which may be more interesting. Wednesday morning. I have just finished my morning's recitations to Prof. Phillips, and have concluded that as it is raining quite hard, not to go to breakfast, but spend the time in writing to you. I have just been thinking that probably at this very moment you are engaged in writing to me. Would that we had a magnetic telegraph between us, so that we could converse constantly, and as much as we wished, instead of our present slow mode of communication. Yet if this is denied us, yet there is a magnetic influence existing between us, which nothing can destroy; my thoughts wander homeward, with the rapidity of lightning, whenever my time is not otherwise occupied; and although I cannot know exactly what is transpiring there, yet imagination has full play.

On last wednesday commenced the Senior Orations, and continued until friday night. We had three first-rate speeches, nice fine music, and the three holidays passed off delightfully. The Senior vacation has now commenced and most of that class, who do not get speeches at Commencement, have left the Hill. On saturday morning, the "Declamations for Commencement were read out, myself being among the number. I have has the fortune or misfortune rather to draw No 1, and will therefore be the first speaker on the list. I have chosen an Extract from Gov: McDowell's speech, which perhaps you have read. It is a beautiful thing, although I fear it will be rather hard to declaim. I will however endeavour to do my best.

For the last day or two, quite a gloom has fallen on some of the students, on account of the departure of Miss Bryan. She was accompanied by Miss Martha Mason

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