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Friend Williams.

I received your
welcome letter day before yesterday
I am sorry to learn that
you have not yet or have
been so long waiting to get
in your store, but I have
a good idea of what it
is to fit up old places and
I also know that they cost
more after they are finished
than what I first reckoned
on and never done at the
time you expect.
Well Go! I am blessed with
good luck this season you
had better believe I have
got a whooping juvenile class

now, the largest I ever had
in Pittsburgh, yesterday I
had seven new pupils and
had six set on the floor and
four seting, then my class
was not all in, as there is
over a set that comes only
on Saturdays. My evening
class has picked up wonderfully
in the last two weeks there
is not three in the class
now that was in it when
you attended there has been
an increase of about a
dozen in the last two weeks
and there is to be three
more in tomorrow evening.
About two weeks ago I put
a little local notice in
the Chronicle and a notice
in the Dispatch, the two
cost me about six dollars

and in the two weeks time they have brought me in twenty one pupils is not that a good investment - two hundred & ten dollars for six, (oh no I guess not,") but you know I advertised that it was the last chance this season and that I would not take any more pupils after the tenth that stured them up some. I am doing a great deal better this season than I expected, I am in clover at present but if I am drafted this summer it won't be clover but dancing round to dodg bullets, well let them rip I can't see it, I am as loyal as any man but I don't believe in going to

fight for the damn black
 ragers' if they want their
 liberty let them fight for
 it, as it tis we are going
 to war and they are staying
 at home laughing at us!

My Hall is rented for two
 parties one to come off on
 the 19th of this month and
 the other on the 26th. I am
 a going to pitch in and
 sell tickets to both parties
 and with what the rest
 of the boys will sell I
 think we will get up a
 party for the 9th of next
 month which will be
 our last. Hoping to here from
 you soon again I remain
 Yours Truly De Long.