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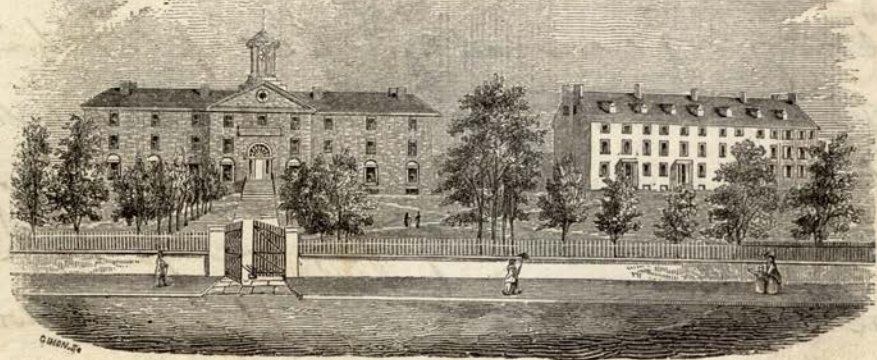
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Dick. Coll. June 23/57

Dear Sister

Yours of the 13th inst. was received last Tuesday. I suppose Father is now in Philadelphia or elsewhere on his trip down east. Have you commenced mowing at home yet? The farmers about here are beginning and the crops are all good. I was sorry to hear of J. Lewis' misfortune. The country looks delightful now: I have just returned from a ride in the country,

Seymour rode out on business in a buggy to Middlesex this afternoon and invited me to go along, of course I accepted his offer, and was much pleased with the ride. You say, write the time of meeting at the Gap; we go home on Friday July 10th, and the cars will be at the Gap about 11 o'clock.

J. Plank, our chem, is already home. He had not intended to stay all the session, and was very well contented while he was here. I suppose you have seen him at church. Chem is well, and studies as hard as usual, he has made up nearly all his requisitions within a short time past, and will finish them by commencement. I am now quite well, though I had been unwell for a week or two past, caused by too great confinement, & at that

time, as I was very busy, and had a lecture and a speech to write in one week. The lecture was read before our society of Religious Inquiring, and the speech is for the junior contest on next 4th of July evening, at which time those of us who have already entered the lists, are to deliver speeches and the best two of our number are to receive the medals, spoken of in the catalogue. I have my speech written and committed and am practicing every day. There will be 15 speakers. I have been making a calculation of the money necessary for the rest of the term, and think I will have enough to pay off all the coming expenses, but as I will be run pretty close, I would be obliged to Father if he would send me \$5 more, in the next letter, and I will return it at the close of the session if I don't need it. I have the tax to pay

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to teach, either next session or the last one
of next year. The college commencement
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church: but our new one is now commenced
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year, so that our class can graduate in it.
Our choir is to meet to-night to practice pieces
preparatory to the junior contest on the 4th.
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Very Affectionately
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