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Dear Father;

I will hurriedly scribble a few lines this evening to say that all is well. We are having quite a snow, good sleighing.

I suppose you have the same.

I have felt uneasy during this cold weather, fearing the boys are not through with their work and that all the choring at home would devolve on you. I have not heard from any of the boys to know how they are getting along. That sick boy of whom I spoke went home yesterday.

Thirteen of us boys went to Mansfield one wk. ago last Friday to a Y. M. C. A. Conference, ^{and returned Mon.} It was grand indeed. I would like to tell you all about it but time forbids. I might quote a few statistics. $\frac{5}{8}$ of our prisoners are young men less than 27 yrs. old.

of the 450 000 Criminals in the U.S.
 $\frac{2}{3}$ or 300 000 are under 27 yrs
 $\frac{1}{3}$ or 150 000 " " 20 "

8000 go to drunkards graves annually
More destroyed by gambling,
and the Social evil destroys more
than drink and gambling

Of course the social evil is largely
the result of the other two

Ohio has about - 760 000 young men
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of these never enter the house of God
 $\frac{3}{4}$ are non church going.

Less than 10% are christians in name
and only about - 3% are active workers

93 out of every 100 stop school before they
are educated and only 3 of it of
every 93 of these remain in school
until they are 18 yrs. old.

1 out of every 100 becomes a minister

1 " " " " " " Lawyer

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5 " " " " " " Teachers etc.

92 " " " " " " secure their living by
means of their hands.

I might go on and fill two or

three pages in this way, but it seems to me in face of all these facts every young man who is halting between two opinions must make the start at once and try to ~~swell~~ that 3% until our young men shall be brought to Christ.

I think too that it ought to inspire young men to secure a good education as the foundation for a life work.

I think never before have I sat down to quite such a nice dinner as we had at our boarding house last Thursday.

If the boys have come home I should like to hear from them at once, would like to know what they are going to do. I wish they might come here, but of course they must decide for themselves.

The hard times this yr. have kept many out of school. And many who are here are struggling

manfully to stay in school, but
they are bound to succeed.

Do you know what Charley
is doing now and what he expects
to do. Do you know of any others
who are likely to come in to school
here this winter.

I shall try to read a ^{term}
of Latin during Holidays which
will require about 13 hrs. of solid
study daily. There will be 3 or 4 in class.

I hope this may find you all
enjoying good health and looking
upward. Good wishes to all who inquire.

Remember me at a throne of grace

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