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22nd April 1876

K. M. I

Dear Mother

I send by this mail
my speech entitled "The Demon Drink"
fifteen pages. Please correct as
soon as possible for I want
to learn it perfectly in order
that you may give me hints
& instruction on your arrival.
I ~~am~~ not only ~~am~~ to represent
my society but ~~to~~ I intend
to speak for the medal.
The same speech ^{at the same time} will serve
both of my intentions, but
the medal to be awarded on
Commencement. Manner
more than matter will take
therefore I press you to send
it back as soon as possible.

that I may practice all I can
On receipt of this tell me
your opinion.

Send the original back so
that I can see what emendations
you make.

Trusting you in your kind-
ness of heart will help me
I remain

Your devoted
Avery Meriwether

All ~~of~~ are well

I shall write to Lee ~~my~~ next
Our examination in natural
science commences Monday.

Am