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Dear Mother:

Another day has rolled away and the stars of Heaven are shining brightly down upon the face of earth, as I write from this far distant spot, to her whose image shall dwell on the tablets of my memory until my spirit wings its flight to other spheres. And ere I seek repose in a Yankee bed, I will keep the promise I made in my last letter - and let you know how Feather and I succeeded during the day. About nine o'clock this morning we jumped on a Cambridge car and reached the University in about half an hour - there found the Sanitor, whose sole business at present is, to see

that young legal aspirants get rooms
& board. Divinity Hall being in the
distant distance, I concluded to en-
gage ^a room near the University build-
ings. After a few moments had
passed Father & I engaged a very
nice room, about as far from the
college as you are from Dickinson
and I succeeded in procuring board
at a house nearer still to the college.
The room is \$2.00 per week and
board is \$6.00 for the same time. Rather
salty but as cheap as can be found.
The room is nicely furnished - and
I go in to it in the morning -
Begin boarding at dinner time to-
morrow. The box is here - but
I will not send it back yet. I
will very likely need the blankets
during the winter and so will
keep the box until I return.

Taking every thing into consideration

ation, I am very highly pleased.
After seeing about the room & board,
I went to Judge Joel Parker, registered
as an "L.B." from Dickinson, depos-
ited \$150.00 with the steward and
procured my certificate as "a
member of the Harvard Law School"
So Dear Mother I am now all fixed
for the coming five months and
you need not be uneasy about me.
The college furnishes me text books and
admits me to two of its libraries - so
I have no books to purchase. Never
have I seen a lovelier spot than
the campus and buildings of the
college. I do wish you were here
so that you could see what a beau-
tiful home your boy has for him-
self for the next 2 years. All that
the eye can wish is there - and the
mind will find here more than
it can well hold. Judge Parker

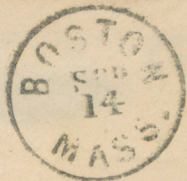
is a splendid gentleman. Father
is very much pleased with him
and will call on him again in the
morning. You may write now when-
ever you please and direct to
Harvard Law School

Cambridge Mass.

Tell Bob & the girls - for I would
like to hear from you all very soon.
Father thinks something of starting home
day after tomorrow - If he does you
may expect him either at 9 1/2 or
5 1/2 o'clock on Saturday. This Hotel
is a splendid one - the waiters
are as polite as possible and I
anticipate a very pleasant winter.
My cold is much better.

But I must close. Love to all
from Father and your
ever affectionate Ned

WIRE HOUSE
BOSTON.



Recd. Sept. 13-67

Mrs. Maj. Hastings
Carlisle
Lumberland Society
Pun^d

Boston Sept. 13 1865

Dear Mother,

Another day has rolled away and the stars of heaven are shining brightly down upon the face of earth, as I write from this far distant sport, to her who always shall dwell on the tablets of my mind [illegible] until my spirit wings its flight to other spheres. And ere I [illegible] [illegible] in a Yankee bed, I will keep the promise I made in my last letter – and let you review how Father and I succeeded during the day. About nine o'clock this morning we jumped on a Cambridge car and reached the university in about half an hour- we there found the Janitor, whose sole business at present is, to see

that young legal aspirants get rooms and food. Divinity hall being in the dim distance, I concluded to engage a room nearer the University [illegible]. After a few moments had passed Father + I engaged a very nice room, about as far from the College as you are from Dickinson and I succeeded in procuring board at a house nearer still to the College. This room is \$2.00 per week and board is \$6.00 for the same time. Rather salty, but as cheap as can be found. The room is nicely furnished – and I go into it at morning – [illegible] [illegible] at dinner time to recover. The box is here – but I will not send it back yet. I will very likely need the blankets during the winter and I will keep the box until I return. Taking everything into consider-

-ation, I am very highly pleased. After seeing about the room and board, I went to Judge Joel Parker, rejected as an "A.B." from Dickinson, deposited \$150.00 with the [illegible] and procured my certificate as "a member of the Harvard Law School". So dear mother, I am now all fixed for the coming five months and you need not be uneasy me. The College furnishes me the text books and admits me to two of its Libraries – so I have no books to purchase. Never have I seen a lovelier spot than the campus and buildings of the College. I do wish you were here so that you could see what a beautiful home your boy has for himself for the next 2 years. All that the eye can wish is there- and the mind will find here more than it can will hold. Judge Parker

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But I must close. Love to all from Father and your ever aff. Son

Ned