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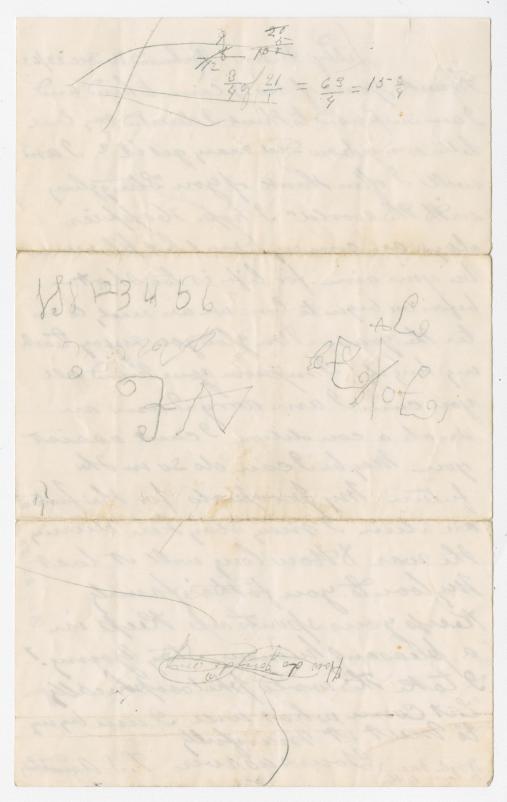
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Work me Yours as Ever T. S. Amore,



December 22, 1863

Libby Prison Richmond, Va. Dec 22/63

Frank, yours of November 27 came to hand and I am surprised to think I have directed my last letter wrong. How did Mary get it? I am well I often think of your "struggling with the world." I hope happier days are coming.

Don't let pleasure be you aim, for life is too short -- before we begin to live we are ready to enter the grave.

I'm glad you enjoy teaching hugely. Improve your mind all you can. I am sorry I am in such a condition I can't assist you. Maybe I can do so in the future.

My prospects for the future are slim. I may stay here during the war & how long will it last. My love to your father's family. Keep your spirits up. Keep in pleasant humour. Stay young! I take the world philosophically. Let come what will. I am try to meet it manfully.

Yours as ever. T.S. Armstrong

Write me a long letter.