
We are very grateful
for your kindness, and
if promises amount to
anything in execution
will have your money
back to your son, or as
soon as do so. I will
send you collections on the
farm. F. E. M.

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Pittsburgh Pa. 1841
Prof. J. S. Goodnow.

My dear friend,

Our Miss Markham who always does every-thing in a prompt, energetic, business-like manner, has, of course been the first to perform her part toward the construction of the long thought-of, long talked of circular letter. For this promptness I confess she de-serves much credit but you must not give her more than is actually her due; the fact is she dislikes to write and so hastens to relieve herself of its dead. Now I learn to write and especially to write to such a dear old friend and teacher. I believe I have told you how when a