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ors. Maj. Heathings parlisle enriber land Jemin 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

is a splendid gentleman. Father is very pleased with him and will call on him again in the morning. You may visit us whenever you please and direct to Harvard Law School Cambridge Mass. Tell Bob + the girlsfor 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 ½ or 5 ½ o'clock on Saturday. This [hearth] is a splendid one- the Yankees 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 aff. Son

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