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Yellow Springs Jan. 4th 1863.

My Dear Brother,

We received your letter last
Wednesday and were mighty glad to hear
from you. Well this is 1863. "Who'd a think
it!" I wonder if this hateful war will last
another year. I hope not.

School commences next Wednesday, and
I am awful glad for it is so dull
here, and many many thanks for the
money to pay the tuition. They think there
will be more students next-term than
there was last. But its rather doubtful.

I think, last-term there was but-one
lady in the Hall, and she boarded herself
in the fourth story. I saw John Hawkins
the other day, he said he received a letter
from you, and I heard that Frank Talley
had too. Hawkins and Jim Stewart
have bought out Johnson & Delmore,
I don't know what they are going to
do. "Retired merchants" I guess

Joe Reed has been discharged and come home, he has been sick ever since he has been in the service almost. He says the boys hate Tullips awfully, and that he would not be surprised if the whole 44th would desert.

Tullips is making money, though. A dollar and a half per day besides his regular wages, sitting on "court-martials". If any of the men do any thing he don't like, he has them court-martialed, then drains the money, just that the way to do business.

Well now about my Album. One day when I was coming home from school, Joe Lawrence told me he had something for me. Well I went into the store and he handed me a package, and said there was a gentleman bought it and left it there for me, but would not tell me who it was. Well I had the greatest time finding out who it was, but did finally. It was the fellow who saw our wood, a real nice little fellow, I received a letter from Jennie

yesterday and I heard about that time
that you were going to get another
letter. Now how do you feel? Better or
~~the~~ worse, Joe called here the other
day with his mother in law. Tell you
they were fixed off.

Yesterday I went down to Denia to
be examined for a school master,
and got a certificate for six months
I am going to teach next spring.
Just imagine it! It is so pleasant
this afternoon, warm just like
spring, I saw John Brown in Denia
yesterday he did not know me, but
I knew him, We heard him say that
he had been exchanged, were you acquainted
Sam McMillen of Denia. He is North Carolina,
They have been fighting awfully down by
Nashville and Murfreesborough.
Milo Lawrence is still at Lexington
they cannot move him, they say
he is getting along finely, Well I don't
know what else to write so I'll quit.
Yours affectionately
Mary,