

they have time. I did not get letters from them since last May. I expect to hear word from them soon.

\* \* \* Please give my best respects to the Rev. Mr. Cochran, your lady, Mrs. Hutton, and Mrs. and Miss Vinecove. I send my love to all the pupils in school. I have no more news to tell you. My kind regards to you. I hope you will be pleased to read this letter. I must bid you "Farewell."

I am, your loving pupil,

E. H.

#### IV.

DECEMBER 24th, 1866.

DEAR RESPECTED\* SIR,—I am quite well since ever I left the school and should feel real thankful to God for his goodness to me, and it is God's will. Oh! God is good to me. I often think of you, and I would like to see you again. I would like to go and see you when I have plenty of money, if I am spared by God's will. \* \* \* I wish you and your pupils a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please, sir, tell them that they will remember Christ's birthday at Bethlehem now, and he died for sinners, and they must thank God for sending him to come into the world to die for us. I read in a newspaper about revivals in Scotland, that people are turning to God. I suppose you read in that paper. I want to be prepared for death before Christ's coming.

I am angry about the Fenians going to invade Canada and Great Britain. I believe Great Britain is able to conquer them because God chose the nation, and it is a powerful nation. \* \* \* I am contented to stay here and work with A— J—, and I feel more happy than I did last year. I can put on casings of windows, and doors, and do it well. I am putting them on in a house of Mr. L—'s now. \* \* \* I expect to stay here and learn the trade for three years, if I am spared by God's will. I want to try and learn fast, and I must have patience.

Please tell John that I got a letter from G— last Thursday, and he said he was glad to hear from me, and he was going to Navigation School at Glasgow, G. B., and he was learning well. He expects to be home next spring, if he is spared by God's will. Tell him that he must pray to God often that God would keep G— from death while he is sailing over the ocean. I must draw to a close, so I could not tell you more news now. Give my best regards to Mrs. Hutton, Mr. G. Hutton and his wife. Give my love to John and Clarence.†

I am, your affectionate

F. W. L.

\* The original has "respectful."

† Brothers of the writer, now under instruction in the Institution.