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University - D. H. C.

Feb. 18th 1852

My dear Dad,

I commenced a letter to you some time last session, but never completed it, as you no doubt infer, in as much as it was never mailed, or rather, never reached you, which is a very necessary request on its now being mailed.

I have learned since my return to C. Hill, that you were in Staunton during our vacation, had I known it, I should have done myself the honor of visiting you.

The vacation was to me very dull there being little sociability in the community, and rambling about by ourselves is not very pleasant unless there was more to amuse a man than I have yet found in Richmond County, where the people are as much influenced by money as a very large majority are in that section, but a small portion of, if any time, is expended in pursuing life pleasant and agreeable. A few lectures on, why we live? I

Thine might be beneficial to some of them, for they seem in the dark on the subject.

When I left home Frank Little was very low, and not likely to recover, he has been sick ever since last spring, at which time he intended applying for Superior Court-leave, tho' I imagine you are not acquainted with him, as he left Pearson's before you began your judicial career.

The Gov. has just furnished each student with a copy of the laws of the institution, I have not yet read them and hardly expect to do so, unless it be from curiosity.

Things for the most part move on smoothly and in the usual way. The Fresh have some sport at the expense of the Senior Tutor. Mead has been elected Marshal, McIntyre, Shorter, Wright, Shepard Cobb, & Hall, managers.

Sill says, he has sent you a specimen copy of the Magazine, and that you must subscribe, furthermore, that you must write to him as you are in his debt, & as he wishes

To make some enquiries concerning
The law school, Frost has been
selected as valedictorian minister
for our class, not the most judicious
choice that could have been made,
But all things considered I have
no great objection.

Alex returned this session but
remained only a few days, when
he went home with the design of
remaining until some time in next
month, he has some affection of
The bowels, I shall not be surprised
if he does not return at all, I've
passed the vacation with Alex, and
in my private opinion is in love
with one of his sisters.

Jack what is here and reading
law, at least, he told me some
time ago he intended doing so,
Norcom is also here, and Higgins,
I had nearly forgotten him.

The Dr is dry as ever, and won't
it not for the Gov. but would to
me rival him. A department of
civil engineering is about to be es-
tablished, I expect for the benefit of
The senior class before breakfast.

My health is quite bad and
I apprehend it - now will ^{be} much
better, I have been going down hill
ever since I have been here, and
intend visiting Fla. next winter
with the hope that the climate
will be of advantage to me, if
it is, I will probably settle there for
life. I suppose we may look for
you here in June.

May God bless you!

B. M. Thompson