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In this issue:

Thomas Winton Fisher, September 3, 1862:

... So there is no chance to come home the Col. says till we get back again. I am not sure that I will go yet, for I have no shoes, mine are worn out, and there is none here to draw. ... (page 11)

October 4, 1862: The boys are all as mischievous as usual. The only complaint is they dont get letters enough.... James Harrell says if he dont soon get one he intends to write a great long one and take it home and let his wife read it and then bring the answer back then he was sertain he would get one. (page 15)

James Patton Preston, September 12, 1831: I see much folly and insubordination in the students ridiculous serenade, but I should think that censure or suspension, would be punishment enough for such an offence. To dismiss or expell a young man from College is a punishment little short of the Penitentiary or death.... Besides it is the deepest wound upon parental hopes that can be endured ... (page 33)

Bottom Creek:

In the far eastern corner of Montgomery County, cloistered atop Poor Mountain, rests The Nature Conservancy's Bottom Creek Gorge Preserve. Now the emblem of humankind's efforts to preserve diversity of nature, the preserve also harbors the fading remains of an isolated mountain community.... (Jim Crawford, page 37)

William P. Hickman, June 26, 1854: The rheumatism took hold of me last fall pretty strongly; but I commenced the first of November taking a cold bath every morning; ... I have several times broken the ice, & gone in when the mushy ice woul sweap down my sides. I am very advantagiously situated as the creek is only about fifty steps from the house. It is not as disagreeable as one would suppose.... (page 65)

December 20, 1858: Had you left ten or twelve years ago & purchased in this country as I wanted you, you would have bettered your condition very much. But it is now too late for that here, as land has more than doubled in that time. The rail road has wrought wonders here. There is some pretty good land now for sale... for which I have understood 26 dollars per acre is asked. (pages 70-71)