

Stratford, Vt. Sept. 9^m, 1882

My dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 8^m inst. and I congratulate ^{you} upon all of the evidences of your prosperity. I should be reluctant about opening any campaign with Middlebury and Northfield, although I think Burlington is growing stronger every year, and that there is a wider sentiment now than ever in favor of a support of but one college. Still I fear you are not sure yet of carrying the legislature and, if you should not, then a spasmodic effort would be made to introduce new blood into the other institutions to give a few years more of life, and that might retard your advance. I hope your advantages soon will be