

Mrs Ward,
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Dear Husband For want of
a pen I must use a pencil
Your letter was received yes-
terday & with the same mail
comes the intelligence that the
state militia are to leave home
on Monday next for 100 days
So Seymour has got to go. We
are feeling bad of course I hope
it will be for the best Larric
is very contented and happy in
his situation He does not talk
when he comes home as he did
when he was with Little The
weather is very wet we have had
hardly a pleasant day since you
left Seymour has been able to do
but little in the garden yet He
hopes it may clear away enough
to get it planted before he leaves
The pot bed looks very green

Mr Morse preached last sabbath. I
think he was liked. He called here
last eve. He said he should not
be here next, but should come &
spend two sabbaths soon. My mom
had the Cholera morbus last night
did not sit up any sabbath. Mom
drilled all day I was afraid he
would be worse. He feels quite well
to day. He bought 13 clocks in Cin
last week for \$62. Ethies watch is
a little beauty for \$33. He felt bad
that he had no money to get some
jewelry but now he is glad he
had not. He thinks the clocks will
not spoil and perhaps Lanie can
sell them when he is gone. Bent
Hopkins is going as a substitute for
J. B. Weston he gets \$100 Is he not a
lucky dog? Poor Clara cried herself
to sleep last night because my mom
was going away. This morn she feels
better. She says never mind when he
is gone a few days I shall get over it.

I am so sorry It costs so much
to get you goods then I am
afraid we cannot take any thing with
us when we go What are you going
to do without money until you 3
months are up When Mr Baker sends
that 3'0 if he ever does I will send
you some Had you not better
send an advertisement to the
Herald for ~~four~~ ^{five} weeks
after this the girls school will
be out We can spare the two square

Chambers now Seymour is going
away the girls say they shall
~~of re-lyed in the summer~~
apply for a clerkship somewhere
during vacation if we do not
keep boarders I do not feel very
anxious about any ~~long~~ long at
a time for I think the Lord will
provide. We are all willing to work
I hope you will find a comfortable
home for yourself Yours in haste
Tuesday Morn A A Ward

Yellow Springs
April 28th 1864.

Dear father,

We received your last on Monday. The same train brought the news of the call for the militia. We are all feeling very sadly at home, and most of the boys seem disappearing, that they are called for. Our inquiry is, what are we to do, if that money does not come from Dayton? There is a strong probability too, that the house will be sold from under us. One of the Chamberlain boys likes it very much. Mother strives hard to keep her courage good, but still gets the blues sometimes. This morning she told me to write you how matters were, and tell you her plan and see if it met your approval. She and Clara go to you, and let the others stay here. Mr Burkholder is very much pleased

Laurie. as he certainly does well.
She would propose to Mr B. to
bribe Laurie. by reducing his wages,
if necessary, to six dollars per month.
Let Mary and I stay here until
Seymour returns. and you can
make further provisions when you
are. Mother's main reason for waiting
was, that you might not apply for
boarders, in the uncertain state of
things. What do you think of it?

^Y Tomorrow evening our
Laudette, assisted by others, is
to give an entertainment at the
Cath chapel consisting of chorals,
tableaux, pantomime, and music
interspersed: the proceeds to be
used in aiding the freedmen.
It is going to be good too, when
considering the material com-
prising it. It is entirely exclu-
sive of Fessenden, which we
think will add to its merits.

We are all very well. Let us hear
from you soon. Dr de Leon is
going to Dayton in a few days, and
offered to take Mary or myself.
But we propose to send Mother
if she will go.
Leticia.

Seymour you see spent all he
had laid by for his clocks
He has some ten dollars he
will leave with Mother, and
that with the wood and provi-
sions on hand, Mother thinks
will keep us as long as we
can have the house, and if we
can get the \$60.00 from D—
that shot he move with —