Dear Sister,

I received your letter dated 23. I am surprised it is not arrived yesterday, and should have answered it immediately, but was prevented by the report that a balloon was to make its ascension that evening. I attended but it was a failure. — Your advice about letter writing has met with my entire approval and hope to profit by your timely warning. I have few correspondents, and consequently write few letters. My health at present is very good.

I am very well situated. I have every opportunity both of reading and learning. The course of studies prescribed in college: we have in our library about three thousand five hundred volumes. History, novels, biographies, &c. I am very desirous to remain here next vacation for the purpose of reading.

I must now say a word or two in regard to the ordinary routine of daily life at college. Very early in the morning the observer may light on a few of the windows of the buildings inhabited by the students. They mark the rooms occupied by the more industrious or more resolute, who rise and