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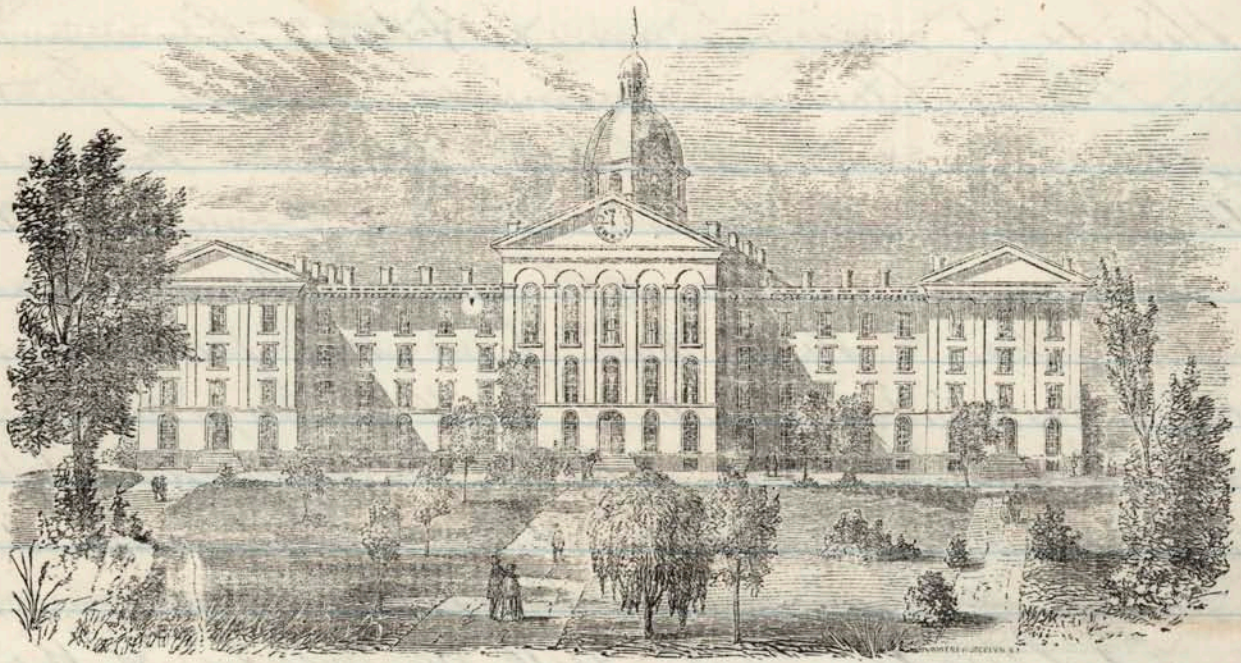


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*July 16<sup>th</sup> 1857*

*Friend Allen*

*By addressing you I may take you unexpectedly. It would be unusual. But a person that is far from home & friends must*

if he has a human heart think of the things  
and pleasures that surrounded him when encircled  
by friends & acquaintances & what they may be  
doing. His leisure moments will be spent in  
thought for it is impossible for him to remain  
idle. Those thoughts will be of home friends &  
acquaintances. Those with whom he has associated  
and of those that have been true friends and  
worthy associates. Such he will always reverence  
& with such will be his delight to correspond & such  
will never be forgotten. Time may fly onward with  
the wings of an eagle. The frost may cover his  
sweathed head. But still the memory of those  
lingereth ~~lingers~~ forever (National Anniversary)  
Perhaps you attended the celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> /  
at Providence ~~the 4<sup>th</sup>~~. If so no doubt after behold-  
ing the performances and contemplating the works  
and ingenuity of man wondered you ~~if~~ <sup>if</sup> nothing  
more interesting & pleasing to the eye than was  
afforded on that day. ~~They~~ <sup>That</sup> day they do ever  
be remembered as the day when this the  
people we now form so important a part ~~was~~  
were declared a free & independent nation.  
The glorious day has now arrived & amidst  
the noise and confusion at length passed away.  
The people of this place are fully alive & awake  
of the scenes that are passing around them.  
The first dawn of the morning beheld the streets  
crowded with <sup>people</sup> from this & the adjacent counties

towns & villages. The National salute aroused  
many a man slumbered & caused his heart  
to rebound with joy & gratitude.  
The sun had been long tired to rest before  
the multitude began to disperse & when they  
did it was with much regret that the day  
had so swiftly flown. I feel so patriotic  
I don't believe I shall ever get through my  
speech. The roaring of cannons was the first  
sounds that saluted my ears after waking  
from slumber. Save that, everything  
was calm serene & tranquil. After breakfast  
the companies formed into a line. The  
Military 1<sup>st</sup> Firemen 2<sup>d</sup> Orator & other distinguished  
men 3<sup>d</sup> Soldiers of the revolution and war of  
1812 & the People in general 5<sup>th</sup> marched to the  
grove listened to a very excellent & appropriate  
Oration. From thence the people separated again  
until night when a grand balloon ascension  
took place then the fireworks all of which was  
very interesting. The weather here is very cold &  
stormy for it has been for the season owing  
probably to the Comet. It has struck in several  
places around here. I also notice it has in  
N.Y. The weather now is very warm & pleasant  
I think may be the Comet has all struck  
or at least I hope it has at least Corn & potatoes  
are doing well wheat is the heaviest on an average  
it was ever known. Grass is also good.

I am well hoping you and all are the same  
I like how well I like the Faculty location  
& all as well even as I expected The frontispiece  
is the likeness of the College & below is the faculty  
name I have no news to speak of  
unless it is Mr. J. Cameron & Mrs. Manchester  
have taken a bold leap & leaped forth  
to eternity please excuse I would have  
said I hadimon perhaps never more to  
return Tell Joseph to take good care of all  
his doings That is his other half

Trusting soon to hear from you I  
remain as ever  
Dear to Hill dal College Michigan Harrison Clarke