

for Baltimore. The information in your last was interesting though painful. I fear very much that Ellery will not get through College, if he does not use more prudence. Pray how is Benj. Trapier, I feel more interested for him than for any one within the walls except yourself. I wish you would have an eye over him, I know his heart is good, but I fear the force of example, and a little vanity to be thought damn'd high, will be the means of leading him into danger.

It is a long while since you wrote me anything concerning him. I am concerned lest the conduct of his brother should lead him astray; but he should consider that every moment he spent in study would add a ten fold lustre to him. What an honor for so young a person to bear the palm from all his State. If you are upon good terms with him you may show this, and tell him I will write to him but should he find the gay and jovial Senior converted into the grave adviser he will only reflect that it is the offspring of my regard, and a sincere wish to promote his welfare. The situation in which the Hilliard family must be distresses me I always have a fellow feeling, but I think for them it is something more. All well, No news!

Yours Charles Adams.

P.S. By delivering the enclosed to Emmons as soon as possible you will gratify me much.