

I hope Eliza is enjoying herself.
& that she does not lack the strength
of Jane. They will like each other,
I think. Tell her that she must
write often - I can only send her
a few lines now - as it is midnight
& I have worked like a dog all day.
Tomorrow morning (Sat.) I must rise
early - as I expect to visit my
dear home - where I have not
been for nearly a fortnight.
Give my love to Jane - & believe
me as ever - Yours
J. Torrey

New York, Dec. 22nd
1848.

My dear friend -

I am disappointed & mortified
that the student whom I
expected in the last two days to
pay for their tickets have kept
back. I felt so positive that
I would have the \$100 promised
to you that I considered it as
in your hands - Now, at the
last hour & I find but \$85 in
hand - except the \$5 which I
must send Eliza - to replace
what she borrowed of you. I
urged the girl to take more
money when she was leaving,
as I was sure she would need

It - but she stoutly refused - Had
I anticipated being so short at this
moment, I would have retained some
money that was in my hands - After
the holidays I will drum up the
boys of ~~them~~ ^{the} remainder the balance
of the \$100. - Dr. Watts has
about \$200 of mine in his hands
but he won't distribute (he is trea-
- surer of the faculty) till he has
all the bills settled. This I shall
set by & by

You will have seen by the paper,
as this reaches you - that I
lost my election in the Free Acad.
- every - to the astonishment of all
my friends - & of a great many others.

The other side used incredible pains
to insure success - Calling on all
the Commisaries, - & urging ~~parties~~
- namely the appointments of Gibbs
- also saying false things about
me - When, however - we considered
that the appointment was made by

36 small politicians, there is no need
of feeling mortified at the result.
The majority of the Nominating Committee
were sure of my having a large majority.

It is all, doubtless, for the best - I
try to be cheerful & thankful too,
under the disappointment. My plans
must now be modified - but I have
not had time to make them. I will
not be a candidate again for a place
where the persons having power to elect
are no judges of scientific qualifications.



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