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Uncle John Bayless.

Dear Sir:

The return of our family since their enjoyment of your delightful hospitality has been productive of rather serious consequences to me, inasmuch as I am without doubt a victim of the Kansas fever now raging so virulently around your place. It is a matter of regret to me that I have not yet quite finished my studies and a term of Hospital Practice which I am at present engaged in and which must occupy two years more. I then, at the expiration of that time, will have what will be equivalent to ten years medical experience without Hospital benefits. The Character of your Circular or prospectus much pleases me,

Especially its moral and religious
regulations and tone, which would
make Highland of all places in the
far west. inviting to myself.

Now if in two or three years, taking
in the mean time a trip to Europe,
for a few months I could be sure
of procuring in Highland, in the
very best part of town a small piece
of property at its present value, and
ultimately to be worth something, an
excellent office spot from which
professional influences may radiate
to a monopoly in that particular.
I should without doubt consider my
interests from this time identified
with that place, and anticipate in
time becoming one of its worthy
citizens. Be kind enough Uncle
John sometime when you have nothing
more important to do, to let me
know what encouragement and

best
young
effort
to
add

To
off