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Dear Bro

I recd your letter a few days ago. I was very glad to hear from you as I began to have my fears about your prospects. You are doing much better than I had expected. Joe Parrott told Mother when he came from the oil regions that you were doing nothing. I thought you must be making your expenses certainly. As you did said you did not want them to send you any of the wherewith from home. I hope you will get your situation as agent for than company you spoke of.

I am sorry John Kirk is not doing well. And going home disgusted with this trip. I recd a letter from Will a few days ago. He said they were all well but Frank who had a sore eye. And everything was progressing as well as could be expected. Also I heard from Rachel a few days ago. We keep up a pretty regular correspondence. She is at Cleveland. Kate Reynolds has written pretty regularly too. She says Piqua is dull. But there was a prospect of some parties there soon. It is no wonder it is dull! John Kirk is away. I heard from Phillip not long ago. He is full of fun as ever.

Will said they had heard from Rob who was well and was in the middle of the Rebs. What is Dick doing? Give my best to him. One of the students being in the City a few days ago saw Pierce Davis who had been home on furlough and going back down the Mississippi. I wish you would answer this by a long letter telling me all the news, and what the prospects are, and if you have been so fortunate as to get your situation. Write soon as we will have vacation before long.

Your Bro

John