

SILVER LAKE

Batesville
Jan 29th / 1843

My dearest "Tom";-

I received
your letter last week, and
suppose you have gotten
mine by this time; but
will write you a short one
to-night. I have just finished
writing to Eddie, and it is
late, but I will not slight
you. I got a long letter from
"Dean" this evening saying
she was so sorry her mother
and father had been sick.
Lela has been sick too, but
both of us are better.

I went to church yesterday
for the first time since

Thomas I am trying to be well enough to go to
Charlottesville Thursday with Pa. I still have a
nice time going now as he has to go every week
to see to the bank that he is Vice President of. as
I can go when I want to. I have time

I am going to have my picture and
will send you one if you will send you.
I told you all about the fever in my last
letter. I think you have an idea of coming
back to school I would be delighted if I
were to go back, and you would come,
but it is doubtful whether I will go.
Pa got a letter from Dr. Harris saying that
were aiming to start the school the

middle of Feb. and would
keep it until the middle
of July. I don't think they
will keep it that long
because the girls will
not stay. They will have
I suppose about half of
a school. I am having
a lonely old time here
by myself, but soon Bob
will be at home; he says
he is having a lovely time
in New York going to see
the girls. He is awfully shy
I wrote to him the other
night & wrote twelve
pages and could have
written more but I was
so sleepy. I could not sit up.
Mattie would write you
a long letter, but I have

I am going up to call on Prof wife &
do this evening, and will write you then
all about the school. I have been back
since Texas. Gora wrote to me last week and
she is at home. Gora's she does not think by
father will let her come back. Patti & Cherry
are in Millbrook about eighty miles from St
Cherry would not let her go to school there as to the
then to stay until school commences.
Now you must write me a long letter this is
too far me to you me. Pa says he is waiting
for you to write to him, and he wants to
see you, also sends much love to you.
Why do you want to know if he uses tobacco?
I know you to say he does, and when you
get married don't's marry a man that

uses tobacco. I long for
them to smoke, but not
clean. "Tom" I want to see
you so bad; I wish you
would come on and see
me I could tell you every
thing in a month and
can't begin to write you
all. Don't treat me so badly
as you have done, and
I will always answer
your letters promptly.
Write me a long letter
my soon. Much love,
and tick full of kisses
to my devoted son "Tom"
from
"Mary Eddie"

Don't forget to send your
picture in your next a cabinet to

I can get them.
I will send you mine as soon as