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My dear Becker

I was very glad to get  
your cheerful letter of Nov<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>  
a few days ago.

You tell me that Veritas is  
flowering and the school in  
general too, but Tod tells a  
different tale.

A letter from him reached me  
about the same time as yours.  
It was very doleful in deed.  
The boys are ignorant &c, and  
he can make little or nothing.  
I cannot get anything, not  
even photographic materials.

I was glad to hear that Harry Lock  
is so well, I did not know  
that he lived in Hampstead.

Have you heard anything  
about Lock lately?

I used to meet  
his brother in law at  
our school once a year, but  
my deafness has compelled  
me to give up attending it.

Otherwise I am fairly well,  
but the amputation bothers me  
a good deal, and I cannot  
walk any distance.

Now I have a motor, &  
greatly enjoy going about in it.  
I hope Evans got a good price  
for his house, but he is not  
a man to let anything go under  
its value.

Does he mean to stay near  
Charleston?

Political affairs here are in  
a queer state.

Sumner has been making a  
tour with speeches in the  
Dutch part of the Union, and  
going far to conciliate them.

He says that he hates imperialism,  
does not object to a republic,  
disapproves of the peace as  
being too hard, and promises  
that S. A. shall have a flag  
of its own.

He also told his listeners that  
the war was caused - not by  
Germany - but by the ambition  
and hot headedness of all the  
governments.

All this comes from his speeches  
which are in view of the next  
election. The serious thing is,  
that he believes that this sort of  
subtilty will go down with the  
electors, and I fear it will.

Herkoff openly advocates secession,  
and expects to win about 50 seats.  
Meanwhile S. A. is very prosperous.

Sack & I were are now with us,  
but Beatrice cannot get a  
passage yet. Blanche has got  
a post as lecturer at Cambridge.  
He has fallen on his feet, &  
seems to be getting on very well.

I occasionally come across  
old Carthusians, but there are  
not many in S.A. I think.

Very sincerely yours

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