

[June 2nd week, 1863]¹

Dear Father

I am entirely out of Postage stams (*sic*) so will enclose a few words in Farley's letter. Yours of the 2nd was not received until last evening: You speak of obtaining a diploma for me. I think that it could be done as Dr. Anderson² told me that if I got back before commencement he would graduate me with the rest and I now hear from R.C. Cook that others of our class who are absent in the army are to receive their full honors as A.B.³ Cook also writes me that he has procured for me a set of class pictures. These will cost considerable and I hope that you will not fail to pay him for them, even if he doesn't ask for it (which is not very probable). I have written a great many times with regard to our present marching orders, but nothing seems to be done and I am almost ashamed to keep saying that we are going to move. The whole plan [is] this time at least kept perfectly concealed and we none of us have the faintest idea what we are about to attempt. I have not received the money I sent for as yet but expect it daily

Your affect son
Sam

If we do not move I will write a long letter to Mary tomorrow in answer to hers of the 30th

Sam

[In a different hand] – Rec'd June 12 –with Farley's⁴ dated June 1863

Notes:

¹ Since they have not moved yet, then this letter was probably written before June 14th

² Dr. Martin Brewer Anderson was president of U. of Rochester from 1853-88.

³A.B. is the Undergraduate degree conferred by the University. Porter would receive his a part of the class of 1864.

⁴ Farley Porter and Mary Porter were his younger brother and older sister respectively .