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My Dear Brother,

I received your letter in due time and intended to have answered it some time ago, but have neglected it as yet. For the purpose of visiting New York, I have no leisure except that when one has studied all the week and attended society meetings on Friday night and Saturday morning, he feels compelled like writing a letter in the evening. The studying the freshman class an considerably lightened by carrying on the mathematics, and instead of five algebraic solutions a week, we have only three. The faculty have decided that the present course is too difficult for minds so young and untutored and on that account have transferred the study of Astronomy and Natural Philosophy to the senior year. The present course is that Prof. Pease of Cambridge, which is incomparably superior to other courses on account of its conciseness and beauty, they are indeed carried too far in some instances and thus Astronomy consists merely...