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Yellow Springs. April 9th 1863

Dear Son we received your very
welcome ^{letter} yesterday and was indeed
glad to hear from you again. I and
Mary were over to Enon yesterday
to the funeral of Mrs Joseph Martin
they lived near Mr Reeders you probably
remember her. we expected to learn
something definite about that
School for Mary, but we did not see
the Directors but Mr Seever said he
would see them and let us know
next week. Allie started to School
to Antioch yesterday. Mr Weston called
and told me to send her and said
it should not cost her anything
so I thought as we had done so much
for Antioch in years past, that it
would be no more than right for us
to take some of it back in schooling
when it is offered to us. what do you

think. I wish you would send that petrified wood you spoke of. to be sure the Corps of Teachers are not a very dignified set but there will allway be more or less visitors at the College to see these these things and you will have the credit of placing it there. we did not succeed in getting our boarders this term one of them did not come back, and the other thought it would be to lonesome with no other man about the house so he went to the Hall to board and we are alone. I would have been glad to have had them again this Term for it would have been more profitable as they would not have to use so much wood. we thank you for the 5.00 you sent us. what is the reason you dont get paid off they have got ~~they have~~ their pay every where else only where you are. I guess. Bardwell has resigned and I guess it is well

that he has for he has ^{done} nothing for his
Country he has been here at the ^{Spring} nearly
half of his time yes there is a Dr Lasever
living here but I have no acquaintance
with him. Mr Totten says he is very nice
man. I saw your new Commanders name
in the Cin. Commercial. why do you have to
stay out so long with the pickets? So you
have completed your road you did not tell
us for what purpose it was made. yes the
men, have gone I dont know whether
they were disgusted or whether they
got tired of living separate. Mary will
tell you about the Band. I have ^{just} heard
from Dayton since Mr Totten was there
I am sorry that you have had such
a bad cold and yet I cant see how
you manage to keep from having a cold
all the time, you are so much exposed
we shall be so much disappointed if you
dont get leave to come home we
thought it would soon be your turn

and you would get to come before
the Spring Campaign commenced
where do you think you will go when
you do move. our Spring Elections
are just over, and the Union Ticket
has carried in almost every instance
and I tell you the Coppeheads look
mad. every one says your future is
a good one. we will send you another
Frank Leslie this week, we will look
out for the box you are going to
send. and now my Son keep up
your courage the Cause you are
engaged in is a good one and when
the contest is ended and ^{Peace} shall reign
throughout the land, you with
thousands of other brave Men will
be looked upon as the Saviors of
our Glorious Union and will be
loved and honored as such.

you are never out of our minds
we think of you always.

as ever your Mother

write often

C Sadley