you no little - it is that the dear Old College bell has ceased its musical tones, for ever - It is probable, that you have heard of the loss of the Belfry & bell before this - perhaps not - so I will tell you, that on Saturday night (week) the boys were throwing fire balls - one lodged on the top of the belfry - blazed there awhile & apparently went out - between 1 & 2 o'clock, it was discovered to be on fire - & when too late, to save that or the bell - We have heard various reports & conjectures - some think the ball was thrown up, on purpose - some say, that some one or two of the students prevented a servant from trying to put it out, when he might have done so - some say that the stone of the students sat up & watched for the fire to break out, from the ball that was thrown up before 10 - it is believed by every one, that there was no attempt made to prevent it - Charlie Mitchell seemed to speak positively as if he almost knew - that the ball was thrown up by the son of one of the trustees - I did'nt ask him who - for really I don't care to know the author of so base an act - the bell melted entirely - the clapper is entire & is all that is left, except the ruins - Every one, as you may suppose, is troubled - the one that is now used is an old one that was used before this last, (the pride of one village) was purchased - it is a very poor affair - perhaps you may remember it - Jemmy did'nt get to prayers, in time to answer to his name, the morning after the bell was destroyed - as we did'nt hear the one that now rings - tho' we were both listening for it - We did not know of the loss until I returned - We have missed

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