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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Jacob G. Armstrong

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O. W. W. Delaware Ohio
February 5th 1860

Dear Brother,

I received your welcome letter yesterday evening. It was dated the 1st and Post marked the 3^d. I was very glad to hear that you are all well. I am the same for which I feel thankful to my Creator. For a week after I came here I did not feel very well. also last week I caught one of the severest colds I ever had. It did not make me cough but filled me up that is my head. For I could do nothing else than sneeze. I am well of it now and I feel first rate bodily. I am up with my claspes and can go right along I think.

You say you had no bid to that party at Abes. What was the reason? Did they think that you was not fit? I suppose they had a good time. That depends on circumstances. I believe I was never at a party that I had what I would call a good time. I was glad to hear that they were well. You say that Abes school will be out on the 20th of

this month, and is to close with a famous exhibition. Will I hope he will have better arrangements than I had in that thing I got off last spring. Well as for that school of Geo. Poundstone (I suppose it is the same as the Millie or Bawby Knob or where Wash Kull is teaching) I do not know any thing about their summer schools. but I should think Mary could teach it as well as any girl. You say you have not heard from W. G. I got one letter from him since I came here dated the 15th of Jan. He says: "Since last I saw you I have been having tall times. After leaving you that evening I started in about two hours for Yarusville arrived at 6 o'clock P.M. went to the Game house staid all night next morning staid for Duncan's Falls got on a wagon and rode the whole distance. since I came here I have been enjoying myself very well last tues day one week ago I went to the school house and found it locked and about 20 young ungs inside I went quietly away got a pair of skates and went skating froze my heels so that I have hardly been able to walk since. &c &c"

Will he get in the school house and make them "get" he said and went to several parties &c &c Maybe Frank deserved "thrashing" when he went to Rev Wilson Lacey. Are you much scared in reference to that horse malady in your neighborhood. I feel some what surprised to hear of the misfortunes of Eli Hull & Co. I suppose Father and Wilbur will not send for any more Cigar orders soon. Do you think they will I am glad the stock is doing well that is that they preserve their healthy condition I suppose feed has been pretty scarce. Though there has been some open weather. That is a new kick in moral philosophy up at Geo Knight's school, let them go it while they are young for when they get old they cant. I got that 10 dollars I dont want you to disreps yourself just send it when you can get it and can spare it well. That is when you send me money I have just Eleven dollars now At next tues day my board bill will be 6.00 I could board you on the 17 of Jan. I will get a lot I guess. One that will have considerable service in it

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California Brothers
Taken from one of the Delaware
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here but it is all gone now and it is raining
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in the church, and the members work
well for the good of sinners and there has
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~~you~~ I have heard lately. I wish you was
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to Church and have no religion. It is
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I have a pretty good place to board this term. Plenty to
eat and well gotten up well. I have written nearly
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If I get out of money I will write and let
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a choir in south Delaware and I should
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Coal Oil works prospering. I suppose
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I should like to write to Father and
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to do all the writing.
Give them my respects. I will write soon
again. I believe I told you that the
Small Fox was at a little town 3 miles
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only our family and the Doctors think
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Delaware Ohio

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