

Auburn, N.Y. March 1st 1864
President Stearns,

My dear Sir,

I have this day received your letter of the 27th ult., conveying the painful intelligence of the death of the venerable Professor Hitchcock, and an invitation to the funeral. I deeply regret that I cannot be present on that occasion, as the time is now too short for me to reach Amherst in season. But I cannot omit to tender at once to the bereaved family and to the Faculty of the College my true sympathies with them in this affliction.

Should I obey the promptings of my heart, I should say much in respect to our departed friend. He won my love and confidence nearly thirty years ago, when it was my privilege to be associated with him in the Faculty of the College; and I now mourn for him as a brother beloved. Very pleasant is the memory of him. Let us be thankful that he lived so long,

that he accomplished so much, though
with feeble health; and that his life was
such a beautiful illustration of the harmony
between the enthusiasm of the scholar and
the humility of the Christian.

Repeating the assurance of my sym-
pathy with the stricken household,
with yourself and your associates
in the Faculty,

I remain,

Sincerely yours

J. B. Condit.