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Mrs. Richard H. Frazier
Winchester, Massachusetts

Dear Vivian:

I am pleased with your Christmas card which shows your charming children, Cornelia and Andrew. How proud your father would have been of them.

I think that I probably have told you that Mrs. Simons at one time said to me that if some man of world-wide knowledge and education came to Lawrence she knew of no one more fitting to meet him on equal and common grounds than your father. The Saturday Night Club to which he and I belonged has not been active now for a number of years. When I went into the club I was one of the youngest of the members, and it will not be long now until I am ready to make application for membership in the Methuselah Club.

Your father had a little bent toward spiritualism or belief in uncanny occurrences. This was evidenced in a number of the papers which he read to the Saturday Night Club. Personally I have been rather matter of fact in regard to things of that sort and not too prone to accept evidences of supernatural things.

You would not find a great deal of change in Lawrence excepting that it is larger. The group of University buildings pretty well covers the hill, and the space west of the University has been pretty closely built up with attractive homes. I can see these things quite clearly as I came to Lawrence in December, 1891, when the population of Lawrence was only about 9,000 and the attendance at the University perhaps 700. I think it was but the year before that the preparatory or academic department of the school had been abandoned. The only buildings then were Fraser, Snow Hall, afterwards razed, the small building afterwards used for the school of journalism, and old North College.

George B. Penny was the head of the school of music at that time, a man who may have known a good deal about music