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## Letter, 1863 January 28, Mary [Mary Ladley] to My Dear Brother [Oscar D. Ladley]

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Yellow Springs, Jan, 24th / 863.

My Dear Brother,

We received two letters from you to day, and were glad to get them. I assure you, Mother's arm doesn't seem to get much better, it is now nearly two weeks since she hurt it, and she has scarcely any use of it at all. The rest are all well.

I think it is too bad you had to move when you were fixed so comfortably, but I should not wonder if you would go back there again, by the way the papers talk, how do you like it to think you have to change commanders so often. Think you will like Hooker any better than Burnside? How do the soldiers, generally like the change. I should think those that were in the fight at Fredericksburg would like it; that is if Hooker is not as rash as Burnside, "O. Lint-Morey Captain now,"

Yes we have two boarders, students,  
One is Mr. Marsh the other a Mr. Martin,  
They are both quite young I guess, they  
are from Woodstock Vt. They seem  
to be very fine fellows, very quiet, and  
they saw all the wood too, This Mr.  
Marsh and his brother boarded at the  
same place that Mr. Fox did (the one that  
did saw the wood) last term, and they  
used to come over once in a while  
with him, so this Mr. Marsh pitches  
in and saws it - This term, Don't  
you think they are clever? I do,

I saw the Keenman boys to day stepping  
around in their Broadcloth - Dig as any  
body. Great-big stout fellows, I wish  
they would go to war with perhaps it would  
take off some of their pride. and I  
think they have most too much of it,  
Well you wanted to know who was President  
of Amherst, Weston has charge of it now  
Mr. Craig has not accepted the chair  
yet and will not - unless it is endorsed.

So Weston is running it this year, and they  
are trying to raise the money. The Professors  
are Drugh, Doolittle, Weston, <sup>Mrs Weston</sup> Mr Braeferd  
was Prof, at the commencement of the year  
but he has such poor health that cannot teach,  
Besides these they have a lot of Teachers,  
mostly students, . . . Miss Chumy, Miss Curtis (Ed  
Curtis' sister) from Raymond, Miss Weeks from  
Ripley, Kate Botford, Miss Church, Mr Cass,  
I guess I'll take Mr. Braeferd's place,  
Don't you think I could?

I never said anything to nobody about your  
writing to any one. I received a letter from her  
about 3 weeks ago, but have not answered it  
yet; you know when Milo had his leg broken  
well the surgeon set it, but did not splint  
it and box it up as he should have done, but  
just fixed it up in pasteboard and never look-  
ed at it again for 21 days, when he opened  
it; he found that one of the bones had ~~broken~~ knit  
but the other was sticking out through the flesh  
two inches. The surgeons held a consultation,  
and they concluded what they could do, but

did not tell Milo what it was. They gave him  
Chloroform, and went to work. They broke  
the bone that had knit; and the one that  
was sticking out they sawed off, and then  
reset it. Don't you think that was a great  
way of doing business? Laurences are going  
to try and recover damages. We will send  
you Frank Leslie. Did you receive the  
papers we did send? They were "Harpers  
Weekly"; we could not get Frank Leslie so  
we got some of them. But we will get Leslie  
after this. Well I must close. Well after you  
don't know how glad we are to receive them,  
and we will try and do better in future.

As ever  
Mary.