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My dear Willie,

I received your letter last evening and was so gratified for I know you are not fond of writing, and such a nice long letter too! Thank you so much for thinking of your old grandmama I was very much interested in all you say and hope you are realizing something successfully from your efforts in the way of compassing. I have no doubt that the Book is a good one and that you will do your best. I know you will be loved & encouraged

wish that you will seek only good companions  
and I trust you are letting your little  
shine "that others" may see by your good works &  
graciously in father which is in Heaven" This  
gives me great comfort - and as you said  
you are getting experience, which no doubt  
will be of use to you in many ways. If  
as the Palmist says you are to be a Lawyer  
or Minister, you need to understand Human  
nature, and indeed it is important for any body  
in whatever business & hereon this, I am glad  
you are "getting wiser every day" and I hope by  
this time you are getting richer too. It is always  
hard to suppose to start a business but perseverance  
will generally crown the effort, I think it was  
too bad that you were disappointed in not  
getting to the place you expected to see. I  
think the Company ought to pay your expenses  
such a blunder is unpardonable, I think I  
was not favorable to you going concerning  
knowing what a hard time you had in  
Obedience, still I did not wish to dictate,  
because you are now at an age, when you  
ought to know what you are adapted to  
do there. It does not seem in the family, I think  
we here: it enough push, I believe we need  
some assurance & stick to it, <sup>the</sup> mess, not easily

his courage. Your Mother  
saw you tried it, he wanted  
a few more money & go on with  
his education, but he made  
a failure of it. Dear Willie I  
do have faith in you and  
you will succeed when you  
have the disciplin. God wants  
you to have. I know you  
look to Him, your best  
friend. and if you trust  
his guiding hand he will  
lead you in a plain path.  
I am glad you believe in  
the thing you here underta-  
ken for unless one does in  
it one can make a failure  
whenever it is. Won't you  
think so.