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219 Grand Ave,
Waukecha, Wis.
May 20, 1897,

My dear friend,

Some time ago I received your most kind letter and I was so pleased to hear from you. It brings so vividly to our mind of the happy and pleasant days spent at the University. I was at the University - a few weeks ago. There is such a change in relation to the buildings, but the three buildings that were when we attended remains the same. I took a look at the building and the location of the

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of the rooms we occupied. Pleasant to the memory are the "days of Long Syné". I regretted so much that I did not see you at the time you were at Portage. What a pleasant visit we would have had I intended to have Judge Brewster & J. H. Stewart to be with us also. I have read your book on the "Mountains of California" I enjoyed it so much and I have lent it to a number of friends and at present time my nephew who is teaching is reading it. He has enjoyed it very much. I enjoyed your description of your examination to the different National Parks but have not received your report

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I think that Wisconsin ought to
have been the first University to
have conferred the honorary degree
upon you in recognition of your
valuable services in science and
literature, but Harvard is much
preferable to Wisconsin. At the
time I called on you at Prof.
Sweets residence a publishing
house gave me an interesting
account of the history of Cal-
ifornia which you were writ-
ing I should judge from the
account given it must be
a most interesting work. The
news papers here has had some
notice of your work in Cal-

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but a very short account
I always enjoy to see the men-
tion of your name in articles
of science and travel. I would
like to see your brother David
give him my kind regards.
I sincerely appreciate your
most kind invitation to vis-
it you. I know it would
be most enjoyable and as
you say "we would talk over
our school days." It is a great
pleasure to one to call to mind
their school mates of early
days especially those of ability
and distinction. I have your
account of trip to Alaska

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and at present time Mrs Case
who has a son in B.C. and who
has spent years in California
British Columbia and Alaska in
search for gold. It seems to me
that the study and research you
have give to the study of the
geology of the ~~places~~ ^{places} mentioned
that you could locate valuable
mining property, but a person
who enjoys water mines or
gold is of no account.

I saw Mr. Stewart a few weeks
ago. He is an editor at the pres-
ent time. He would have been here.
I met Patrick the janitor when
I was at Madison and he is
well. He said he went to Prof.

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Batters to see you but you had
gone and he regretted in not
seeing you. You recollect he
used to let us down to the
basement to wash our potatoes
We were the favored few. I have
two mines in California one 1461
Carroll St Los Angeles and the other
at Moneta, Los Angeles Co. Cal. Should
you be in their vicinity I would
be please to have you call on them.
Mrs Peck lives at Los Angeles and Mrs
Dean at Moneta. Excuse my
not answering before but your
book "Mountains of California" was
loaned and address or last letter
enclosed. I remain your
loving friend John Howell

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