

March 22. 1867.

My dear Boy,

I thank you for your letter received yesterday, and am in strong hopes, you will make good your assurances of obtaining the first premium — It will be the more gratifying, because it will be the first instance of the kind in your institution, — I need not urge it on you to devote the ensuing two weeks to study, and particularly to that branch, in which you are to seek and expect the preference — Go over and over again your Bible and your History, & in each of these I should be proud indeed, if you obtained the Medal of honor — While the other Boys are playing — do you be studying —

Mr. Holaday speaks of you in terms very flattering — Your deportment in his family has endeared you to him, and his appreciation

extends to all your conduct - I trust your re-
-gard is mutual, and that your respect to
him and willing obedience to his wishes, will
ever continue to mark your conduct -

It is with the utmost regret, I am ob-
-liged to say, I cannot be with you on the
7th April - Our boat commences two days be-
-fore - There has been no time, I have been so
anxious to be present at your excommunication -
but our professor is such as to leave me
no choice - Matilda is determined to go &
Murray tells of it - Murray is a fine boy -

I wrote you on Saturday I sent you
a dictionary, but Murray neglected
it - I shall now keep it until
your return, which is anticipated
with much pleasure by your
fond & affectionate

Love

The publishers, shall be sent -

Master Regan Hoffman -

Morris town

Ms Date
December March
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