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Dear Will:

Dr. John P. Davidson, the Oculist who worked on Sam's eyes last winter, asked Sam to come back there about the first of April, so as for his own satisfaction, he might see his eyes and whether the glasses which he now has suit him. I have thought best to let him go by Richmond, and see Dr. Davidson, for when he gets to you I want him to be in a condition to do his best, and have no reason to be running about. He will leave here Monday morning next, the 13th instant, get to Richmond Tuesday morning, and leave Richmond that evening for Alexandria, which he will reach sometime that night, and will go to Hamilton so soon thereafter as he can Wednesday morning. You can tell pretty well when he will reach there.

Sam and all the other members of my family are highly pleased that Sam can go and do something along with you, and I feel that you can be a great benefit to Sam, and that he will take an interest in helping you.

I want Sam to feel that he must depend upon himself, and I have the utmost confidence in you and that you will do everything you can for him every way, and I desire to say right here, that whatever may be the result I will be perfectly satisfied with what you do and will receive your word in everything, in reference to it, as absolutely conclusive,

without question. I do not think that Sam will go prepared with clothes to work in, in fact I would rather you would instruct him what he should get, therefore, I want you, yourself, to instruct him what to get and send me the bill. You may not feel that at first Sam would earn any money, and I repeat that I want Sam to think he is relying on himself, and I shall not send him any money directly, for he does not seem to know the value of money yet, and if he needs any, or my assistance in any way, I shall not listen to him except through you, and I want you to feel at liberty to advise me what to do in such matters, as I want the boy to be contented.

But mark me (and you know me) I am not sending Sam there to put him in a nursery; I am sending him there to begin to learn to work right from the start, and I am satisfied that you will find him obedient, and he certainly has no bad habits. Of course, you will understand how to break him in by degrees, and will be patient with him. Remember that he is not yet 20 years old, an overgrown, green boy, without any idea of care ever having been thrust on him. I want him to be a benefit to you, and I want you and your wife not to be backward in requiring him to do his part, and to keep his room and clothes in order. You know that in a matter of this kind; money is not the consideration with me. I am interested in Sam being manly and do something in this world, and you must remember that I am, myself, no longer a young man, and it is time my boys shall do something for

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themselves. Probably the kindness which you offer to render me in this matter will, for a while, prove a burden, but if you can help make a man out of Sam you will confer a favor not only me, but a great blessing on him.

Yours truly,

S. C. Luhan