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My dear Willie:-

I am wondering if it is this week or next that the semester closes. I notice that Sat. 8, and Tues. 11, seem to be in red on my Oberlin Calendar. I know you are studying hard, and I have great confidence in what you can accomplish under those conditions, but it must be terrible to make up three opening weeks. I'd take "snaps" next term, sooner than not get through the year. You know I am not in the habit of encouraging easy things, but it is all right in this case. I wish Prof. G. F. Wright were still giving geology lectures. I

Know you would get a great deal
out of them that would be valuable
in Western life - & without much
study. But you'd get it, all the
same. I don't understand an allu-
sion Ercinia makes about "the govern-
ment" and loans or money. I at
first thought she meant the College
Government which I know has
lately ruled not to give scholar-
ships after the Sophomore year,
but since thinking it over, con-
clude it may be something about
the Government of Canada, whereby
you will lose some profits on
your work. Can you explain?
And Selden tells me in a letter
just received that you are in
doubt about next semester.

So I am writing to say that there
has been in the past & I presume
still is a loan fund in the College.

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You might be able to borrow money from the College & return it after you graduate. Mrs. Goodrich told me of a girl who borrowed of the College for her entire expenses during four years, amounting to over two thousand dollars, and paid it back afterwards. She taught school, & Mrs. G. said was several years in paying all the debt. Now, you know I am not advocating the borrowing of a great sum like that, only to show you what is being done by Oberlin College. Miss Williams told me too, that she borrowed money of the College. It is worth looking up, Willie, & the sooner, the better. Money matters

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are terrible, are it they? And
then it is generally supposed
that you have money at present
from lumber, so no one would
suggest lending or giving any.
Of course Willie, you are going
on now till you finish your course.
And in the end you can pay
back all you borrow. I am
not anxious for you to graduate
because I think it will en-
able you to earn more money
but because I think it will
give you more joy and a larger
outlook on life, & I think
with your temperament (from
both father & mother) you
need that to bolster you up
against your self distrust.
There are plenty of other reasons

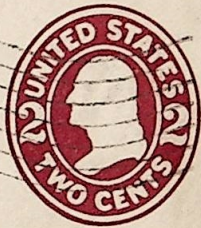
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Why I feel strongly that you must not give up now.

Your voice is worth cultivating. Every one thinks so. I think it is lovely & sweet and sympathetic, & you ought later to make money by it. I wish you had time to take piano to & play your own accompaniments. And oh! do you doctor your fingers, so you can play? I hope so.

There is a lot more I want to say, but will just mail this much now.

Ever your loving Maucena



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