Delightful task! to rear the tender thoughts!
And teach the young idea how to shoot!
If, no doubt, it were of a mother, fondling the darling
of her affections, and instilling into its infantile
mind the first principles of knowledge and of virtue; but when applied to a common pedagogue,
it is one of the severest ironies that ever was written.

Notwithstanding my aversion to this employment,
my prospects have so much brightened that
I am determined to remain here this year at least.
My health has increased far beyond my hopes, which
of course has increased my wages. I am fully aware
that my situation with you be more prolific of
pleasure and improvement, I feel as an incessant creeping
gradually upon me as I grow older.

From the particular marks of attention which I
have been proud to receive at your hands, you will
doubt wish to know how I spend my time—very
shamefully, for I am doing nothing. While a member
of college, ambition, my own pertinacity, and the per-
suasion of friends led me to the study of the law; and
had I engaged in a profession immediately, I should
now have been busy in the analysis of crime; but catching
some of the feeling, then prevalent in my vicinity of the country,
and removing to a place where I was entirely cut off
from society, these religious feelings had and still have