

"Lake Landing. N.C.  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 1841.

Dear Father.

I received a short letter  
from your mail before last &  
few yesterdays mail (Friday) two  
bundles papers Contg' two Sentinels  
& two N.Y. papers. I have just  
written a letter to Mother. I find  
that I have less time now for  
writing than I ever had before.

generally when I quit work at  
night. I feel so tired that I  
am most all-ways ready for  
the bed. I sent the folks at  
home by this mail a speech I  
delivered at the Celebration of  
the Anniversary of our Temperance  
Council, in Middle Creek Church  
some time ago. I had been

requested by the members to do  
so. and as I want to accustom  
myself to "facing an audience"  
thought this would be a good  
opportunity. It was hurriedly  
prepared. I written with a sore  
hand & I expect you will find  
some trouble in reading it -  
We had lectures the same night  
from three ministers, & one or  
two other gentlemen & mine was  
pronounced by almost everybody  
as the best. The church was full  
and I expected to be embarrassed  
but was not, only for a few  
minutes. The weather has been  
very nice for some time and I  
have been at the Plow hands  
one two weeks, am now quite  
an expert at the business. The  
Dr and Mrs Selby are very  
close. He spends most of his

evenings in our room. & I  
enjoy his Company. Mrs Delby  
too most always has some young  
ladies with her. has 3 now; so  
my time passes very agreeably  
when not at work. Cousin Sarah  
& Mr Mann are very clever. I  
am there some part of most  
every Sunday. Tho every body in  
the County that I visit are  
very Cordial indeed. From what  
I can learn your partner Mr  
Sheppard made at Oran Hall  
this Court quite a favorable  
impression. I am writing in haste  
to be in time for the mail & must  
close. Write as often as you  
can.

Yours aff. Bro.

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