

Petoskey Mich
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President
Kalamazoo College
Kalamazoo Mich
Dear Sir -

I enclose a letter written by my Uncle, Nathan Church while a student at Kalamazoo College, to the "home folks" on the farm near Alma Mich Feb 20 1858.

Thinking you will find this interesting I will add some information about him. He was not yet eighteen years of age when he attended College at Kalamazoo, traveling afoot between home and school.

In 1861 he enlisted in the Union Army and served with distinction during the Civil War. He rose to the rank of Lt Colonel on the staff of Gen Nelson A Miles. He was detailed by the War Dept. to search Jeff Davis at Fort Monroe Va.

His experience on this mission is too much to recount in this letter. I will mention that the Bible Mr Davis used while a prisoner shows the verse that described his condition underscored by him, St Luke 20:43.

Rev Theodore Nelson who about 1891 was President of the College was a boyhood friend. They were neighbors.

I thought you might like to keep the
letter. If so you may have it

Yours very truly

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