

Fairbay Seminary
Near Alexandria - Va.
Sept. 29th 1844

Well Edgar I have
just rec^d your kinde and welcome
letter of the 24th inst. which was
a welcome visitor and hope it
ever may be. I suppose you would
like to know how I am & getting along
Well I am so that I can eat my allowance
without a murmur, & and drink my
milk punch without a squint it is as
good to me; to make me thrive as
knew milk; and if I continue on
I shall be at home sometime next
month; I am & gaining every best man
I have had & half time of it for a long
time but I have some prospects of
seeing you all soon; more so than I did
some. & well up

I am sorry to hear of those deaths but
it cannot be helped; so it is and so it must
be; and all that we can do is to mark their
loss. - you speak of the boys being so
rained out yes it must be so it so many
of them has gone into the army as you
make mention of and it must be
lonesome that is sure; Well I shall be
at home soon I hope to help drive dull care
away; it is & getting rather lonesome
here to what it was & while ago; for there is
but few in these hospitals now to what
there was while & gone. We are & having
some pretty cold nights here now, and in
stead of one blanket whereas to cover us
we need to double up in order to keep warm.
Well Edgar we here good news from the
South lately we seem to be & driving the
enemy in every more we make; it we can
but believe the press; for that's what the
papers tells us; if there's anything in
that - I hope it is all true and I
suppose it is true as far as there is

any truth in them and that doubt
amount to any certain sum -
Well I think I must close for it is
& getting late and; and my notebook
is rather empty to day as to Composing
letters; so please excuse all blunders and
crooked marks; until I get home
to tell the state story which comes
from nature's gap - the month I am

Please remember me
to all enquiring friends
Not forgetting to take the greatest
part of my love to yourself
I remain ever Dear Cousin

Daniel S. Fiskewright
To Edgar, M. Dier