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TO: Frederick C. Stevens
FROM: R. S. Stevens

HANNIBAL & ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD COMPANY,
General Manager's Office,

Hannibal, Mo. Oct. 7, 1875

8:20 A.M.

My Son,

I am just starting on a trip of inspection to St. Jo. Tomorrow have a meeting at Atchison to fix Bridge tolls, &c. In P.M. go to Kansas City, home Saturday. How I wish you & your Mother were with me, tis so clear & pleasant. But remember you are now fitting yourself for a useful future & an honorable career. So try & be firm. You have done thus far most nobly. Exhibited traits of character that [give] me great satisfaction & make me doubly proud of my darling Boy. Do not, however, study so hard as to injure your eyes. Go safely, if slowly. Train is calling me. Good Morning. Your

Father