Dear Jim.

It has been at least a month since I have heard from you. What in the name of ("Servis leuss"?) can be the cause of your delay.

I am now occupying the seat formerly used by J. Sinton, who by the by, receives numerous sarcastic epithets (whenever a favourable [sic] opportunity affords) from A. Bolmar.

I have not said two lessons since I have been here and am so lazzy [sic] that I see no other way of killing time, than to write to Old Fitz alias 30 years since.

For a week back I have had quite an agreeable time of it spending a week in Philadelphia – going to Theater &c and among the rest saw one of Shakspeares favourite [sic] pieces acted viz Macbeth – However I did not relish it as much as some other pieces. I think there are quite too few female characters introduced to make it interesting. For I suppose you know Lady's are the supporters of life.

When I arrived here what was my surprise to learn that Mr. Davis intended to leave that day yet; his plan being to go off as secretly as possible to Philadelphia there take his intended and be united with her in the bonds of matrimony. Is this not Preposterous who would have at least conceived that Proffessor [sic] Davis was going to immerse himself in all the Pleasure & Troubles of life; so soon.

I for one spurned the idea when first communicated to me but shortly after was convinced of the fact.

Mr. Shoemaker is not here and for his substitute we have some other fellow, I know but little about him yet.

Also contrary to all suppositions of myself [sic] and many others the much loved Monsieur (Mr. Kau) (I doubt if I can spell his name) has left us, and so cap the climax Mr. Mailly & Gould, do not make their appearances.

So you see no one but old Jimmy remains as a former teacher.

As teachers are new so is every thing else, the Latin teacher has put me a year further back than I ought to be, what foolishness.

Our school does not seem to prosper at all the only large boys that came back are Uncle Orrick Wollf, Duckett Captain John H Pudd Kinsey Ennk & Mr Ned Wills & Mc Clellan and of course skinny [Ripalia Burris ?] myself, and of them Wollf has left several weeks ago and combing Duckett – started off in the after noon train one afternoon hoping to make arrangements with his mother before Daddy came in from his business – however there was something rotten about it I do not know where but this much I know Penny brought by his daddy came up again the next morning in first train.

But he has now left for good.



A fire broke out in the town Monday evening supposed to have originated by incendiaries.

Several shops stables &c were consumed before it could be destroyed.

I hope you will excuse my partly descriptive letter, for without a subject it is very difficult to write a truly acceptable letter.

I remain yours sincerely – Roland Kinzer

(P.S.) Answer this immediately if not engaged in more important matters, Kinzer

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