room-mate, nor do I intend to take a room-mate because good ones are so hard to find; and some last year I was compelled to take
him; his brother wrote to me to take him in my room and then
by the world he would be under some restraint. His brother had just gradu-
ated, and had left me his room one of the best rooms and one of
the best in college and therefore I felt myself under some sort
of obligation to him, for the first two months he made no noise
studied hard and behaved himself well and properly and I liked
him very much; the affection was reciprocated, but after a while
he got a fiddle and of course got among the fiddlers in college
circus and worthless fellows, then he began somewhat to absent him-
self from his room and finally he went and lived with me altogether
although his trunk was in my room, so we parted and and we very seldom
saw each other until he left and then he began to drink considerably and to have
wines and brandy continually, and they of about $5, I am afraid he
will not do much good in this world; I am in very good health
and prepared to study hard please answer this letter immediately
and believe some years ever affectionate son

Charles L. Pettigrew

Give my respects to Major Davisport [illegible].