on account of their numerous absences from prayers and meditation during the first five weeks of the term, viz. 64. 
H. L. S. T. Williams (Sophomore) x x x 
The Secretary was instructed to write to—
Also it was resolved that the parents of Mr. A. and 
the guardians of Mr. Williams be notified that without 
a prompt reformation in the habits of these young men, 
they should be dismissed from the institution.

I took pains to ascertain the precise number 
of instances, but did not succeed, although I put the 
question to Mr. Swaim himself before writing my 
memorial.

The Common Laws of College, and such as it has been 
enforced since I have been here, render the student liable 
to an admonition and perhaps letter to the parents, if they 
miss one third of the college duties. No one can deny that 
now there are in one month 52 attendances to prayers, 47 chapel 
and 60 recitations. In all 116. Williams, if I am not 
mistaken, returned a letter after the delivery of this defense, 
which was in the middle of July, he was brought before the 
Faculty on the 25th of August following, and admonished 
and his guardian written to "on account of his frequent 
absences from recitations and prayers, say the Journal, 
how else could I infer that he had been absent upward 
of thirty times? It is not much more than one fourth 
within one third of the college duties during that time!!!"