

Sartwell
Wife & ~~children~~
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Dearest of Husbands

Your letter came to us yesterday. We were much surprised at its contents. I really do not know what to do. I do not think I can get away under a month at least. The girls are quite jaded out. Yesterday they were informed that the directors were going to stop the schools the last month on account of the want of money as they are their last month they will soon know the decision. Mr Reed is trying to work over chess in the Board. I can see no way for them yet but to come with me to Duquesne. As for Lovie I do not know what to say. I have said nothing to Benk yet. Several have advised me not to leave him with him. He is doing well now I think Benk likes him well and he is contented. He thinks he will feel very sad

to move as all leave Seymour is
now at Camp Dennison expecting
every hour to leave for the Canal
and valley you have probably heard
from him before now I am in a
strait between 3 if Seymour
should be taken sick according
to the Governors promise he is to
come home if we are out of the
state who will take care of him
to leave the girls here with no
thing to do and no certain pros-
pects ahead seems hard and
to have you without a home
any longer when you can have
one does not seem right
I think I shall keep on the even-
tenor of my way and prepare Sam
to stay if necessary keep house
for the girls until their school
are out get up an auction &
be ready to start for you in June
Pattie must have lost the plan
of the house if you put it in
as we could not find it please
send us another Does this

lady pay his board or does
it go for the rent? I have not
been to Dayton yet. The Dr has
so much to do he cannot get
away. The measles are quite pe-
valent at present I have not
heard any thing about that Dr
yet I shall go during General As-
sembly if not before Mr Hyde was
here after tomato plants this
morning. He was quite surprised
to see my hot bed. He is in
extacies over the turn out of
the national guards. He was
down to Camp on Sat. I shall
have to close as it is almost
time for the mail.

Yours in haste
A A Ward