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I was very much gratified that you sent me up  
a photograph. As far as I remember you I think  
the picture is excellent. Next time I get my  
photograph taken, and if you care for a copy,  
I shall be most happy to send you one.  
Many thanks for telling me of your doings  
since I last saw you; many thanks, indeed,  
for your whole letter, for all was interesting.

If you feel inclined to write again, please do.  
What further news have you of Ratcho? Has  
he left the Russian employ yet?  
I suppose most of the boys who were at Sobye  
with me will have left by this time. Most  
of the names on the Programme of Examinations  
are quite unknown to me. I would  
be quite a stranger amongst you all. It is  
very strange to feel so of a place where I was well  
known for five years.

And now, dear Mr. Slavickoff, good-bye.  
Accept of my very warmest kindest regards,  
and believe me ever to remain

Your very sincere friend  
Alexander Thomson.