Georgetown,
Feb. 24, 1880.

My dear Father and Mother:

We have been expecting a letter from you for some time but since the examinations are over and none has come, I suppose that I shall have to write immediately. We finished up last Saturday and on Monday had a holiday. This morning came and we found the ground covered with about two inches of snow.

Attire consists about the same, not only for the examinations but also for the months of January and December were read out in the study hall. For Jan. Dec. convince me...
95 in class, thereby securing a ticket, and 93 in Arithmetic. In class I got 98, in English 100, in Mathematics 94 and in Chemistry 99. As for the examinations Dannie did very well in fact, a great deal better than I expected. He got in class 280 and a ticket in English Composition, 290 in Arithmetic. He promoted to first rudiments with another member of his class who came next to him. There were only seven promotions throughout the entire school. He has already three tickets and if those for January and December, which were not given out, are awarded he will get another. This will be quite a drain on your purse at a dollar a ticket.
I got first in all my classes. Hall, in class got 249, Smith 258 and I got 290. In English Hall was 234, Smith 249 and I was 291. I got 296 in Chemistry and 308 in Mathematics. This gives me four tickets.

I see by the papers which come from Deadwood that the prevailing disease is very light. I should judge from the Associated Press dispatches which are published in the Washington papers that you had a regular epidemic there which was carrying off a large number of relatives. The man who pins those reports must be very foolish or have the intention of keeping everyone away from going to Deadwood. The weather was pretty warm.
until yesterday when it was very cold and during the night quite a fall of snow occurred. I weighed myself the other day and “picked the beam” at 133 lbs. 5fr. 43\(\frac{3}{4}\) in. is my height.

Write soon. Give my love to Maggie and tell her to write to us and acknowledge the receipt of those dolls.

Yours affectionately,

W. L. M. Laughlin.