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Letter from Esther Alexander Crowe to John Finley Crowe, February 22, 1836

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Ever Dear Husband

While all is life and chearfulness about me. I pensively sit down to converse a few minuets with you, esteeming it a much greater priveledge than attending the celabration of Washingtons birth day. Colledge exercises are suspended to day & to night speaking in College. All is hurry and bustle here the ice is broken up in the river, and William expects to start this evening if the ice will permit. Mr Brown will go eastward tomorrow and as we hope he will see you, we will probibly send you a small packet of letters, which we hope will be the last it will be nessasary to write before you return.

We have all had good health since you left. amidst surrounding sickness, surely a carefull providence has guarded us by day & by night. There is still a great deal of sickness in and round the village. Mr Logans family mostly sick but on the recovery. Mr Tate sick. other students better.

Monday evening 22nd all gone save Mary & Eliza some to the river to see the Boat start & some to the exhibition. Mr Fenton is one of the speekers to night. I am afraid if he does not aquit him self well, this time, he will become discouraged.

My dear I do not know how I shall ever fill my paper, my fund is almost already exhasted. I hear nothing nor see nothing except the fireside ocurences, only when I am among the sick which has been frequent of late but even there, there is not much worth relating.

We are geting along much as usial the boys in the printing office, I hope they will be able to

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get themselves a suit for the exhibition, Samuel is still working with Mr. Fenton and I hope will be ambitious to pay for his new coat also, there will be much to do at repairing fences which will devolve on him and for which I know you will gladly reward him he has been much more at home in the evenings than when you were here. Caroline and Walter has improved about Comeing to the table I think I think Walty has not had a hard cry for a week or two, little Sarah often says to me, let us make a kiss for pa. She is very anxious for her new books, they all expect preasents when you return. Caroline wants a

white Sampler Walty a little drum, Sarah a doll, Mary wishes you to return very much by the end of the sesion. She thinks we cannot make garden without you well. Indeed we all want to see you by that time, six weeks to day since you left and have only received two letters, we cannot bear the thought of you being [illegible: more?] than six more. You promised me you would not stay long if you could do but little, now from what you had done when at Baltimore I think it would hardly justify your staying even that length of time. I had hoped that you would give out going to New England untill I received yours from B informing me that you intended going on before you made any effort in phil or new york. Indeed I hoped an effort there might have superceded the necessity of going any further.

There was a draft received in favour of the students to which I got Mr Brown to atend, was that right? I believe you did not tell me any thing about that buisness, but he will tell you all about it

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It is growing late nearly eleven oclock, James and Thomas still at the river the rest all asleep but Eliza and we almost weary with so long a sit.

I hope you will write oftener and tell us when you are comeing home.

Polly and all the children sends much love to you.

My own most undivided affection to you for the present,

Farewell

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