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Indpls Last evening of
1862.

Dear brother Daniel
I thank you for the ferns
and for *Protodemia cordata*
that plant with the spikes
of blue flowers, I am
glad you sent it because
although I had tried to
analyse it a great many
times long ago I was pro-
voked to "try again" and as
my brains seem to grow
I made its acquaintance
without much trouble,
I have a specimen of it
in Wis & one here which I
suppose you remember we found
at the end of Lake Ontario,
when I was trying to analyse
it - you lay down in the hot-
sand & hot - sun in profound sleep

I send you tonight \$25-
for Am' Ex'. I am sorry
Dan that I could not send
it sooner, but what
with giving & lending I
was poor, when you write
I am getting along pretty
well, I have a good room
and a tip bed and have
framed my pictures —
I am on pretty good
terms with Caswood & Smith
I spent Christmas in putting
up a line shaft in the new
brick shop.
Prof Butler paid me a
visit last Saturday and
I spent a very happy evening
with him at Merrills
I sent a book to Henry

I hope I am with all
my heart that this will
be a happy year with
you and be full of pros-
perity & satisfaction in
the pursuit of your plans
we do not know what
of trouble or of joy is to
be given us, but surely
it is the part of a wise
man to move himself
for either.

May our beneficent
heavenly Father bless you
dear brother and make
this New Year & all your
other years abound in all
that is Manly & Good
Most cordially
John —