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My Dear Sir, John

I was very glad to see a letter of late date from you a few days ago. I wish you would definitely inform me what address on your letter will secure their reaching you, then I might feel courage to write you rather frequently. Also I should like to know the rate of postage hence to Copiapó—per weight. Please give me distinct instructions in the above—i am inclined to think it your duty to come home & take charge of the old homestead & the single lady with—but not knowing your own personal circumstances, I am not settled. You speak of a return, & I am told, have frequently spoken of it; now if so, perhaps the next letter, you will favor us with about the date of your coming hither, at least we think, you could arrive the year rather reliably. Think you I shall ever see you in the body? Or must I

wait till after our promotion for it? You must forgive me the Satanic wickedness of being made part of your serious feelings in youth. I did it ignorantly, in unbelief. It has

penetrated as I hope already. Since near my eyes are opened (a little at least) with the

conviction you could give me more joy, than the assurance that you are not my serious.
Letter from Samuel F. Green to John P. Green
August 23 1858
[John P. Green Mss. - A.L.S.]

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Green Hill, Worcester, Mass
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My Dear Bro. John

I was very glad to see a letter of late date from you a few days ago. I wish you would definitely inform us what address on your letters will secure their reaching you, then I might feel courage to write you rather frequently. Also I should like to know the rate of postage levee to Copiapo – per weight. Please give me distinct instruction on the above. I am inclined to think it your duty to come home & take charge of the old homestead & the single sister on it, but not knowing your own personal circumstances I am not settled. You speak of a return, & I am told, has frequently spoken of it; now if so, perhaps the next letter, you will favor us with about the date of your moving hither; at least one thinks you could name the year rather reliably. Think you I shall ever see you in the body, or must I wait till after our promotion from it? You must forgive me the Satanic wickedness of having made sport of your serious feelings in youth. “I did it ignorantly in unbelief.” J[esus] C[hrist] has pardoned it I hope already. Since now my eyes are opened (a little at least) nothing concerning you could give me more joy, than the assurance that you are not only serious
but earnest as a Christian—feeling will Paul 
"for me to live is Christ,"—I am at the Philadelphia 
Dispensary the other day, & had my chest exam 
only pounds by Dr. Cannum. He gave a favor 
able opinion. The organization of that extra 
renal tumor seems lately improved.—I had 
a call in Mr. Penney's, from Dr. McCraven, Rever 
Bakerman & Pastor—all very cordial— 
I need not say I should be bound with delight 
to see you again. If I return to Captain 
which I wish to do, it will not be before the 
Spring of '80. I fear—This I hold myself 
ready to go back or come or return. 
until! Now give me your address in 
place so that I may longingly write you, in 
a sort of satisfaction that it will reach 
you—I must you from dear friend 
ma? What year return? — How is the 
accept in the Chilo? Copiapo 
and few other Common. Si how many? 
Copiapo or Copiapo? — I should be 
glad if we might mutually meet in 
spirit of Romans. 11: 11 & 12. 
With much love, I am your 
brother,
Samuel A. Green
but earnest as a Christian – feeling with Paul “for me to live is J[esus] C[hris]t.” I was at
the Northern Dispensary the other day, & had my chest thoro’ly [thoroughly] sounded by
Dr. Canimau[?] who gave a favorable opinion. The organization of that establishment
Blakeman & Parker. All very cordial. I need not say I should bound with delight to see
you again. If I return to Ceylon which I wish to do, it will not be before the Spring of ’60
I fancy. Tho’ I hold myself ready to go back as soon as health permits. Now give me your
address in full so that I may lengthily write you, in a sort of satisfaction that it will reach
you. What year did you leave for China? What year return? How is the accent in the [Ms.
Copiápo or Copiapó? I should be glad if we might mutually meet in the spirit of
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With much love I am your

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Samuel F. Green

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