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D. R. Miller

Dear Brother:

I am now in my Room on the 3rd floor of Dickinson Coll. Arrived at Carlisle. Safe & Sound. Wed. at 9 A.M. Came up to Coll. Building & had a room assigned me. Bot. from Mr Stover 1 small wardrobe worth say 3 dols. a Stove @ 8 say 5 dols, Washstand say 1 dol. table 1 dol. 2 chairs @ 3^o. each all for 6 dols. Bot. an old Cottage Bedstead & Straw mattress for 5 dols. Lot of old carpet for 1 dol. Lamp 40 ct Bowl & Pitcher @ 60 ct. With these things I have furnished my room for the present. I then commenced to lay in a stock of second hand Books at about 1/2 to 2/3 of full value according to qual. Cost in all about 22 dols. Spent Wednesday afternoon and Thursday in getting all ready. On Friday com-

to Study. My first impressions of life in a Coll. were anything but pleasant. When I came here and went about through the Building; its rough floors & Bare walls inside in the halls painted a dull Lead Color & Sanded gave the impression of a such as you might experience in going into a Jail then in all the rooms. were piles of old scared broken furniture, torn books, ragged Carpets all scattered about the floors in such confusion and tumult as you might expect in a madhouse or at Five Points in New York City; where a dozen families live in one little house among Bales of rags and dirty clothes furniture &c Like rats. That was the worst phase of Coll life because the rooms were being white-washed & scrubbed to make ready for the students coming in. at commencement. Now they are

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try to catch up. We recite as
follows. Monday 8 a. m. Greek. 9-Alg.
10 to 12 Study 12 Dinner. 1 to 4 Study. 4 to 5
Latin. I rise at five. From 7 to 7 1/2 have
prayer in Chapel & after that Breakfast
Dinner at 6. Tuesday the same recitations
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Eng. Exam & Composition from 11 to 12. On Sat
Morn have 1 Lect. of Ancient Mythology from 8 to 9. A. M.
I feel that I have a great deal to study and
being behind the classes is rather discouraging
but I'll try my best to work up. Am willing
to make the effort. I came here to study and have
nothing else to do. They file on the lessons heav-
ily. In Mythology we have 12 Pages once a week
very fine print-as fine as any you see; to almost

memorize. Book as large as a websters Dictionary
in Grammars 24 Pages a week to memorize
the mode is to call out one of the Class to chair
he commences & tells as far as he can what
he knows if he omits ^{the other} the next one takes it
up and then begins where he left off. goes on till
he is stopped & another called. I am not-afraid
of grammar or Hist of Myth. Can get along if I
only was up in other things. Must-work
patiently though. We had a prayer meeting
in Dashiels Lecture room Thursday eve.

There were a goodly number present & we had
a very good meeting. Was agreeably sur-
prised to find so many young men that
enjoy religion at this place. quite a
warm-hearted Christian band with whom
I will no doubt find very pleasant &
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my stay here will be very pleasant as
well as profitable. — Now let me hear
from you, how you are prospering at your
work. if all are well. and also if you
have settled with Seiler. And whether they
took that money on the Bond. If there is any
money left of the twenty dol. left. to pay Seiler
please send it up. Did you hear anything
about Mrs Orth's intentions concerning my house.
I left my final offer with her. 4500. Cash.

I would be willing to take 2500. down on
April 1st & Mortgage for Balance in 2 year
ly payts. write soon & give all particulars.
I am Boarding in the Simpson Club at 2.25 per
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S.R.M.