department, which they are planning, is finished, there is little probability of his doing any thing of consequence in the way of collection. I gave the Jeremiah to Riggs who was very much pleased with it, & promised to show it to C. but did not hold out any hopes of his buying it. When Eugene Gibbs was here he told me that some institution proposed to buy it and were raising a subscription for the purpose. Have you heard any thing more about this.

Tell Totts that her portrait is smiling at me from over the mantel piece nicely framed & glazed. It is accordingly admired (that you need not tell her) and the photographer who mounted it, was very much pleased with it as a work of art also.

Love to all. Laura & D'O. Eliza and Lucius & the young ones. Also to Lizzie if she is still at home. Shall owe the hear from Frank.

I shall give a visit to Philp the bookseller here to give Lucius also. He is a very good judge of pictures, particularly water colors, of which he has some very fine ones. His cousin in fact is one of the reach water colour painters of England. Philp is himself an Englishman, of no great breeding, but his wife is a very nice woman & a good musician. They entertain a good deal here & they always have pleasant people at their house. It would be well if