close, he introduced Va. as addressing A. B. and M. B.
as replying; this part was excellent. Another of
the best was Long's on the pleasures of a college
life — a funny; this was excellent throughout
and he was applauded throughout at every sen-
tence; it has been acknowledged by all whom
I have heard speak of it the best of the kind
they ever — I would give you an idea or two con-
tained in it but they are all so good I don't
know to which one to give the preference. The Sen-
ior report will be read in about a fortnight. I
would be glad, if I could, to inform you who
will act first; but I believe it is generally thought
by the Chaps that Cuthbert and Davis will act
quietly.

Our Ball, so far as the supper is concerned (which
will be furnished by Mrs. St. Hilliard) will be supe-
rior to that of last Commencement; but I fear it will
be inferior to it in some other respects; for something
has been said of admitting all who may wish to attend,
free of charges; if you know if this is the case, the soci-
ety will not be very select.

Gov. Swain expects to teach a private law school
if he can get a sufficient number of students; five, I
believe, is the number with which he would commence.

Davis, Long, Walker & Wilder speak of studying under him. W.
W. Avery, who is now in Newberry, is expected up shortly, & mor-
than probable he will also study under him; write shortly.

Ever your friend,

Alpheus Jones.