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My dear Sir

Some months ago your son called on me, & said that he would pay in a few days the amount of his indebtedness to me for tuition in the German Language while he was preparing to rejoin his class a year ago.

As I understand that he has now gone abroad, I suppose he must have forgotten this matter: for I feel very sure he had no disposition to neglect this debt, but considered it rather a "debt of honor". I heard his recitations for five months. It was



very inconvenient for me to  
hear them at that time, and  
I only consented to it at last  
as a particular favor to him  
in his circumstances.

I labored faithfully with him  
& both he & I were satisfied  
with the proficiency he made.

It happened indeed unfortunately  
for him that upon another  
score than that of scholarship  
he was not admitted to his class.

Still I do not imagine that  
he or any one would suppose  
that that failure annulled  
this indebtedness, or that the  
true profit of the study with  
me was lost.

I hope all may  
come out well with him  
yet. My name for



to writing at present is that the  
matter has been standing for  
some time, and I did not like  
to press him knowing that he  
was somewhat encumbered with  
debt, and moreover I find my-  
self obliged to gather up all I  
can just now to meet an ur-  
gent and necessary demand,  
and even so small a sum as  
this would now be of great  
service.

The amount for the five  
months studs is \$30.00. There  
is also a balance of \$5.00 due  
me for money which I lent  
him. I took a gun of him for  
the remainder.

You will pardon me I  
am sure my dear Sir for  
troubling you with this matter

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and this long letter, but I  
wished to explain to you the  
whole state of the case.

I am very reluctant to  
mention such a matter at all,  
but you will understand how  
it is quite necessary for me to  
do so.

I may mention that your son  
has told me that the charge I  
made him was far short of what  
he expected so that upon that  
score there can be no doubt.

Hoping that I may hear from  
you at your earliest convenience  
in regard to this matter,

I remain

Very truly yours

J. Chamberlain.

To

Hon. Francis O. J. Smith,  
Portland.

