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Dear brother. I have been so anxious to receive letters from home since I came here that I have enquired for letters untill I am ashamed to enquire any longer. The Post Master no doubt thinks I am a very unprofitable attendant, and in fact I have nearly quit enquiring, but I hope I may not be disappointed the next time I enquire. I will give you a short account of the professors, rules, and regulations of Dickinson College and the two Societies which are connected to the college, which I expect will be as entertaining as any thing I could write. Dickinson College is composed of a President professors and tutors, whose duties are entirely separate. The college begins at 5 o'clock in the morning for prayers when the President or some of the professors pray after which the ~~boys~~ students are dismissed and are not assembled untill 8 when they recite by classes. Dr. Stewarts is President & teaches Geography and Logic. Mr. Shaw is professor of languages and teaches

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the Freshman or lowest class, the Sophomore the next, the
Junior the next and the Senior or highest class. So if you
enter the Freshman class it takes you four years to graduate
as you have to stay a year in each class I would give you
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conceive why I was treated so politely until I found there
were two societies striving. Capt Campbell & Lieut. Levalre fought a
duel not long since in which Campbell was wounded through the thigh but is
recovering. the people are bent on assisting.

Mr John A. Humble } Your brother Augustus M. Humble

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C. W. Trimble

August 1815



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Mr John A. Trimble
Hillsborough

Mass

Duxbury College
& papers to a dull fortnight.
Cantons Mass
Aug 27 1815

Ohio



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Mr. John A. Trimble

Your brother Cyrus W. Trimble