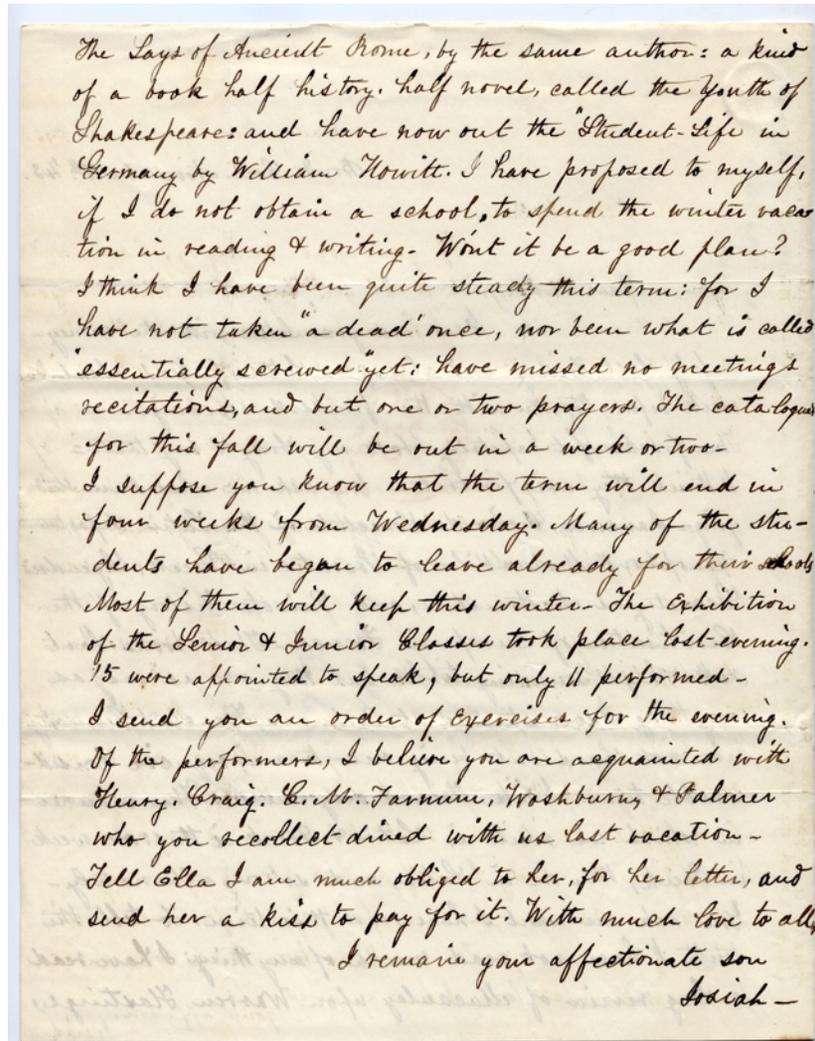


Bowd. Coll. November 18<sup>th</sup> '43.

Dear Father,

I received your letter with the money safely last Friday: and also your letter of Nov. 4 about a week before, together with the frocks. & stockings. The frocks fit capitally, both my body & my taste= I think they are firstrate – You ask me what I am studying. I answer Cicero de Senectute in the Latin department Xenephons Memorabilia of Socrates in Greek, Legendre's Geometry as Mathematics, and Guizots History of the Civilisation of Europe in French. These books have rather high-sounding titles but they are as easy as anything I ever studied at Gorham. French & Geometry are not hard but being new to me, require considerable time. I like French very much. The manner in which we recite in Latin & Greek is this: one week in Greek, then one in Latin, and so on, alternately – You ask me what I have read this term: To tell the truth I have not read much of anything: I have read a long review of Macaulay upon Warren Hastings,



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Monday Morning. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1843.

Dear Mother.

If you wont be angry, I will write you a few words, just to let you <sup>know</sup> my condition in regard to clothes health, &c. I have been very well this term except an occasional headache, or something of the kind. I take salts, once in a while to keep all things right, and I hope I have broken up that bad habit of mine, of being sick every fall. One day when I was running, I lost the centre of gravity, and in ~~con~~ sequence, kissed old Mother Earth rather unceremoniously: and that wa'nt the worst of it, for I tore a tremendous hole right across the knee of my trousers: but Mrs. Field has mended them. I tore my old black trousers in about the same manner. In other respects I believe my clothes are all right. So you are 48 years old. How quick time flies! I did'nt think you were so old as that. Is it true, that Mr. Brown is engaged? I suppose the lady has, of course, plenty of money - I presume that you are now fairly "fixed" for winter. Write when father does, & let me know how things come on at home. With much love, I am, as ever,

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