St. Louis, Nov. 8, 1855

My dearest wife,

I got yours con-
taining Mary's this morning,
and a letter from Ben Atkinson.
This morning I met a half dozen
students at the Seminary as I kept
home at my old room.

The field is so uninviting — & I presume few
if any will go. They cannot inter-
pret the work of making a place. They all want to find a place already
made for them. It is not strange
their city pursuits corrupt the
ideas of young men. Your Uncle
Brown cannot see a first work in a
country parish. There is field en-
ough if only men can have the spirit
of labor. The conception of a coun-
try minister might be developed if
comes to me so as to be attractive to
ministers. The faithful, Ovidious
respectful & influential country. 
Minister is my dear & a place for 
life long usefulness — 

I think I shall go 

to Salem this morning of the 
College Society next Tuesday. 

I go to Newark Dr. tomorrow. 

Please to write me. 

Tell the dear Children. 

Suppose you try to interest James 
in learning to read? I don't 
care about hurrying him: but it 
must be well to try to overcome his 
dislike. Many will resent first. 

I would rather he should 

keep at it. — Yours, Rindy

This is faint paper. — 

Tell me your 2 cents a piece for these pictures.