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Principal Dawson

Dear Sir

I thank ^{you} most cordially for
your note of good cheer with
reference to the "Boys Home,"

It is worth much to have so
much Christian sympathy and
nerves ones arm for labour, the
way was sometimes dark, and
my spirits sometimes much dep-
ressed, but light has come again
and so much true encouragement
given from those that I little
expected has taught me I think
the lesson "Be not faithless but hel-
ieving." We thought that we
could have had a gathering

of the Boys and the friends of
this work this week but the
Religious Anniversaries being held
will somewhat interfere and
we will wait till next week
and if I thought Mrs & Miss Dawson
would not think the roughness of the
occasion enough to deter them from
helping us in the future would gladly
invite them. Oh my dear Sir it is
only love for souls can sustain the
workers in this cause would that we
could have more self denial for our
Masters sake. I know that all who
are associated in this work will be delighted
to have your valuable services as well as
those of Mrs & Miss Dawson and with their
Permission will include you all among
our friends. Will you remember the
work as the theme of Grace we would
seek the Slay of the Master in this
whole matter and our earnest

Prove is Lord Bless the Lads
whom thou mayest find to be
under our care and ^{give} wisdom
profitable to direct

With the earnest desire that
"our Father, may ever bless you
in your various fields of labour
& largely increase your usefulness

I remain very truly

Yours
Chas Alexander

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