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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 with a few days" not only because it is due to you, but the term is now about closed & I am obliged to make necessary arrangements.

I shall be obliged to pay for 11 weeks board \$19.00. Mr Wiggin's 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 a emergency beside 1.00. Ant that I may get a passage in the cars to Leeds 1.50. Please send \$28.00 . Then if there is more than I have need of I will return some.

I am in hopes that you can write me a letter next Sunday with Dellie & inclose \$28.00 to send me Monday. The Term will close in 2 weeks from next Thursday night & I shall I suppose go home on first trains Frid. We have expected to have exhibition until lately but so many are leaving the school that I think we shall not have any but Mr Wiggin says that he shall have the parts (Salutory in Latin & Valedictory in Eng. which I have) performed at the Examination. So I shall be obliged to prepare my article & 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 if may be the best for me in the end. I am obliged to study hard now & I have been pretty diligent during the term. To be sure I should not have got the valedictory had I not ranked the best of any in School but I have that I have not ranked so well of late. But I am determined the rest of 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 hereafter 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 Dellie at Wayne. Has he obtained it yet? I often hear from Rowland & I rec'd a long letter from him sent up by <Tarter> (our Assistant Teacher) who is of the Senior class at Bowdoin) last Monday. Rowland is well & I suppose 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 myself it is on this day. It always brings up pleasant reminiscences & 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 homework, 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 last time I can have of any length till next vacation in College.

(Supper)

Thursday Morning

After heating my supper last night I went out in the yard & played for exercise till Philologia meeting, then I attend that, so I did not finish my letter.

I find if there is no Exhibition the term will close Wed instead of Thursday, 22d 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 as to water but now it is some what replenished. But Yesterday was a most beautiful day for the first of Nov. In the morning every thing looked so clean. And the sun shone out clear & bright & the weather now just warm enough for comfort.

I have not heard from Otis lately nor Lizzie. I was real glad to find such a religion interest at Leeds & I hope it will result in much good. I suppose you will get this, this morning. Good Bye.

From Y. Affect Son
Chas.