

May 9, 1867

Dear Br. Wilcox,

We are having
spring showers, which make
Holston look greener than
it did, a few weeks ago.
No lack of water at the mill
now. They are grinding Mr.
McCoy's cane, & it makes
beautiful sugar; but they
cannot get it to the mill
only about half fast enough.
Mr. M. is at Libue now; Mr.
Smith superintends the
cutting of the cane.

I am sorry that your clock
did not reach you in

perfect order. I shall
wish to hear about it
again, whether it improves
or not.

Our bees are not doing
well. We commenced the
year with 5 swarms. One
of them has perished; so
that now we have only 4.

Two swarms have come
out; but they went back
without settling. Prob-
ably the queens were not
smart enough to get to
the appointed place. We
found the first queen.
She had fallen to the
ground. It is possible

that the dragon flies
have caught one, or 2
queens, this season, for
they are darting about
the hives.

Friday. We rec'd a letter from
Samford yesterday. He was
well, & much interested
in his studies, & in Pres-
ident Hopkins.

I suppose that he is on
his last term at college
now. What course he
will pursue, I know
not. He had not decided
when he wrote. He is
seeking guidance from
above.

B. & C. know nothing about
that box; but they say
that they will inquire of
Capt. Finney, what he
knows about it.

Love to you all.

Yours,

S. J. Cole,

The clock is done
up in paper. I think
is about the same size
as ours. A man or
woman, going to Wai-
oli on foot, might
carry it safely.

The insurance, freight
& duties on the clock
are \$1.25

I hope that you
will soon have it
safe in your house;
& that it will prove
an excellent time
keeper.

