

Oxford Ga. May 3rd, 1854.

Dear sir,

At the request of Mr. T. H. Andrew, the teacher of the preparatory school at this place, I write you a few lines. He would have written himself, but he is disabled in the hand. I very much regret the circumstances which render this communication necessary. I am sorry to say that your son Peter has been dismissed from the school. He has failed to conduct himself as he ought to have done. He has been intoxicated on several occasions, has been very irregular in his attendance upon school, & has been involved in several little difficulties with other boys. Mr. Andrew has been with him & kindly admonished him with the hope of effecting a reformation, & even went so far as to reinstate him in school after having dismissed him once before. As he was boarding at my house, I felt it to be my duty to endeavor to exercise a restraining influence upon him. Accordingly I have at different times in a private way pointed out his errors, & sought to induce him to pursue a different course. Others have also united with us in these endeavors, but without the desired effect. In view of these facts Mr.

Andrew has decided that he can remain no longer in his school. I regret to be the medium of communicating these facts, for I know that they will give you pain. I would advise you to try to make some other arrangement for Peter. To leave him here without employment, & with very little restraint about him will be likely to work his injury. I will say for Peter that so far as his deportment toward me & my family is concerned, I have no complaint to make.

Respectfully yours

Gustavus J. Orr

To Col. P. Pitchlynn.