was compelled to make up some studies before he could enter here. The faculty is as tyrannical as they are smart for in the beginning of the session we had about two hundred and fifty students; we have only two hundred now. The rest have been sent off or quit on their own accord. The rules are very rigid indeed for if a student misses recitation even once when he is sick he must make it up before he can get a diploma and many other things too tedious to mention.

You also give your respects to young S. E. Martin who I am sorry to tell you has left and gone home. He talked like he was going to stay in your institution at Clarksville but he was not certain. If you see Mr. Roberts or Mrs. Belden or both give them my respects and tell them I am yet in the land of the living. My respects to Mr. W. Harewings and Mrs. Mrs. Shackelford if you see her. We have traveled up and down the river. All three are well, well satisfied, and in fine spirit. News do not keep the article here and never have any reply sent after by order. We had some dear gossip for the first time in upwards two months.

Give my highest regard to all your family and truly accept for yourself the warmest thanks and sincere friendship of

Yours,

[Signature]

I am in college on every thing.