moment presented themselves to my consideration, and
finally I arose from my meditation and straight way
I went to our President Mr. Swaim and told him
I had come from Tennessee to join this institution
and I was going to do so if they would only give
me a half a chance and all I asked was to let me
stay on probation until I could make up my
deficiencies. He consented, and immediately I let all
hottest go and rolled into hard study to keep up with
my class and also to make up my deficiencies. The first
two weeks I studied until two o'clock at night and
laid down before one no how and was compelled to rise
at half after four to prayers, at the end of two week
I was perfectly wasted and my health began to decline
I ceased to study so incessantly but it did not effect
my health in the least and fairly every thing refused
to lay on my stomach as I would throw my meals up
before I would get ten steps from my boarding
house, I would not write to Fa & Ma because I knew they would be uneasy about me when it
would do no good whatever, but finally I concluded
I had better write as it was wrong to keep such
serious things from one parents, I saw my critical
situation and concluded it was perfect folly for me
to wear myself out in pursuit of an education and
after having obtained it to go home with a shattered
constitution to lay down and die with this view
of the matter I ceased studying and from that time
I commenced improving and now my cot went neat