Dear Father,

How much money would you be willing to give to help a poor boy through college who has been here over two years and don’t have to but 3 before you can go to college and has not got a cent after this term. His mother is about 45 years and has been teaching school but is sick also has a sister sick and has got to lean school because he has been poor. I suppose you will think he is lazy and want to work but you will be much mistaken for he has saved and slept hard ever since he has been at school here.
He is a splendid scholar and he boards himself. There is another boy in school who is in about the same position who has more given him and I feel sure you might do so to great think how much pleasure you would give this poor boy what better thing can you do with your money than helping the poor and your country, I suppose you think he told me to write this letter, but he did not tell me anything about it. He did not wish that I was writing you. Answer him and send on the money. Don't tell anybody to let them see it.

E. J. Crondle
Anson, son
Exeter Nov 5

Dear Father

How much money would you be willing to give to help a poor boy through College who has been here over two years (and dont have to but 3 years before you can go to college) and has not got a cent after this term. His mother is about 45 years and has been teaching school but is sick now. Also he has a sister sick and has got to leave school because he was born poor. I suppose you will think he is lazy and nant[?] to work but you will be much mistaken for he has sawed and split wood ever since he has been at school here. [next page] He is a splendid scholar and he boards himself. There is another boy in school who is in about the same position who has money given him and I should think you might do so to. Just think how much pleasure you would give the poor boy. What better thing can you do with your money than helping the poor and your country. I suppose you think he told me to write this letter but he did not tell me any thing about it he did not now that I was writing you. Answer soon and send on the money dont tell anybody or let them see it.

E D Crowell

Answer soon