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Dear Brother

I received yours of the 3rd inst this morning and proceed to answer it forthwith I shall not however be able to finish it in time to send it in tomorrows mail

I was a little surprised and somewhat discouraged on opening your last letter to see so many misspelled words marked against me for my last letter, but on examining them I found that you had marked two words as being misspelled which was right. They were

unequalled which should be unequalled
and using " " " using

The word using has cost me a considerable trouble for it is not put down in the dictionary but there is a rule which says, ~~maxarg~~ ~~latter~~ when ing or ish, is added to words ending in silent e the e is almost always omitted. Not being able to find it in the dictionary I have looked over all the ~~new~~ newspapers in which I thought it would be likely to occur but I searched in vain for two or three hours I then took the Latin dictionary and at last found it in the definition of the Latin word usurpatio

I am getting along with my Geometry very well I have got about one third

way through the fourth book.

In consequence of Mr Kashes time being all taken up he has arranged with me to assist the other ~~new~~ scholars in getting their Arithmetic lesson. That is if they have any difficulties to bring them to me instead of taking them to him. I think this plan is a very good one, and well calculated to make me a good Arithmetician for I have examples in almost every rule to work out every day.

Last Sunday Mr Kinney and myself went a visiting, we had a very pleasant time of it, the place to which we went was about two miles out in the country and across the creek which was considerable swelled we crossed the creek in a canoe and determined to run the risk of its being on the other side when we got ready to come back which was about eight o'clock in the evening. but when we got to the creek on our return we found the canoe was locked up. so there was no other way for us to get across but to hire some one to take a horse and carry us. there was but one house within a mile of the place so we went there but failed to get a horse as the man had turned his out in the pasture, and said he could not catch them. We then proceeded down the creek to the next house which was about

a mile distant, there was no one at the house but an old man and he was unable to go out but he told us that we ~~or~~ might have one of his horses if we could ~~not~~ get any one to go and bring it back so after going to several houses we at last found a young man who agreed to take us across when we got to town we felt quite tired and hungry and went to the tavern and got something to eat.

I wish you would tell Father to send me some money for the two dollars which he gave ~~me~~ ^{money} for spending ~~xxx~~ is all gone I had to pay out half of it for wood and the rest for candles paper and getting my washing done.

Our dancing school commenced on Friday next we have an excellent room with a spring floor and large enough for three set of quadrilles I think that most of the ladies in town will attend.

I should like very much to come home to spend the ~~vacation~~ holidays but as father told me that I must stay here until I got ready to come home to stay I shall have to content myself to remain here as I am anxious to continue going to school till spring.

Give my love to all our family

Truly yours

To Mr Wm B Woods

Charles R Woods