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east window. There I found him and asked him to explain. In the morning I said I would let him off on the 2.24 p.m. train but up to that time he must attend to his work. When the bell rang for school at one, instead of obeying it he went to the 1.07 train for Boston and returned at nine. This morning I asked him to explain his conduct. He said it was a case of distinct disobedience, but he had thought it all over and made up his mind to do it; he thought that was best.

I conclude, in view of his conduct and his attitude of defiance that I can do but one thing and that is to ask you to remove him from the school, and I await a prompt telegram from you instructing me where to send him. With much sympathy and the highest regard,
I am Sincerely Yours

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J. C. May [Wilford H. Smith]
to R. C. Black [Emmett Jay Scott]

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Dear Friend: I think we have the article we want in the Guardian of the 30th ult., reflecting upon William Pickens,¹ the Yale man. I have just written him, suggesting that his friends here who had read the article were willing to furnish the expenses, if he would consent to make the complaint and furnish the testimony for the prosecution.

The Guardian folks were at the Hayes meeting in Brooklyn yesterday, which was a convention of New England, New Jersey, and New York people, to elect delegates to attend the Suffrage Convention to be held in Louisville, on the first of July, and they tried to get through a resolution reflecting on "His Nibs," but it did not go. The thing got so warm at one time, that Forbes and Hayes had to be separated. Forbes called Hayes a coward and a hypocrite because he did not stand by Trotter's attack on "His Nibs." The convention was simply a huge pow-wow and nothing more.