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Monday

Dear Mother

I have just received your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> and  
 am glad to hear from you and that you are  
 well. I am well and hope these few lines  
 will find you all the same. I have not much  
 news to write at present. I am still at  
 home and will not be going to college  
 this year. I have been thinking much of  
 late about my future and the course I  
 should pursue. I have been reading much  
 of the Bible and the lives of the saints  
 and feel that I should be more devoted  
 to God. I have also been thinking of  
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