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Yellow Springs, Ohio March 27th /65

My Dear Brother

Ma said sis would write soon, but I did not write as soon as I expected: for I have been very busy this week preparing for examinations. But 'tis all over now, school closed 15 day. 'Twas awful dry too. They had a party at the Hall last night, that too was a perfect bore. I didnt see but one person that said they enjoyed themselves, School commences again next Tuesday, only one day more vacation than they have every week. I guess they will have more students next term than they had this. I have heard of several new ones that are coming, and I guess most of the old ones are coming back again. Our boarders left 15 day and I am mighty glad. They are not coming back for a week.

I am mighty glad of it too,
I guess Doolittle never found out -
who took his cow he tried awful
hard, but without success,

I dont-know who else but I think
one of the boys that board here had
a hand in it; though of course he
would not own it. They have had
all the College gates fixed so they
cannot be taken off the hinges.

They were carried off last-term and
it was some time before they were
found. Weston says it 'makes him
feel bad' every time he passes
through them, thinks 'tis a disgrace
to the school that such things have
to be. I dont-believe though he feels
as bad as he pretends to. All that
ails him is he cant-find out-who
did it.

Mrs. Wilson is dead she died last-
Sunday night of Consumption,

I guess Mr. Wilson will quit-keeping

grocery. I'm sorry too for 'tis very handy for us. Some think that he will go to Canada to Charley Snay and Jim have both turned copperheads since they came home. They are drunk nearly all time.

Mrs. Snay says if they had listened to John this war would have been closed long ago! She don't come here any more and I am so glad for I never hated any body in my life as I did her. I always hated her from the first time I ever saw her.

Bardwell is here now he spends nearly half his time here. I don't know how it is that he can come home whenever he pleases. Tedford was here last week Did we tell you about Dr. Morriner's wife being dead. Fannie Swan it used to be. She died of small pox in Memphis. Newt- Reed says he has been exposed to it - several times. Have you got the Cordway road nearly

done, ⁸ It seems the rebels have
just found out - what you are at.
I hope the draft will take off all these
copperheads. The Miss Bates that live
here have invited Volsteadingham
to come here and make them a visit.
I heard he was coming this week but
he has not made his appearance yet.
I should not wonder if he would get
a few eggs. If the men don't do it -
I believe the ladies will. They were
all so mad when they heard he was
coming. I hope that fortune teller's story
will come true, did he say how it
would end? The photographs I think
are very good. The mouth looks as
though you had lost some more of
your upper teeth, have you?

Do you get Frank Leslie now? we
send them every week. Well I must
close Ma will write some I guess
write soon and often.

As ever
Mary.