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Dear Miss T. Ansell

I went over to Mt Holyoke  
today to see if I could find any pictures  
of the defendant - there are two paintings  
in one of the college buildings. One of them  
has never been photographed as far as  
I could learn & am sending you a  
photograph of the other. Now this - the one  
I am sending - is a photograph of a  
Portrait painted by the Professor of Art  
over here, Miss Jewett, from a daguerotype  
where the daguer - is I could not  
ascertain - but I can if you will

give me time. The photograph was taken  
by a certain Kinney, Professor of Botany,  
in Mt Holyoke. The other fainting  
resemblance Mrs. says, I should judge,  
ten or fifteen years younger. It is  
more attractive than the one of an embracing  
couple to which does not exist Madame  
Kecamier even ten. Her hand is upon an  
open bible, which may help you to  
catch some moral lesson. I could  
find out nothing about the date or  
artist but the Registrar of the College, the  
only person I could get hold of, couldn't  
be expected to know everything. If you  
like, I will prosecute further inquiries  
along this line. The thing can be

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Photographed - probably Kinney can do it  
& see Kinney has copyrighted the thing I  
am sending you. Whether that makes  
any difference with you I do not know

I asked the Registrar who the greatest-  
living authority on Mary Lyon is (pending  
the appearance of your article). She  
says that Miss Beth Gulchrist  
79 Center St, Rutland, Vermont  
is the lady, that for several years  
she has been working on a life of  
Madame Blavatsky - I mean Miss Lyon,

commissioned threats by Mt Holyoke  
College. When I expressed doubt as to  
the name Beth, she said, that were it  
-less so it was.

There is living in Holyoke a woman  
of mature years who was in Mt Holyoke  
Seminary in 1841, who is the oldest  
alumna of the blessed institution. This  
woman, I understand, states that none  
of the pictures do Miss Lyon justice,  
which is a charitable opinion. If you  
are interested in the reminiscences

of aged females this one's address is

Mrs William Dwight

90 Polite Dwight of the Holyoke Transcript  
Holyoke, Mass.

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It seems to be the general opinion - that  
is, at least of the Registrar, my sole  
informant - in these weighty matters, that  
the picture you sent me is much  
idealised. Witness, Registrar, also  
deposed that if you want a picture of  
a cook with a label - on it, the whole  
denoting the birth place of Miss Lyon, the  
birth place being otherwise gone, such  
can be easily procured as it is on sale  
at the College Book Store - also pictures  
I believe of the old Seminary buildings  
The present buildings are new as the

Wrote blessed plant hurried down  
a dozen years ago with the result that  
they now have a much finer set, one  
of which commemorates the unobtrusive  
generosity of that friend of yours J. D. R.  
If you desire a picture of Rockefeller  
Hall, one of the best buildings of this  
Lone of Piety, that also can be  
easily procured.

I enclose a list of a few works on  
Mrs Piper, I mean, by me, which the  
useful Registration landed me in a  
moment of unfulfillment and which  
can do no harm and probably no good  
to you.  
Now if I can do anything more for

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you, & shall be glad to. I can easily  
see the photographing of the other  
fainting. I might even procure  
an authentic portrait of Rockefeller  
without a wig, if such should be  
your fancy.

Come up and see us and all will  
be forgotten. We'll promise not to entertain  
you a bit. Could we do more?

Sincerely yours

Charles J. Hare.

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