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Dear Grandson

I received from you a short time since the first No. of the Newspaper that has recently been established in your place for which I am much obliged to you. You must write me a letter informing me how you spend your time and what you are learning & how while you are young is the time for you to form good industrious business habits. It is not so much matter what business you engage in if it be an honest calling as it is that you should persevere in whatever you undertake and be sure to do every thing in the best manner possible. To acquire a good hand-writing is very important and this is acquired by every day practice and by taking pains to make every letter perfect as it can be made. A young man who has acquired a good hand writing and good business habits will always find

employment and good-wages and what
is more will always enjoy himself much
better than when wasting his time in idleness
he will feel that he deserves respect and
will be sure of having the respect and con-
fidence of others. I shall be glad to
receive letters from you informing me par-
ticularly as to every thing that relates to
your improvement and happiness.

I enclose a few dollar bill of the Bank
of Middlebury as a small Christmas
present for you to which I hope by your
diligent economy & industry you may add
as much more by time another Christmas
comes round My best respects to your
Father and Mother

Your Affectionate Son
Geo. Seymour

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