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J P Reas → Will
(Brother)

Mentions Frank
Lawson sick.

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W. D. Ryan Esq.

Dear Brother

Your kind & welcome letter of July 22. at hand did find me attending Normal. I am boarding at home and drive in every morning. There are 230 attending at present. A person has got to be a good Scholar if he stands any show of getting a certificate. I only hope pass in two branches, can get my certificate duplicated in all other branches. It is no fun to attend Normal now.

We are almost through harvesting. Only have two more days. Our Binders work fair & is well pleased with it.

Excuse me for writing you now certain that I will
come out there this fall, if I do not come
I think I will be there in the spring
I have got a pretty good thing offered
me for making stump speeches this fall
and then if I can get a school I think
I had better teach it will help fit me
up for business when I do come and
under the circumstances I cant very
well leave I want to have it so when
I come I cannot stay a while
if you think you can let T L honestly
and of course you won't try any other way
maby I can assist you financially
that is if you give what you said
hold him and that other dam heather
down if you can don't let them get
the best of you if you can

We are all well at present.
Our oats all fell down and our corn has been
blown down considerably.
Edith is about well she is staying with them
Come back this fall and maby I will go back
with you. Well I must quit for I want
to get home in time for to stock hay.

Fuly Yours J. B. Raw