

sure hope sent to Boston

New York. April 23 1864
Dear Jezza.

Yours of the 18th was
recd. Yesterday. I am pleased that
you succeeded in getting Hugh into
the "University" — And still more pleased
that he has pride, aspiration and ambition
enough, to desire to go there — If
he will now have the industry to apply
himself closely and energy to push
ahead, he can make for himself some
honorable distinction. I once hoped
and expected, that all our children would
take a position above commonality
or mediocrity, and avoid the long
filthy haunts of iniquity. I have been
sadly mortified and grieved, but still
hope that riper years will dispell
the follies of youth. Still I would
much prefer the taint had never
been there. — I am operating

cautiously in Stocks. Yet the business
is hazardous with the utmost caution,
being so many circumstances
mixed with so very many uncertainties
both national and by individual
combination. If I loose nothing
on the 200 Shares of R. Stock I now
hold, I shall have made this week
since my arrival on Wednesday
\$900. - am however afraid
I shall loose on the stocks on
hand. - have bought \$3000. more
Southern Bank Bills. best claps.
Tell Hugh if he will make
good progress, and conduct
himself with strict decorum,
he shall have the privilege of
graduating at the University.
At his age I should have considered
a like favorable opportunity the greatest
boon that could happen. - Mans
standing in community depends much

upon his mental attainments, and
moral character. - Let his efforts be
to be both great and good
I was pleased with the man
school I met to - both teacher
and Scholar. - am anxious
they should all be at good
schools, and make as rapid
progress as possible. I hope you
will interest yourself in seeing
they get their lessons.
You say truly that each parting
is more painful. - but under
present circumstances we must
try and endure for a time.

2 o'clock P.M. have sold all
my stock. Clearing ~~money~~
between eleven and twelve hundred ^{dollars}.
Baldwin Starz, were run to grief.
They say they know many who were
^{months} their hundreds of thousands and even
Millions reduced to poverty.

Trading in Stocks the few last
months. - Have ordered 200 Shares
of certain Stocks this Evening at
limited figures.

Your letter of the 19th inclosing
Altogether just recd. - By all means
let him remain where he is - While
he is trying to do something, and

seems to manifest a desire and
disposition to be self supporting
and saving we must not
interfere with his arrangements.

The Corsica left to day, sometimes
think I should have gone on her.

If Stocks continue going up
shall quit them, as we are upon
the eve of a great battle
that will greatly effect them.

And we are not worth enough
to take the risk - Send you
two of Ellis's Photos - think they
are very good - rather like the
"upward look". - She is a sweet
child, and should be treated with
great affection always - My
love to all. Your aff. husband
N. L. August