

Nassau Hall Sept 14th - 35

Dear Mother

I received yours of the 8th on
the 11th & I was very glad on account of two things - the pleasure
of hearing from home & the money that was in it - My foot
is entirely well now & I intend to try to keep it so - It
shall always be my desire & endeavour to act in such
a manner as shall meet your approbation & so long
as I am in College I will try to do nothing which will
hurt your feelings — I do not think that Aunt Susan
will accompany me home this fall, although I am not
certain, if she makes up her mind to come, I will
let you know three or four days beforehand so that
you can get some person to work for you while
she is there — I was indeed astonished as well as sorry
to hear of the death of Mr. Mitchell — I am somewhat
astonished that Mr. Knobling did not write as he said
he would; according to your request I made further
inquiry & Mr. McClean recommended a young man in
the Seminary by the name of Topping, I called at
his room on Saturday evening & spoke to him about it;
I told him all I knew, that the Trustees gave \$60 &
that the number of scholars always had been from 12 to
14. & I also told him that it was probable, if he
would teach the higher branch of the English studies,
he would have a larger number, he said he would
write to Father about it. Mr. McClean recommended him.

About a week ago it got传ed through College that there was an Abolitionist in town, & one night the students about 60 in number went down to a negro man's house, where they heard this abolitionist was holding a meeting, two fellows went into the house, while the rest staid outside to watch, & taking the fellow by the arm asked him to come along with them; at first the man refused & told them to stand off, for he had the law on his side & that he would make use of it; they told him they had Lynch law which was sufficient for them & so to come along or they would find a way to make him, he did not seem disposed to come so they laid hold on him & dragged him out of the house; they at first intended to start feather him, but he begged so pitifully that they determined not to injure him, they took his subscription paper from him & burned it & then took him up in front of the Seminary & called to the Seminarians that here was one Abolitionist & they might look out to be served in the same manner if they caught any of them; they took him a little far away past the Seminary & told him to run for his life & he did if our fellow did, they ran after him a short distance & then stopped. the Abolitionists had followed after the Students expecting to have some sport, they wanted the Students to let them go after him & catch him, but the Students would not do it, they told them not to do it & they were afraid

Our examination commences next Monday & ends the Monday following, we are to be examined on all the studies of the Sophomore year. Euclid, Horace, Algebra, Homer, Demosthenes, Ciceron de officiis, & perhaps Horace de art poetry, Trigonometry, Navigation, & Nautical Astronomy, together with Arithmetic, English Grammar & Geography, all of which I wish may over the commencement. This be held in the Campus if it is a dry a splendid one if not a poor one - curious country, we have been obliged to a walk in the fore part of August & a day in the latter part & are now on fire in our room, it is very comfortable by a good fire & write to my friend. The Students & Faculty are getting on rather better term than they have been the greater part of this session, they the Students do not commit quite so much mischief as they did & the Faculty are getting to treat them with more respect & it is more than probable that if the Faculty keep on in this course that the College will prosper, but I would be much surprised if the Faculty at the beginning of the next session as they did the beginning of this, there would be a sort of a disturbance, Give my love to all Father & all the rest & when you write to Walter give him my love, give my respects to all who make enquiry for me, I am ever your affectionate & dutiful Son J. M. Wood

with love to D. From your very kind regards
With all my affections I remain your friend & son
George H. Wood. With much thanks for your
kind & interesting letter. I send you my best regards
to your wife & family. With much thanks for your
kind regards & best regards to your wife & family
I remain ever your affectionate son
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