

Champaign Ill

Sept 15/68

Dear Parents:

Two o'clock last Thursday night - found me in Champaign with several of my friends and schoolmates who seemed very glad to meet me once more. It was drizzling rain and very foggy when Mr Drury, Henry, several more boys and I, went up to the Houston House and applied for lodging; we were informed that the beds were all occupied and that we could not possibly sleep there, so we amended our way back to the Doane House where we stayed in the passenger room till morning dawned, and then came up to the University, where I met with many old friends

and eight professors, who I think, are very nice men, at least they appear to be. I worked all day Friday fixing up my room, and looking around town; the fire made quite a hole in the centre of town, but it is now being filled up with nice brick houses. There is also quite a change around the University, both in the yard & building; the flower beds have been newly sodded and a new roof has been put on the back wing of the house which was the first thing that I noticed when I got in sight of the building. Abbot never reached here till Monday morning on account of the absence of his mother from home. his trunk has not yet arrived but he is

Looking for it on every train; it
got misplaced some way, or else
carried fast.

We have not yet got fairly
started, but I recited my first
lesson this morning, I am
studying Latin, Algebra, and
Botany: my Botany book cost
me \$3.50 but it is a nice and
I think valuable book, contain-
ing 82 pages.

I am sorry to say that there
are at present, but 80 scholars
here and most of those are old
students that were here last
term. All seem better satisfied
than they were last spring, but
Buel who has been sick ever since
he reached here, and who is going
home when he gets better.

Mr. Potter was up to see me a
few night since and I gave him

the deed and he intends to draw
up some articles as soon as he has
the time, his folks are getting
well now, and they were very
glad to see me.

Henry Drevoy is well and I
think very well satisfied, he
rooms next to one, where Hatch
& Graham did last spring.

No more this time.

My love to Wade, Ann, and
all my friends

Affectionately
J. C. Matthews

P. S. We work one hour a
day on the farm this term, and
I now have to go to work

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