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Letters from Harvey Spencer
to Jonathan Spencer
from North Scituate

Harvey Dr. Spencer to his Brother Jonathan Dr. Spencer.

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Brother Spencer

Give me credit this time for writing you before you had to send word for me to write.

Business in this place is good as in any large place at present. Carriages pass here very often two or three at a time. Stages loaded with passengers are continually passing. As one stopped here at the P.O. the other day, an individual came to the shop by the name of Howland Sage he, "where's Jonathan" & wished to be remembered to you. The same child as ever, I should think. We had quite an exciting time at our town-meeting the other day and no mistake Mr. Davis was defeated by about 7 majority. Last

This letter received from Eugene Winsor on
March 30, 1930 - Calver H. Spencer - Phenix R. I.

year he was elected by 2 majority
The girls here are still enjoying good
health, and appear to be happy
Mr Winsor's people like their new
home very much, but for my
part it dont make much differ-
ence on the hill, under the sun, they
still have a pleasant home. I
call round on them all once
in a while. Why in the world some
of them dont marry is more than
I can tell, but suppose it's because
they dont want to.

Your friend Mr Hammett is still
on our soil, here. Sact Selboth witnessed
his sign & seal of withdrawal from
worldly things and a closer alliance
with heavenly. Before a vast multitude
he descended into the liquid streams
was baptized, & came out in good
shape. I was not present but understand
he preserved dignity.

Mr Hammett say, he is driving things
(He is here in the shop) right up to the
handle. His coming down among common
school teachers is a grinder, & youthful
in the bargain is a setter. I presume
you noticed in the report I sent you
that he was put down as young in the
cause. He has written one of the Committee
a letter of four pages (fool-cap) in which
he writes just as your imagination can
picture it. One of the com. showed it one
this morning. Rich! Doct. Potter is still
with us, counting hard. Charley Potter
is still in Ballou's store Jim Edmonson is here
a jingly business is doll. The other
good people are all right Stephen Comedell
is painting here, a common painter, but
say he can touch off the Mahogany in
tall shops. Martin Ballou is courting
Ellen Allen in good shape. I have
heard that you were courting, is it so?
Hammett says give his respects to Ezra Briggs

I hear of you write often up to Chenix.
What does it mean. Just give us an
invite is all I have to say at present

As for myself I dont know as I am
any nearer to that state of happiness, than
when you were here. My business is
good now, am to work done.

Father & Mother were up to see me week
ago last Sabbath, they came Sat. & went
back Monday. The day was very fine
and I dont know when I have had
a pleasanter visit from friends
than thirs. They appear to enjoy themselves
first-rate, and may such be the case forever
Mr Beaman still continues with us

The choir progresses finely. Mr Sheldon sees
to the business as well as ever

Mr. Ashley you recollect, that used to
be in the choir, and I think while you were
here, was courting Phoebe Titus, now appears
to be free from any engagement, the match
has been broken up some how. Whether she
had a better chance, or he is more than is yet
known. Please write us soon & let
me know how you are getting along

Yours Affly H. S. Spurr

No. Exquisite Nov. 21 1857

Dear Brother

I received a letter from you under date of 15th, which was read with pleasure, still it caused some solemn thoughts. Why was not a man born married, then there would not be this trouble of getting the mitter, as well as a wife.

Really, sir, it did seem after I had got through reading your pathetic words that I would start for some fair damsel, and offer her my heart and hand, my houses and lands, fortune, and sacred honor, in fact my all. But the first steps,

taken by me have been so poorly received that I am discouraged. I am like the fellow who was received in this wise when he proposed, she cries, "I waunt Sir, and off he waunted". And as he still persisted, she cries, "Can't, and the poor fellow douted". But I am unlike him inasmuch as he says "Can't you, and the dear girl recanted" then of course he continues - "Wilt thou my dear? - and she "Wilted". But to make the matter shure, and settle down in life he ^{says} "I shant me, my dear; and they shanted." The "bleedness" of a married state; - the "Transcendent happiness" &c &c which you speak of, and your "warning to flee from the course" now pursued, will be taken in hand and refused to the committee of Foreign relations.

What you mean about Spine Book, is what I want to know? And by "three illustrious predecessors", ditto.

Suppose Prof. Hammett is going to get carded down, is that any reason why I shant be scratched. Oh! shades of departed chances - that I have had to get married. if I had heeded thee as I ought, my happiness might have been now unalloyed, School-masters would be calling with their school bills for a settlement. Shoemakers for repairing little shoes. &c. &c. Continue to hover over the footsteps of thy erring subject, while he watches the course of his Three Illustrious Predecessors

N. Scituate remains as ever that quiet orderly place, spoken of by Sapham, Patt, and others. the young men are as steady, and the maidens as handsome as when you were here. I adopt your language in regard to the American party. And I too belong to no such named organization

My particular regards to your Wife
Respectfully yours H. S. Sprague

Harvey
1854

This letter written by
my father, Harvey L.
Spencer, to his brother
Jonathan L. Spencer.
Nov. 21. 1854.

Science A. Spencer
March 31. 1930

Presented to Eugene Winsor
March 1930, by Mrs John
Timbler & Mrs Howard Preston
of Providence R.I. - Daughters
of Jonathan L. Spencer