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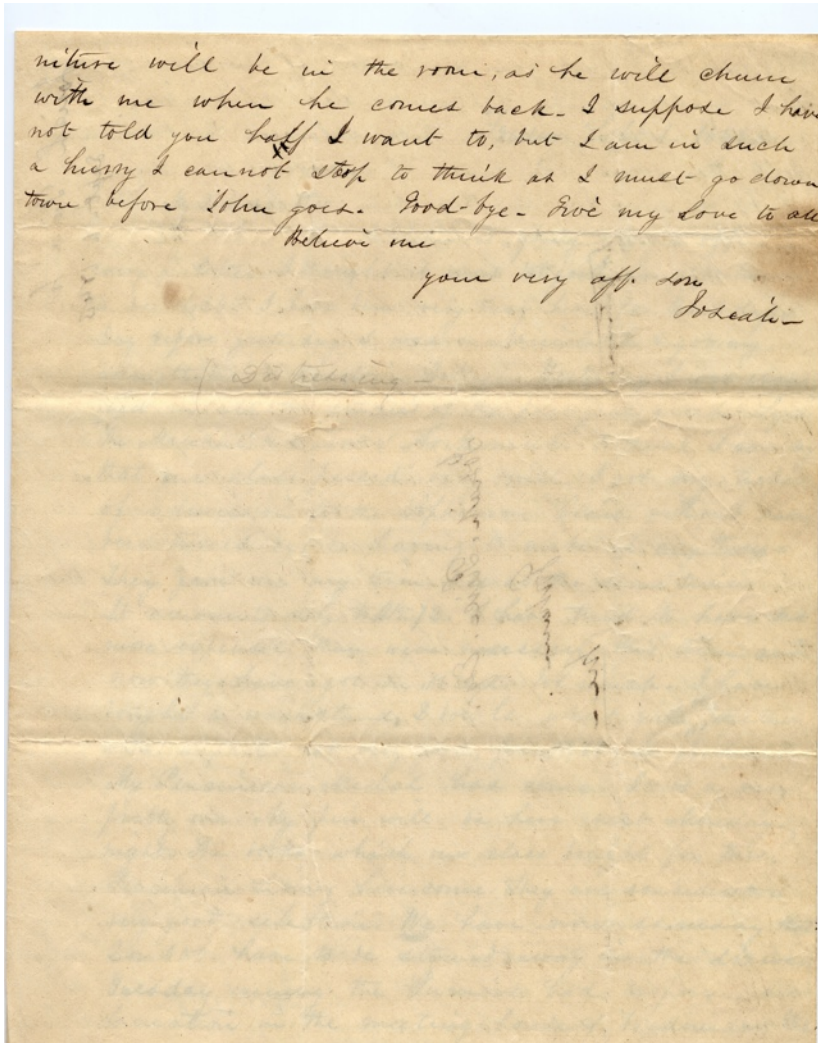
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Description: Josiah Pierce on admission to Sophomore class

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Nolt the poem. The order of exercises was thus -
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then we sung another ode, then we had the poem,
and then sung the last ode. We had this part of the
celebration in the Tontine Hall. From this place, we ad-
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rate supper consisting of Turkey, ducks, Chickens, pork,
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and coffee - There ^{were} a good many toasts given, songs sung,
&c. &c. After the supper we went and built a bonfire,
which "astonished the natives" a few "I reckon" - It is burning
now - 8 o'clock the next day. We had a most glorious
time - ~~This is the winding up of our Freshman year.~~
It hardly seems possible that $\frac{1}{4}$ of my College course
has passed, and yet it is so. I did not go to bed
last night till half past 3, and got up at 6 this
morning, but feel as well as ever. I shall expect
you here at Commencement. What day will you come?
I should like to have you write if you can.
Please to excuse all mistakes, and bad spelling, &c
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Believe me
your very aff. son
Josiah-