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near by the surroundings of his paternal home
and an older and better society there is a chance
to make something of him.

It is not pleasant to me to write such a letter
as this and I express myself as mildly and say
as little as possible.

I have come to love your boy very much, but
I do not like the road he is going, and he has bro-
ken a solemn promise he made me before I
gave him my consent to marry Martha; and
is acting in such a way that, for his own good,
and the good of his wife, and in the interest of all
who are near and dear to him he must be
persuaded to go away.

I think it will be better in every respect to treat
this letter as confidential, and I hope you will think
so too, but, at the same time, you will understand
that I am writing the truth as far as I go.

Yrs truly J. N. Allen.