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Letter from Wilbur F. Armstrong to Thomas S. Armstrong

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Lebanon. Wednes. May 8. 1860
Thos. S. Armstrong esq

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last night we had a Reunion at the "Gutierrez"
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and dancing. your humble servant was one of
the musiticians and you if know it was "done up"
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Thursday. Give me some of your plans for next winter
as I want to make mine accordingly.
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Well write very soon from WPA

NORMAL INSTITUTE.

AT THE
SOUTH-WESTERN STATE NORMAL SCHOOL,
LEBANON, WARREN COUNTY, O.

Commencing Monday, June 25, 1860, and continuing five weeks.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS.

ALFRED HOLBROOK, PRINCIPAL OF S. W. NORMAL INSTITUTE.
Science of Teaching and School Government, Practical Chemistry and Natural
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Classes will be formed in all the Common Branches.

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Vocal Music, Gymnastics, Theory and Practice of Teaching.

An experimental class will be formed in Elementary Chemistry, in which pupils will perform the experiments under instruction. Besides the extensive apparatus belonging to the Institution, cheap and simple sets will be provided, costing not over twenty dollars with an accompanying manual; and teachers will be trained in their use with reference to their introduction into common schools. By this means Practical Chemistry, with an apparatus sufficient to perform all the most important and interesting experiments of this science, will be brought within the reach of every Common School Teacher, affording him an exhaustless fund of amusement and instruction for *General Exercises*, *Evening Lectures*, and *Class Recitation*. Several pupils of last year have introduced Practical Chemistry into their schools with decided success.

An advanced class in CHEMICAL MANIPULATIONS will also be formed, with an extra charge of two dollars. In this class the more expensive and complicated forms of apparatus will be brought into use. The class of last year, among other operations, succeeded in determining by analysis, several unknown mineral substances.

The class in SURVEYING will have daily practice in the field, with all the requisite instruments, without extra charge. Former classes, during the term of five weeks, have obtained such a knowledge of surveying, either with or without the demonstration of principles, as would enable them to perform all the ordinary duties of a County Surveyor, with accuracy and dispatch. It is only necessary that a person have a knowledge of Arithmetic to enter this class.

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In PHYSIOLOGY a Skeleton and Dissecting Manikin, costing \$500 in France, will furnish the means of illustration.

In NATURAL PHILOSOPHY a full set of apparatus for illustrating Pneumatics, Pyromonics, and Electricity will come into use.

In PHONOGRAPHY elementary and advanced classes in the corresponding style will be formed.

In ELOCUTION several classes will be formed at the commencement, and extend through the Session, under the charge of Prof. Royce. Other classes will be formed at the commencement of the third week and will receive ten lessons.

A course of twenty-four lessons will be attended with an extra charge of two dollars; the course of ten lessons, with an extra charge of one dollar. The classes will not be so large as to prevent individual training.

In consequence of the superior facilities afforded at this Normal Institute in connection with the South-Western State Normal School, the number in attendance has increased at every successive Institute. Our sessions are longer by one week, our apparatus more complete, the range of branches taught much larger, the corps of experienced and successful teachers engaged as instructors, much stronger than at any other Normal Institute, or Normal School, yet organized in the West. All who wish to study any of the branches in the programme will have opportunity to attend regular recitations, while those who wish to attend the Institute for its general advantages, for rest, recreation, and social enjoyment, will find suitable arrangements and ample opportunity for such purposes.

BOARD—from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per week.

TUITION—in all branches save advanced class in Chemistry, and Elocution—\$3.75.

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Course of ten lessons, \$1.00.

ADVANCED CHEMISTRY, through the term, extra, \$2.00.

Three dollars will be deducted from the tuition bills of Life Members of S. W. S. Normal School Association.

LOCATION.—Lebanon enjoys the reputation of being one of the most beautiful towns in the State. While this village presents more attractions in the way of religious and social privileges than almost any other; every facility for rational amusement can be obtained as freely, and enjoyed with as much zest as in any other place.

Lebanon may be reached by the Little Miami R. R. from Deerfield Station, by Omnibuses meeting the trains; from Great Miami R. R., at Dayton, by stage leaving daily at 1 P. M.

Classes in the Common Branches, in Higher Mathematics and Natural Sciences, will be continued four weeks after the close of the Institute.

Charles S. Royce, as a Teacher of Elocution.

MT. VERNON, O., FEB. 8, 1860.

"The undersigned having taken a course of twelve lessons in Vocal Culture and Elocution, combined with Free Gymnastics, under the instructions of Chas. S. Royce, take pleasure in testifying to the benefit they have received from his instruction. We believe the course pursued by him admirably calculated to discipline the voice, and give it that power and flexibility so necessary to good reading."

Signed by Wm. Mitchell and twenty-two others.

MANSFIELD, O., FEB. 28, 1860.

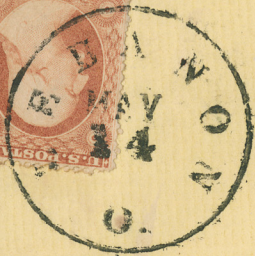
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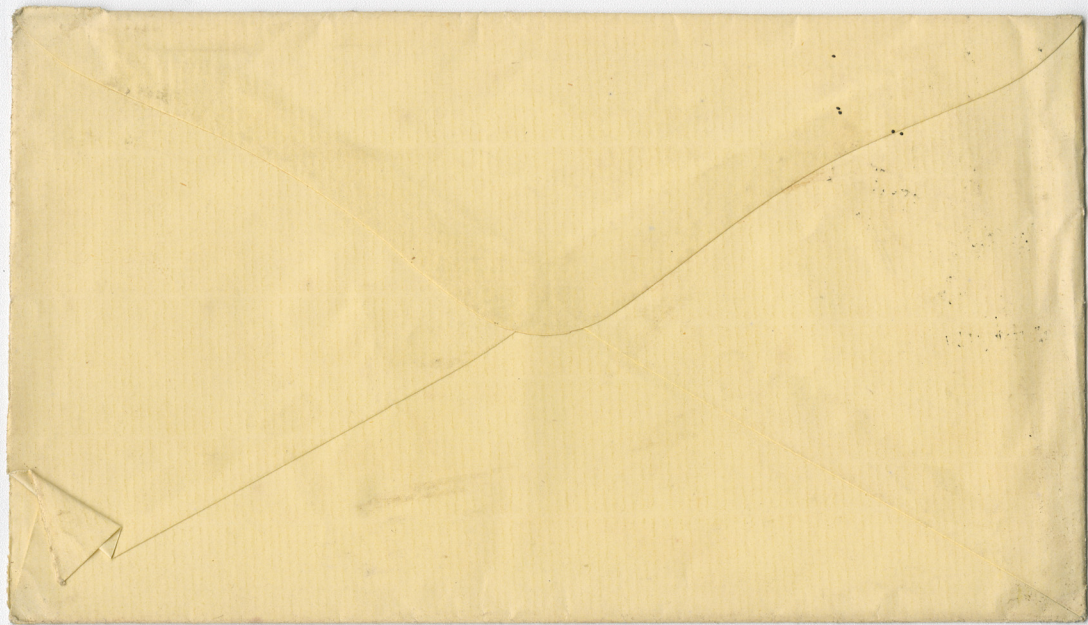
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Signed by J. H. REED, Mrs. C. S. REED, and nineteen others.



Mr. Thos. S. Armstrong
Delaware Ohio



May 8, 1860

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