

The Rev. M. M. Preston
Secularus Secy of The Rev. Charles Simcox M.A.

Aspenden Hall wth Puntingford, Herts
Dec. 10th 1846.

Sir

In reply to your letter of Nov. 30. I beg
to inform you that I see no prospect of vacancies
in my house before next Midsummer.

My terms are Two Hundred Guineas a year, w^{ch}
sum covers all the expences of board & education.

The religious, classical & mathematical instruction are
in my own hands exclusively. — For French & Drawing
I have very good masters. — My pupils have separate
lodging rooms which they use as private studies off
school hours. — They are generally between the ages

of 14 and 18, and are for the most part boys intended
for the Universities. —

Your plan for your sons seems to be what I should
be disposed to follow. — You will not understand
me as seeking to disparage Mr. Carver, of whom
all that I have seen induces me to think highly; but
as you have done me the honor to consult me, I
think ^{it right to say, that} your sons should be put as soon as possible
into a course of preparation for the university, and
that unless Mr. Carver's school be different from any
other dissenting academy that I have known, it
will be insufficient in point of classical advantages.

At Cambridge, & I should suppose, it is the same
at Oxford, & Gentlemen may have the full benefit of

Lectures both public & private, as well as their just
share of the College & University honors accessible
to undergraduates. — The only restriction under w^{ch} they
lie, is that they are not admitted to Degrees or Fellowships.

I make no apology for mentioning to you the names
of the following gentlemen, any one of whom would
probably meet your wishes respecting the further
education of your sons. I am, Sir,

Your very obed^t. humble serv^t

M. M. Preston.

Rev. Mr. Invelt. Little Dunham st. Norwich, Norfolk.
Rev. Mr. Jerome. — Cholham, Surrey.
Rev. John Scott, Hull.

10. Dec^r 1816.

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