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Dear Brother

I have not commenced keeping my journal yet, but will commence it next week. I thought that I would write to you this week and let you know what course, I was pursuing, with regard to my studies. I spell three times a day, one of my lessons I get so as to spell it without having it given out, the other lessons the whole school spells from the the dictionary. I intend to pay most of my attention to spelling, this term, I have not got Davies, arithmetic yet. but can procure one if you think it best. I recite once a day in arithmetic and once in algebra and Grammar. Mr. Kask wants us to write compositions and declaim. And he desires me to learn pieces by heart, and write them down so as to learn punctuation, and thinks it will be a great advantage to me in learning to read. I have just finished a letter to William Harris and will mail it at the same time that I do this. I suppose you spent the evening very pleasantly with Mrs. Coles and family in Columbia.

I seen Mrs Colles yesterday - and like her
very much, I think she is quite interesting.
Have you written to Mr Dilino yet to find
out whether Cadet Ward is from Knory co.
if so what does he think ~~of~~ my chance ~~to~~
will be for the appointment will be. I suppose
you have seen Mr Duncan - and talked to
about it - again. I should like very much
to know what my prospects are, for if
I get the appointment I wish to pass a good
examination - and not get through by the
skin of my teeth as the saying ~~is~~ is. You ~~may~~
must excuse the shortness of my letter for if
I write any more I will not get it in the
mail to day. Please answer this as soon as you
can. And give my love to mother and Father
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