

school time. I have presumed on your taking him as an out-of-town pupil, & you must advise me what must be done as to getting him received by Evans. But consider this a little & let me have a line, as I should like to be prepared to act decisively with Mr. Lewis.

Sara begs best love to Mary & you. God bless you, my dear Ted, & your affections to Mr. C.

John since you had published a book. Why don't you send me a copy? Have I not sent you two dozen at least?

17. May 1841.

Wm. Colver
30/-

My dear Ted -

You shall have your letters Esteevan & box in a few days, & Müller's Journals & Bacon. Sara wishes to keep Bule a little longer.

I want to consult you about Herbert. He will be eleven complete on 7th October next. He comes from Mr. Cowie about the middle of next month, & I have given Mr. C. the notice which will enable me to take him away altogether. But before I do so, I should like to have your advice. - 1. whether in the abstract you think it will be for his good to come in September, or to continue where he is for another year. As to this, he is a nervous boy, & I look to increasing age & strength

for improvement in that point. He is very unfit for such handling now, & yet needs the discipline of school, & the society of other boys.

2. If you think that in the general he should come now, I thought of bringing him down in the end of June, & asking you to let him go through a week of the 4th form business in your pupil room, with a view to your judging of his information in detail. As far as I can see, he is like most boys, very much more advanced in Latin & Greek continuing than in composition, fit for the 5th form in the one, & scarcely for the middle sense of the form in the other. It is on this account particularly that I am good deal incline to remove him at once, because I fear that next year the disproportion will be greater. In Mathematics

& arithmetic Herbert is strong how divine Heaven knows! - & if chemistry & electricity will count, he would take a good place.

He is my only son, & therefore I do not think of College for him, besides that if the aptitude for mathematics really showed itself increasingly, I should think it fair to let him take his chance in the Senate House.

H. has been a good boy at school, & Mr. Courie speaks well of him. If we decide upon staying this year, I have some difficulty as to his double holidays, which would not be beneficial to him, but might be a question whether it would not be better to enter him at once & let him stay out the remainder of the year.