

Pho to. for Beck, muscle

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Thou mass of agglutinated adolescence, inconspicuous on account of your bilateral non-development, I loathe the thought of you; but like the ever-recurring green larvae that gnaw the oak leaves and spindle down on the heads of papers, thou dost constantly wriggle pendant before my path.

It is possible that I have not referred very fully to your letters in my own, probably because of their general lack of anything to draw attention to themselves. How? I approved of

what you said about my  
plan of returning at T.G.  
It would probably be better  
to pursue such a plan at  
Hood River than at T.G.  
I have written to the Dun-  
cans, stating the case as  
well as I could, endeavoring  
to put the scheme plainly,  
and asking them to help  
if they wished. Of course it  
would be impossible to say  
what they will think of it.

I think Hood River  
would be preferable to Walla  
Walla. It would be more  
flexible. And institution at  
Walla Walla would have to  
be more on the rigid  
system usually prescribed for  
academies. Then Walla W.  
has so many other attractions  
for boys, such as saloons, that

it would be harder to get an  
influence of our own over  
the students. The natural  
scenery of the Hood River region  
would be a means of educa-  
tion, influencing the higher  
faculties of imagination and  
art, in itself, which other  
places lack. The recreation  
of students would naturally be  
by climbing mountains etc,  
which would open to them  
nature's beauties, which natural  
cabinets for illustration of  
geology, botany, and mineralogy,  
are at hand in the Cascade  
Mts. The recreation of stu-  
dents at Walla Walla would  
be by loafing around town.  
Hood River is very acceptable,  
and tourists scientists and  
artists, and great men will  
be there much. From such  
material it will be easy to

find lecturers, to interest  
and enthrall the boy.

Besides the local supply,  
children can be got from  
Portland and the Dalles,  
& if I were there I should  
wish to spend my summers  
in rousting about over the  
hills, and taking trips out  
to all the ranges of mts  
and to <sup>the</sup> lakes and rivers, &  
the Pacific slope. By taking  
half a dozen boys with me,  
I might get into them a  
love of sciences and nature,  
as well as be supplying the  
needs of my own mind.

You suggest that I bring  
home with me the young lady  
who can do everything. This  
shows how your mind runs.  
It would probably take more of a  
man than I am to do it.  
Yours  
Geo. B. B.