

We are here for Christmas  
with my daughter Mrs. Adams.

CASTLETON STATE NORMAL SCHOOL  
CASTLETON, VERMONT

Dec. 26 1917

My Dear Mr. Deane:

Your delightful gift of Ham-  
let came a few days ago.  
I have already spent many hours  
in its perusal; have read with  
new delight for perhaps the fiftieth  
time this great masterpiece, &  
with much interest the translation  
from the German text made during  
Shakespeare's life.

I think that between 1864 & '70 I  
heard Edwin Booth in this play for  
six or eight times, & have since never  
missed an opportunity of seeing the play  
when opportunity offered in Boston or  
New York.

I thank you most heartily for the gift;  
& for your kind letter, ~~expressing~~ <sup>showing</sup> to  
me the sincerity of your friendship, which  
I prize so highly, & most fully reciprocate.

Faithfully Yours,  
Ezra Brainerd.



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