

West Chester Jun 15th 1850

Dear Fitz,

You commenced your last by attempting to give me a lecture, on delay. Well, so much for that; now for mine, are you ready; echo answers yea.

I say it is or was your negligence that occasioned delay charged to my account. For positively I have received as yet no answer to the epistle next in order before my last.

But enough of such humbuggery one answer containing something in relation to – yes ha ha you know what will repay fully all other apparent delays or anything else you choose to style it.

How I envy you; you James B Henry alias Fritz, having the privilege of escorting and conducting such lovely Misses as H & D is utterly beyond my power of endurance – So I must settle off accounts by merely envying your situation a poor comfort; you most certainly must have had a very pleasant time of it out at Litiz [sic]; (Don't you pity poor me) [sic]

Oh, Jim by the by, when I come to think of it I was perfectly charmed by the angelic features and a active movements of the limbs of Mad'sle [sic] Albertene, while in Philadelphia.

Now you've got me, but only imaginary for I still bear the utmost hatred to dancing when it has to be performed by myself.

Says you that the spirit will soon be conquered; no indeed; I must change considerably more than I believe human form is capable of undergoing, before I ever attempt to step into a ball room; and jump about from heel toe [sic] as many do.

Another thing persons in a ball room never do and never can; (that is if they have the least particle of modesty) jump about as is the case with Theatrical performers; Therefore I naturally conclude that dancing is not what it is cracked up to be.

Again I heartily congratulate you on your success in getting from the party you mentioned unhurt. I think it was a great miracle and deserves mentioning or rather publishment [sic] in the (Spirit of the Times).

mss1996_269_1850_Roland_Kinser_to_JBH



We are all getting along first rate – any every one [sic] present will join with me in saying Bolly has decidedly better boys than he had last session;

I have not yet heard him bring up your name for insult and in fact I don't think he will for I see nothing you ever did that would warrant him to do it.

[?] alias Moses says he wrote to you the other day in Spanish. Please count the [Nowers?] or whatever they are and send me a list of them in your next;

I took notice that he is so greedy to get many letters that he answers every one nearly as soon as he receives [sic] them; what a fool.

Going to church last Sunday in his door stood all Miser Batan dressed up in high style, leaning against the door jambs;

Old fellow we are getting along first rate in our church this session none of that drawling, and French horn music -- The congregation made out to get an organ placed in the church and in the choir sits Biggy Miss Caldwell &c; namesake Sally however does not trust to elevate herself so high above the heads of the congregation for fear of I don't know what.

Our French teacher is a perfect gentleman and speaks with the boys fully as familiar and in the same style as Monsieur [McReus?]. Today there is an exhibition of the horticultural society which is said to be very fine. Perhaps I will go.

Budd is truly an original character now satisfied with the long collar – Grant Smith says he wears a beaver which he brushes up to perfection then takes his finger and runs it round and round the hat contrary to the direction of the fur so as to make it appear like a winding snake and in this admirable situation parades up and down Chestnut Street. [Deaffy?] is here and looks as dumb and foolish as ever.

I now recollect something; did you ever receive an answer to that which you sent as my message to _____ by the means of a lesson to your friend at your place. You have a copy [sic] in your book.

Do you remember that night in the garden (“[Faping?] in the Moonlight”)



You must not forget to furnish me with a full supply of [news?] from the females of Washington _____

I did not lbush any on read the sentences you offered to in your last,

Write soon, very soon for a letter's always acceptable.

From your sincere friend (Roland Kinzer

Here follows the remainder

Old Panama alias Valarino left some time this last week for New York, where he expects to meet his parents who pay him a visit from S. America.

I understand from good authority that he intends staying till the 4th of July—he will truly have a glorius [sic] time of it.

Bolly announced to us yesterday the death of Mr. Fergus's brother, who is as good musician as our teacher himself.

The worst is his death was by suicide in a fit of drunkenness [sic], all along he has played our organ delightfully, I don't know who we will have after this.

A warning generally comes too late – Mr. Bolmar still gives it to Linton whenever a proper opportunity affords itself.

Thursday evening the boys got permission to go bathing – but no person could catch me there nor Captain John M Pud Kinsey – neither of us desired very much to go in mud up to our mouths and leeches constantly annoying us whenever we are not on a strict look out – or when attempting to dive and see a leech nearly in ones [sic] eye is no enviable situation I can tell you;

mss1996_269_1850_Roland_Kinser_to_JBH



LancasterHistory

The best anecdote of the season was told me to several schollars [sic] a few days ago – The Saturday before I came here being pretty cold Mr. Bolmar told a raw—Irishmen to make a fire for the play room well off he goes gets a parcel of coal and wood and went into the play room and actually kindles a fire over those flues (on the grass) --) when the boys come down from school the whole house was full of smoke – Paddy gave us an excuse that he thought those grates were to leave the ashes pass through. Such is the particular smartness of an Irishman who is worth little more than to kindle a good joke.

Was that not a fine idea --

I was greatly amused the other evening by the Latin teacher who came into the music room and there with his mouth played so much like a trumpet that Mr. Bolmar came in to see who had one – It is surprising.

I will now conclude my brief epistle hoping a speedy answer. Your true friend Roland Kinzer

mss1996_269_1850_Roland_Kinzer_to_JBH



Lancaster**History**