

"The city Burned & Plundered" or some such sensational heading. The danger seems much greater than when we were there, but I quiet myself by remembering how we used to laugh at the reports we saw in the American papers, and how we wondered that Dr. Long allowed himself to be so disquieted about us by them.

Thank you for giving so detailed an account of college life in your letter of Dec 7th also for the kindly feeling you express for me as well as my husband, and now again for the good wishes for this N. Year. Be assured they are fully reciprocated, and I hope your whole family will have a far happier & more prosperous year, also that what has seemed so trying and sad, may be really a blessing to you all. Leading you to the ^{our} friend that sticketh closer than a brother whose love surpasses that of even a mother and who is always ready to comfort those who come to him for comfort.