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Rev<sup>nd</sup> Sir,

I come first of all to apologize to you for not having written to you long ago, because there are many who opportunely inform you about every thing. Besides by the letter which you forwarded me have learned many important things of your friend and my relations. Besides by the coming of the young men Kegropontes, I also heard of you, hence I am very glad to learn that you intend to come here and see your flock and friends, who are improving in all respects.

The arrival of above mentioned young men, as you know, has been agreeable, both of them Semetius and Menelaus are very pleased to find Miltiades speaking <sup>English</sup> so also Joumides and Economides, Semetius is placed amongst the boys and Menelaus in his brother's room. They are very well contented with our constitution on seeing the humility of the masters, the meekness and sincerity of the boys, the good method of teaching and particularly the linguists, they admire and think that they have been removed to another sphere. Economides when came here, he was indisposed, but he has now recovered his health, by remaining here he will learn to consider the English as his paternal language.

M<sup>rs</sup> Bryan for our amusement, has been so kind as to order another expensive boat to be constructed; it costs £. 40 and will hold 18. rowers and 26 persons besides, it is finished, and we are going this afternoon to the shipbuilding yard in order to bring it to our College.

I am sorry to say that, he to whose kindness we are indebted for the boat, is unwell, and will therefore not be able, to accompany us. Now we are about to reap the annual fruits of our labour at the examination, which is at hand. It was to have been the next Tuesday but has been delayed until the following Friday. It will however not be public on account of M<sup>rs</sup> Bryan's sickness. I am much grieved, My Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir, to inform you that M<sup>rs</sup> Bryan since her return from Italy has been continually ill and she is now worse, the illness of this gentle lady, the type of virtue, grieves us all, great and mournful silence prevails amongst us.

I wish to inform you of our newly arrived professor of the Latin and Greek languages. He is an A. B. of Dublin University, and His name is Overstreet, Fletcher, he is 23 years old, he still endowed with good virtue and talents, by whom I am taught my own language. There are many who are not Greeks and are better acquainted with that language than the Greeks themselves, who do not know but the "uaja γραμματια" I suppose, however I must except from this charge those Greeks who have had intercourse with other Europeans, or have visited European universities.

Besides I pray you, when you write to your friend the Bishop

to inform him about my state of health, because at present  
I have no spare time to write to him.

Wishing to be able next post to give you better news.

With my lowly respects to Mrs. Hill,

I remain  
Reverend Sir  
Your humble child.  
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