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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to William Armstrong and Jane Armstrong

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O. W. M. Delaware Ohio.

Feb. 12. 1860

Dear Father and Mother,

For the first time since I came to this place. I take up my pen to write you a few lines. Forgive me for not writing sooner. I suppose you think that I am not very solicitous of your welfare, but I have not forgotten that I have two friends that most of all others I am indebted for all that I have enjoyed in former and for that care and attention for my bodily wants, when I was a child, not only for these blessings but for that training both moral and religious that has always kept me in the path of virtue. I have abused my privileges some but my moral and religious training act as a guiding star to me

I am well, and feel that I am
able for my part. I have been stud-
ying pretty hard since I came here
I gave up History it was too hard for me
to study so many studies and I will bring
it up during vacation. There was
one of the greatest revivals ever
known here commenced 2 weeks ago
I was up one night, but have not
been up since. I have ^{not} been converted
yet, but I have been praying
for a blessing. I have no doubt that
you pray for your eldest son. Last
evening my roommate was converted
about 5 o to 7 o of a night.

The church before that had been low
in its spiritual power. And were
at a low ebb in religion but they have
waked up. Well I have only got
one letter from home since I came
here, ~~and~~ We have services in
the day time as well as at night

Well I suppose you know
that Valentines day will be on
the 14th day of this month.

The weather is fine and breezy
and it is very good time to study.
When you write to me tell me all
the news and give me the news
in reference to our folks away from
home. I got a letter from Wilbur
last eve he was in trouble and
tribulation. They have trouble in
the camp. The folks accuse him
of gambling and drinking and
Well I don't believe this. He says
he gets along with his school very
well. He wants me to get him
a school out here. I guess the chance
will be slim but I will do all I
can for him. He wants me
to hire a buggy and horse and
hunt a well I have written
nearly enough for this time

You must not forget me, send
me all the operations at home,
~~Will you must keep in good~~
~~spirits and try to keep in good~~
~~spirits~~ Will the bell is ringing
for church and I must close

Give me a soon and lengthy
letter in answer to this

Well I will close the art
for the present

Good Bye from your affec-
tionate son

L. S. Armstrong

February 12, 1860

O.W.U. Delaware Ohio

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Dear Father and Mother

For the first time since I came to this place I take up my pen to write you a few lines. Forgive me for not writing sooner. I suppose you think that I am not very solicitous of your welfare but I have not forgotten that I have two friends that most of all others. I am indebted for all that I have enjoyed in for former and for that care and attention for my bodily wants when I was a child. Not only for those blessings but for that training both moral and religious that has always kept me in the faith of virtue. I have abused my privileges some but my moral and religious training act as a guiding star to me.

I am well and feel that I am able for my part. I have been studying pretty hard since I came here. I gave up history as it was hard for me to study so many studies and I will bring it up during vacation. There was one of the greatest revivals ever know here commenced 2 weeks ago. I was up one night but have not been up since. I have not been converted yet but I have been praying for a blessing. I have no doubt that you pray for your eldest son. Last night my roommate was converted. About 50 to 70 go up a night. The church before that had been low in its spiritual power and were at a low ebb in religion but they have been waked up.

We have only got one letter from home since I came here. We have services in the day time as well as at night.

Well I suppose you know that Valentine's Day will be on the 14th day of this month. The weather here is fine and bracing and it is a very good time to study. When you write to me tell me all the news and give me the news in reference to our folks away from home. I got a letter from Wilbur last eve. He was in trouble and tribulation. They have trouble in the camp. The folks accuse him of gambling and drinking and well I don't believe this. He says he gets along with his school very well. He wants me to get him a school out here. I guess the chance will be slim but I will do all I can for him. He wants me to hire a buggy and horse and hunt it.

Well I have written nearly enough for this time. You must not forget me. Send me all the operations at home. Well the bell is ringing for church and I must close. Give me a soon and lengthy letter in answer to this. Well I will close this art for the present.

Good bye from your affectionate son.

T.S. Armstrong