

Cambridge, Dec 17th 68

My dear Sir,

I send you a few letters which it seems to me important (for other people's sakes) that you should have. I received Mrs Gray's note with your fair lines yesterday. I knew this loss must come very near by, for I had conceived that H. was very valuable to you, though no one would ever have known it from him. I only hope he knows now how much we all thought of him, for he certainly had as little of that kind of enjoyment in this world as any mortal that ever lived: ~~he~~ knew my love for him but he was always agreeably surprised to hear that any one else cared much for him. I am trying to finish many things that he began - but I see that I cannot do all, for his frame work was very large - I am glad you estimate highly his teaching powers - I thought them fine too - but with what fear & trembling he took hold of



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