

for I am to be at home so short a time
 I think I shall improve the time & make
 the most of it. I am sorry I cannot
 be at home all winter, for this is the
 best time I can have of my length
 till next vacation in college. (Supper
 Thursday morning. After eating my supper
 last night I went out in the yard &
 played for exercise till Philologian
 meeting, then I attended that, so I did
 not finish my letter. I find if there
 is no Exhibition the term will close Wed.
 instead of Thursday, 22^d of Nov. We have
 had pleasant weather this fall. Have we not?
 We have had no rainy weather for some time
 till last Monday & Tuesday, so that our
 cistern had become very low wth water, but now
 it is somewhat replenished. But yesterday was
 a most beautiful day for the first of Nov.
 In the morning every thing looked so clear.
 And the sun shone out clear & brightly &
 the weather was just warm enough for comfort.
 I have not heard from Otis lately nor Verie.
 I was real glad to find such a religious interest
 at Leeds & I hope it will result in much good. ^{From G. A. Pratt}
 I suppose you will get this this morning. ^{From G. A. Pratt}
 Love
 Yours
 C. W. Clark

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My dear Mother

As I have a little
 leisure this afternoon, I have come to the
 conclusion to write you a letter. I say
 leisure, but to tell the truth there is enough
 to do & enough which calls my attention.
 But I have been studying hard all day, strange
 to say! And also for many days have
 not had much respite. So I am inclined
 to write the letter this afternoon, which must
 have been written within a few days, to take my
 mind from its labor & give it rest & joy
 by thinking of home. I say, "must be written
 within a few days" not only because it
 is due to you, but the term is now about closing
 & I am obliged to make necessary arrangements.
 I shall be obliged to pay for 11 weeks board \$19.50
 Mr Wiggins' bill for tuition is 4.00 & with books 5.00
 And what I owe Winter for other expenses is 2.00
 And as I wish to have enough for & emergency ^{please send.} besides 1.00
 And that I may get a passage in the cart to Leeds 1.50
 Then if there is more than I have need of I will return some. ^{\$28.00}

I am in hopes that you can write me a letter
next Sunday with Dillie & melon 328, so
to send me Monday. The Term will close
in 2 weeks from next Thursday night. So
shall I suppose go home on first train Wed.
We have expected to have an exhibition until
late by, but so many are leaving the
school that I think we shall not have
any but Mr Wiggins says that he
shall have the parts (Lectatory in Latin &
English; & Galadictory in Eng. which I have)
performed at the Examination. So I
shall be obliged to prepare my article
I commit it to memory & speak it
before visitors & the examining committee
although there is no exhibition to come
off. I am sorry for this on some accounts
as it will take up much time, still
it may be the best for me in the end
I am obliged to study hard now & I have
been pretty diligent during this term.

To be sure I should not have got the
Lectatory part I not ranked the best
of any in school, but I have that I
have not ranked so well as I like. But
I am determined that at the Term

to rank as well as I did the first. I
had my lesson well this morning. But
it is pretty difficult to get my lesson
as well as Winter for he has read it all
before & I have not. Still I think here-
after I shall do as well as he. I was
happily disappointed I tell you mother
to get your long letter Monday morning
just after I mailed mine. I
sent one to Dillie at Weym. Has
he obtained it yet? I have heard from
Rowland & I rec'd a long ^{letter} from him
sent up by Foster (our Assistant Lush
who is of the Senior class at Bowdoin)
last Monday. Rowland is well & I suppose
I cannot tell any news as I suppose he
has written home lately. I am real
glad to be at home Thanksgiving day
for if ever I enjoy my self it is on
this day. It always brings up pleasant
remembrances & our family is collected from
different parts of the earth to the old
homestead. But Rowland & Otis will be
absent this year. Indeed I anticipate great
enjoyment during this vacation of two weeks.