

Stratford, Vt. Aug. 20. 1875

Post. W. H. Buckham,

Burlington, Vt.

My Dear Sir: Your favor of the 11th inst came while I was away from home and since my return I have been so much as to feel obliged to neglect my correspondence. But your idea is a good one and I hope you may be able to carry it out. At present I shall be unable to lock hands with you in the enterprise. I may say to you (confidentially) that members