Washington Dec 20th AD 1842

Brother William got home tuesday night last, with the various delightful things you sent us my Dear Mother, and brought Bob much to our surprise. When I saw Bob I almost shed tears of delight, at seeing some one from home. I cant express my thankfulness, and pleasure to you my Dear Mother for the nicey things you sent us. I would give any thing in the world I have to go back to Poplar grove, to see you all again. There is nothing like home in this world my Dear Mother, it does very well to pay a visit among strangers, but they are nothing like, my own family I can assure you. When I received all your letters I felt as if I was in a small heaven. give my love to Miss Carry, thank her for the water case she is working for me, and tell her that I want to see her very much. I have given you a description of how I want the shirts made in a former letter, and send you one by Mr Peare. The things you sent us were really delightful, particually the cake, it nicer than any one can get here. The next evening after brother W came home, he had a very nice supper off the things you gave him. I suppose brother W told you that I had entered a new school, and have to pay in advance, please send me the money if you have it, it is about thirteen Dollars. write to me as soon as you receive this letter, My love to all. I expect to spend a very dul Christmas.

Yours truly
affectionate son
T. H. Emory