

Worcester January 17th 1839

To Mr. John P. Green,

Dear Son,

An opportunity presents
by Mr. Dana who lived formerly with Mr. Swan in this
Town to write you. I shall embrace it. You have only
written one letter to Aunt Mary since you went away
from home & a little scratch to me in Andrews about
that which is very scarce with me this winter, viz
Money. I should have sent you some before this but
I have been pressed very hard for small sums to keep
the family along. I hope another haul to have more
crops to turn that I may give you occasionally a lift.
I understand that you have appeared very well by Lucy have
have the Lectures been such, as you could wish? Was the oppor-
= tunity of acquiring information been equal to what
your expectations were? or is there more cry, than wool,
in the business. Many of these public institutions are got
up to give a few large names & living without there being
really any great benefit, to the public. We have many in
this state which are no kind of public benefit in my
opinion, more sine curis without any advantage.
I hope the institution where you are, is not one of that
kind. I should like when you have time to send me word
how the exercises are conducted, & what the particular
advantages are towards the acquirement of Medical
& Surgical knowledge. Your Cousin Timothy has been very
kind in his offers of board &c for you. I hope you use
every opportunity to do every kindness for him, & for surely
you will. his wife they all say is one of the best of women.
I remember her father very well he was in College with
me, & I was out his house after I commenced business some
years, & was very politely & hospitably entertained there.

Letter from William E. Green to John P. Green
January 17, 1839
[John P. Green Mss. – A.L.S.]

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To Mr. John P. Green,

Dear Son,

An opportunity presents by Mr. Dana who lived formerly with Mr. Swan in this town to write you, I shall embrace it. You have only written one letter to Aunt Betsy since you went away from home & a little scratch to me in Andrews about that which is very scarce with me this winter, viz Money. I should have sent you some before this but I have been pressed every hand for small sums to keep the family along. I hope another dawn to have more crops to turn that I may give you occasionally a lift. I understand that you have appeared very well to Lucy[.] how [sic] have the Lathams been such as you could wish? has [sic] the opportunity of acquiring information been equal to what your expectations were? or [sic] is there more cry than wool in the business. Many of those public institutions are got up to give a few lazy drones a living without their being any real benefit, to the public. We have many in this state which are no kind of public benefit in my opinion. Mere sinecures without any advantage. I hope the institution where you are, is not one of that kind. I should like when you have time to send me word how the exercises are conducted & what the particular advantages are toward the acquirement of Medical & Surgical knowledge. Your Cousin Timothy has been very kind in his offers of board & c [etc.] for you[.] I hope you use every opportunity to do every kindness for him, & family you can. his [sic] wife they all say is one of the best of women. I remember her father very well he was in was in College with me, & I was at his house after I commenced business some years & was very politely & hospitably entertained them.

I hope next summer Cousin Timothy & his wife with the little boy will come on to Warrister I should be very happy to see them, as well as your aunt Joan & Cousins -

I hope you leave no opportunity neglected, to make all the acquirements which may render you a well informed -
-ed Physician, a polite easy, graceful, gentleman, one who will be able to win the confidence, & affections of the public -
- lie by your blood manners, & thorough education -
You may have the best of schools, & instructions, but still all it will depend much on yourself whether those schools, or instructions will be of very benefit to you I am now training unanimously the finest colt of the old family bred for you that you may be as well mounted -
-ed as any Physician in this County. I expect you will have many difficulties to encounter in making your entry into business, but you will be able to overcome them by frugality, perseverance, & industry, you have many well wishers, & the name of Joan, as a Physician has you know stands high, in the hearts, & good wishes of the public. A cool determined state of mind, with the opportunities which our affectionate family connection may afford you, will make your entry into life much easier than many young men who are starting forward, without those advantages.

I hope nothing will induce you to leave straining to make the first, & best in your profession for you possess the personal & mental abilities, if you choose to exert them which I have no doubt but you will, exert to the utmost. to make you one of the first of your age, or every other age.

The children here all wish you I believe, & feel the most sanguine hopes that you will not fail of making those mental acquirements which will be a leading step to
them

I hope next summer Cousin Timothy & his wife with the little boy will come on to Worcester. I should be very happy to see them, as well as your Aunt Green & Cousins.

I hope you have no opportunity neglected, to master all the requirements which may render you a well informed Physician, a polite, easy, gracefull [sic] gentleman, one who will be able to win the confidence, & affections of the public by your bland manners, & thorough education.

You may have the best of schools, & instructions, but after all it will depend much on yourself whether those schools, or institution, will be of any benefit to you[.] I am now training [*Ms. illegible*] the finest colt of the old family kind for you that you may be as well mounted as any Physician in this County. I expect you will have many difficulties to encounter in making your entry into business, but you will be able to overcome them by frugality, perseverance, & industry, you have many well wishers, & the name of Green, as a Physician name you know stands high, in the hearts, & good wishes of the public. A cool determined state of mind, with the opportunities which an affectionate family connection may afford you, will make your entry into life much easier than many young men who are starting forward without those advantages.

I hope nothing will induce you to cease striving to make the first, & best in your profession for you possess the personal & mental abilities, if you choose to exert them which I have no doubt but you will exert to the utmost to make one of the finest of your age, or any other age. The children have all written you I believe & feel the most sanguine hopes that you will not fail of making those mental acquirements which will be a leading star to them

in their future career of life. The boys do not let a
day pass, without mentioning your name with the
kindest affection, you never know how much you
were beloved untill you were gone from us. I hope
you will be able to rub off those little rough corners
which are disagreeable in almost all young men of your
age before they have associated with the polite & accomplished
members of society which your present situation
affords you an opportunity of observing.

You will naturally talk with ardour & make use
your minds to keep up that brotherly love & affection
which is always becoming amongst brothers. I will
be of vast advantage to you in future life.

Your friend Lord Allen has been very lame owing
to the horse for some weeks with a cut in the leg it
has been a severe trial to him & continues to trouble
I shall go, and see him the first opportunity I have
I am quite unwell with a stick dropped in the middle
of my back a Rheumatic affection. I felt very well
this morning & went out to some a little ride for an
hour for exercise & was taken severely so that I
could hardly get in to breakfast. but I was fit, & write
a little & of course you will have the trouble of reading
a rather longer letter than you otherwise would have
had, had I been well. The news is all in the other letters
I have made my best love to sister, Cousins and to
Ardmore to whom I hope I shall be able to write a
short letter. except my best wishes for your health &
prosperity, & believe me most affectionately yours father
and friend

Wm. A. Green

in their future of life. The boys do not let a day pass, without mentioning your name with the kindest affection. You never know how much you were beloved untill [sic] you were gone from us. I hope you will be able to mark off those little rough manners which are disagreeable in almost all young men of your age before they have associated with polite & accomplished members of society which your present situations affords you an opportunity of observing.

You will naturally talk with Andrew & make up your minds to keep up that brother love & affinities which is always becoming amongst brothers & will be of most advantage to you in the future life.

Your friend Sam[ue]l Allen Jr. has been very lame & confined to the house for some weeks with a cut in the leg it has been a severe trial to him & continues trouble[*Ms. Torn*] I shall go, and see him the first opportunity I have[.]

I am quite unwell with a stich [sic] droped [sic] in the small of my back a Rheumatic affliction[.] I felt very well this morning & went out to save a little [*Ms. Illegible*] for exercise & was taken severely so that I could hardly get in to breakfast. but [sic] I can sit, & write a little & of course you will have the trouble of wording another longer letter than you otherwise would have had; had I been well. The news is all in the other letters. Please make my best love to sister, Cousins and to Andrew to whom I hope I shall be able to write a short letter. Accept my best wishes for your health & prosperity, & believe me most affectionately your father and friend

/Signed/
W[illia]m E. Green

Received January 1839

Dr. John O. Green

My favor of Mr Green

Miss - Gosh



Received January 1839

[Addressed:] Doc[to]r John P. Green
By favor of Mr. Dana
[Postmark:] New York

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