



Bowd. Coll. Friday, Dec. 8th 43.

Dear Father,

You were rightly informed, in regard to my being unwell= for I was confined to my room [crossed out]all last week, by the "Influenza- However, I believe, I have now recovered, all but a slight cold - I take pretty good care of myself - & I think I shall not be sick. Almost all the students have been sick with it, and some have even gone home in consequence. While I was sick, every one of the Faculty had it, except Prof. Cleave: but he is proof against most everything - I suppose you expected to receive this letter today, but as I did not go down town, yesterday as it snowed all day, I did not get your letter till this morning. I concluded to write today, in hopes that you would get the letter, tomorrow in time enough to answer it. The term will end two weeks from yes-

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terday and I shall probably be able to ^ home on Thursday. Dec 21st. In regard to my bills= my board bill for 11 weeks, amounts to 16.50= my washing bill, at shilling
1. ^ a week to \$1.67= and I have a bill at John Cleavelands store, for my axe, oil &c which will probably amount to about \$1.37 1/2. These with with a small bill at the watch-makers for putting a new crystal in my watch (I believe 2 shillings) are all—My Postage bill does not

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