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CONTINUATION OF LETTER WRITTEN BY H.M. LYNN TO MATTIE SIMPSON IN JUNE, 1861

him that the enemy after tearing down the seccion flag had returned to Cario. So ended our battle of the 12th of June. We were kept in supense for three hours and a half. Every one confidently believed that a fight this morning by eight o'clock was a certain fact. Many and varied no doubt were the thoughts of the eight thousand men thus drawn up in line. Who did I think of most? Whose letter had I just read and when did I expect to hear from that loved one again? You said in your letter you hoped I would not get the first letter, but I did get it and I am glad of it. Why you said so I do not know. You said in your next taht you loved symathy and I would like to know who is more capable of sympathizing with you than I am. I assure you that the truth from you as regards

you own sadness can never make me more anxious about you than I would be if you did not give such information. I know that if you regard me as I believe you do, you must be at times sad. You told me of ma's visit to your house. No doubt you felt "kinder plagued" as John Elmore used to say It "kin der plagued" me to hear about it. You told me I must write often to my ma, I had already written. I love her very much and expect to write as often as I can. She ought to be satisfied to know that I am well and doing well. If I was not, she would soon hear about it. I hope you and Proffessor will have no serious difficulty. I fear neither his charm nor his wrath. The one is powerless and he dares not put the promplings of the other into execution. I

hope he may succeed better in storming old Abraham's forts than he has in making

love to my sweetheart. I hope too that all of you who have sweethearts in the army will be cheerful and not cry all the time and that those who tease you about such things will soon be in the army where they ought to be. You need never fear of such little occurances as yours and the professors ever giving me the least anxiety; "Never think that I doubt thee I know the truth remains." Sam Moore, the singing school teacher, and the man that took your likeness at Bloomington, are both here in our company. John Malone is in our regiment. Billie Homes was up here vesterday and joined our company. Charlie has written to Billie to come home and join us. I hope he will. Frank Courier, the fellow that came into church drunk at Clopton

along with Smith the Sabbath evening that you were over there.

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your own "Gridley"

P.S. There was about three thousand Cairoites came down to Columbus to get one poor little flag. They are still fighting in Va.

Gridley

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Randolph, Tenn. August 11, 1861

Dear Mattie

I am again upon the sail of old Tennessee It was quite unexpected to me and I know it will be to you. I am here, but know not how long. I will stay. We left New Madrid vesterday evening, but I understand the order has been coun termanded and the talk is that we will all go directly back again. We did not know untill we landed here where we were going. Our Colonel himself did not. I hope we will get to stay here long enough to see you all. I have been quite well since I left you I received your dear loving letter by the hands of charlie It is not possible for me to

think more about you: or to love you any more than I do. I long to be with you. I will notice your letter more in my next when I have more times. Although it was worsten when you were sad and long ly afforded me a peculiar happiness to read for there is nothing so lovely as love basted in tears. I will send you this by the hands of Mr. Hill. We may leave in two hours, but if we stay here come and see me. I wish you saw me writing this goodby once more

Yours most devoselly

"Gridley

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CONTINUATION OF LETTER WRITTEN BY MATTIE SIMPSON LYNN TO H.M. LYNN ON AUGUST 25, 1861

Communciations was stooped between Richmond & Mannassas though she was denied that priviledge, yet she can tell us some very interesting stories about her troubles & Virginia. Vindie has a great deal to say about her wealthy widower beau that she caught at the springs of Mr. Tucker, lives near Somerville, only one child & she is an accomplished lady. She has carried me through the catechism about Charlie & all the rest of you. She was inclined to talk over our past pleasures, our walk to the graveyard that Saturday evening, then to church that night, our fishing party, our Blomington trip, the exibition evening & night & every other little pleasant word or occurance that we remembered so well & are ever fresh in memory. How then I must tell her how Grid looked and what he said. I commenced with your arrival on Saturday evening & closed with your departure on Wednesday. Sunday night we came very near not going to sleep at all & last night we was not much better and this morning Mrs. Miller sent for her & we was sorry to part for we had not or more than made a good beginning. Vindie was very much surprised when I told her

Charlie had never rec'd but one letter from her. Said she had written often to him & also to me & I know no letter came for me save one that she penned at Richmond. Bettie Payne & Pomp also staid with us Sunday night. Pomp was so kind as to be my escort to church. I wished then that it was you, how differently I should have felt. Mr. Cummins & Mr. Ninford slso took supper with us that evening. And I must tell you something little funny. The laughter and said that Dr. Carr had ruined him in preaching the very sermons that he had prepared for the occasion that was a little singular that they should both selected the same text. Mr. Winford preached offtened & some of his old sermons & comforted himself by saying Dr. Carr done justice to both sermons, was more capable of doing so than he was. The ladies of this country are actively & earnestly engaged now in the soldiers cause. A few days ago the ladies of Potersville & surrounding Vicinity met at our church & organized under the name of Southern Confederacy Aid Society. Mrs. McDill

was elected President, MRs. Lou Banks, Vice-President, Miss Em Wright, Secretary, Mrs. Hindman, treasury. Betty D. & Beff with others beggars. Eliza Simington wrote out the resolutions & brought them

before the society. The President arose & said she would sustain the motion that these resolutions be received & the seconded the motion herself. Look out for I think our aid society will be in the papers for it ought to be for it would be so interesting & satisfying to all other ladies (laugh just as much as you please but don't for your life tell it). They have already enough to fill the boxes, one for well soldiers & the other for the hospital. Have also had a similar meeting at Salem Church. Mr. Wilson presided over theirs; they gave very liberally beside clothing, made fifty dollars in money. The ladies have met for this purpose at the following places: Bloomington, Mountain, Covington, Clopton and Mt. Zion. The women love the soldiers and they will prove that they do by their labours before very long. Captain Hill's company left last thursday. They was sorry to leave, but if all reports are true the people that lived near Clopton was glad. They left a large supply of jugs & bottles. Some person brought Rhodes a hamper basket of flasks & said they would not be missed from there. They only drank ten barrels of whisky according to reports besides a daily jug & bootle supply. Wonder what they will do now for a drink.

Marsh Elmore came by to tell us goodbye. We was all so sorry. None that i've seen leave appeared so much affected. He could not say anything, but with his soldier hankerchief to his face all saturated with tears; he shook hands and took his departure.

I then thought if satan was to get old Lincoln for a whole eternity, he could not more than repay him for all the suffering. sorrow & distress that he has been the means of bringing on the people of both North & South by waging this unjust & unholy war.

Last Sabbath we heard that you was at Columbus & I do believe it revived some to hear it, although you was no nearer home, but because it is thought to be a more healthy country not so low & damp as Missouri. It is the opinion od some that we will lose both Missouri & Kentucky but I hope not though it would be much better if they are so divided & the union party the stongest to just quietly withdraw without making such a great sacrafice of precious lives and contend for those states that are united. How do you all feel on neutrality soil? How much better

for Kentucky to have gone with us at first, Her neutral position will only cause her to be the battleground.

Once I did not think we would be invade, but now I think

Gridley: I will tell you just How I feel about you & all of the boys. ------ & move more than any of the confederate soldiers, but perhaps them that know best can see what is for the best. For my life I cannot see much advantage in pursing such a course.

Saturday: I sit and wonder this evening how you are; if you have got well or how sick you might be again this time.
But I hope you are better & not sick at all this evening. But, Good bye for the present.

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CONTINUATION OF LETTER WRITTEN BY H.M. LYNN BETWEEN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 1861.

indeed a laborious job as there was but few of us to do it. It was rumored there that one of Capt. John's company had fallen off the cars somewhere between Brownsville and Memphis. It is probable that it is so. He is missing and was known to be drinking pretty freely that night. I saw Charlie while we were loading, but had no time to have any conservation with him. I think he is improving. I hope he will soon be with us. We left Memphis about three o'clock and passed Randolph about twelve in the night, but it was so dark, I could see nothing. We landed at Tiptonville about fifteen miles below here and took on all our regments. Stephens had just about twenty minutes before we got there. There we reached here about five o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday. Although we were considerably crowded and the boat very heavily loaded, this part of our trip was very pleasant compared with the rest. I had a fine nights rest on the boat. I took my blanket about me and lay down on hurricane deck and slept as soundly and sweetly as I ever did in my life. If peace was declared and I had select company, I think I would enjoy a steamboat tour very much. I shall never enjoy one though until I have the satisfaction of knowing the one and the privalige of making the other.

It is said there are seventeen regiments here. There may be that many and there may be twice that number, but I have no knowledge of more than eight or ten and I was around a good deal yesterday.

They are fortifing here. They have about two hundred negros at work and about fifty Irishmen. Some eight or ten spies are hard at work. They were taken by ou cavalry. They are out as scouts and picket-guard all the time. They were in eight miles of Cairo last Saturday and burnt down a bridge about two hundred yards long. It is reported that Birds Point is evacuated and that the troops have retired to Cape Girardeau, which is about fourty-five miles from here. Much is said about our advancing, but I think the probabilities are that we will stay at least for a short time. We should make our attacks as quick as possible while the enemy is weak and dispirited on account of their terrible defeat at

Manassas, but for us do march now, while it is so excessively hot, it would endanger the lives our own troops. Gen. Cheatham has gone out about two miles from the river to find a suitable place for encampment. That would seem like we were going to stay here a little while at least. Gen. Polk & Gov. Jackson are both here.

I wrote the foregoing without knowing whether I would send it off or not. I have not learned how we will get our letters yet. They will come from Memphis, if they come that far. Try and send me one.

I am very anxious to hear from you and hope to hear from you very often, but I am afraid the advance is going to be very bad. Give my love to all the friends. My heart best wishes to you. Goodbye once more.

Your most devotely "Gridly"

My Dear Mallie Row welcome let-Ler of the Q 5 th holl vame to have last Thirday. I had begun to think it. was a long line tacturen feasts. you will perhaps begin to think I am gethard when I till you I have been sich und mable to write a quant part of the line I have been unwell for about in days. I am beller today your letter cheered, me very much, but could not make me well. We left New Madries tast Inesday and got to this place Thurs day night We come by a trambast to Hickman, and from thence to this place vis Momion bity by Hail Road Our droops from Ca & took possession of This place on Westersday, the day we landed at the Hickman If hey had get here a

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Columbus, Ky Sept. 9, 1861

My dear Mattie:

Your welcome letter of the 25th August came to hand last Friday. I had begun to think it was a long time between feasts. You will perhaps begin to think I am geting very slow, but you will not think hard when I tell you I have been sick and unable to write a great part of the time. I have been unwell for about ten days. I am better today. Your letter cheered me very much, but could not make me well We left New Madrid last Tuesday and got to this place Thursday night. We came by steamboat to Hickman and from thence to this place via Union City by railroad. Our troops from U.C. took possession of this place on Wednesday, the day we landed at Hickman. If they had got here a

few hours sooner, they could have cut off two of the enemy gunboats. They had come down to Hickman, I suppose to learn something of our movements. They anchored and fired upon them. Two of our batteries returned the fire and it was not long-fortunately too for themselves until they took up anchor and left for a more congenial line. The shots of both fell short. No body was hurt. If they had remained long enough there our batteries from U.C. would have cut off their retreat. Our forces are coming in very fast. There is I suppose from what they say about twenty thousand in all. Gen. Jeff Thompson was here with

about three thousand of his troops. Yester-day was quite a busy day. A little after sunrise one of our batteries let loose our"dog of war" upon one of the enemy's gunboats. Some ten or twelve shots were exchanged which ended as did the firing at Hickman.

Old Jeff Thompson crossed the river with his men and went to protect some five hundred men and some stores that he had coming to this place. He will return, I supposed as soon as he comes up with them. Our boys are all ready to meet the Yankees whenever they come. If they will wait a few days longer, I think with the justness of our cause and the natural advantages of the place, we could stand against the whole world combined. Nature has furnished us with a better fortifi cation than we could have made in twelve months. There is a high hill which extends all around the place. I would like to write more but I can not at present. You said I must do most of the writing. I hope it may not be so, just for my sake write often and risk their coming. They tell us that our letters go free. I would like to know if they do. Your letters will come, no matter where we go.

If you only direct them to me, Company C, 9th Reg't Tenn. Vol. care of the quartermaster. If you know the name of place you can put it on too, but they will come without it. They then come through the quartermaster at Memphis. Excuse me for the present write soon, give my love to all, but reserve as much as you want for yourself.

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Oct. 20

Mr. Cummins came up this morning and preached for us today and will preach again for us tonight. The day has passed off very pleasant. It has seemed more like Sabbath than any day I have spent for some time. There is nothing of interest here since I wrote youy last. Some of our cavalry over in Missouri had a little tilt with the enemy on the 14th, but it amounted to very little. There is many rumors in camp as to what we are going to do. Many of them very contradictory; one that we are going to leave in a few days, then again that we are going to be stationed here. We will know I supposed when it comes but not before. Mr. C. said today that he was going down to Porterville Wednesday. I wonder what for? My regards to all friends. Most Affectionately Yours "Gridley"

I will send this by Mr. Cummins. T.W. Payne is sick and has been for some time. He is trying to get a furlough. Mr. Jno Pipkin of Hills Cavalry died yesterday morning and was sent home last night.

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chain of breastworks and rifle pits. There is no small fortifications along the r.r. between those hills and the depot. The road itself will answer for the protection of infantry in case the enemy should outflank us and come on us in that way. We have three gunboats here from New Orleans and it is reported that the Turtle and a floating batery of 26 guns will be here soon. If they were here I think we might tell the Yankees to come ahead, we are ready. We have been reinforced by four or five regiments. I think I can say safely that we can hold the place now against an assault of 100,000 men. And if our generals elsewhere are worth anything, they will relieve us before they could take us by seige. We have provision enough to last us three or four months. Some apprehend a fight before long. It is founded in the report and similar ones which you mentioned in your letter. Every few days a deserter or two comes in and tells all such stories. The one you mentioned came first from one of them. One come in today and tells they have all been saved for their lives expecting us all up there ever since our gunboats came here and that there is not more than 15000 men there if that and that most of them have been sent to protect St. Louis against Price & McCullouck.

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and are not with the reg't now. We do not know whether we will have to remain at this post or go back to the reg't. I have been detailed work in the labratory every day and consequently have no time to write now, only at night. As it is getting late, you must excuse your Gridley for the present. Charlie told me to tell you he sympothises very much with the Home Guards, but he would like to turn up his thump at some of them just about now. Give my regards to Windie, Lois ant the family.

Yours most devotley Gridley

P.S. Johnson, M.C. Glad, Wm McD, and Leroy Smith have all been unwell, but are all mending.

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Idelewild, Tenn Nov 20th/61

My dear Gridley:

A melancholy soolness pervades my mind when I adress you whom I love devotely and yet hope to see again, but the thought will rise perhaps forever more For now I realize and feel the great danger that you are exposed to more than I ever have. When I think of the battle of the 7th inst., I feel that I have great reason to be thankful. For why was you preserved, whilst others were slain who were near and dear to others as you are to me. When I first heard of the battle. I heard correctly about it and that your regt was not engaged. The news surprises me some and excited me more than any news I've ever heard since the war began. If I had known you was in so much danger on that day, I should have been very unhappy. Now I think it is best for one that remain ignorance until suspense is bad enough but reality is or must be worse I read your kind and interesting letter of 11th last Thursday. I never was so anxious to hear from you or rather to read a letter from you for I felt assure that you could tell me about the battle and so we realized my expectations whilst I read of those incidents in heart rendering scenes, the tears almost simmered my eves in the desire of my heart was oh! that this unnatural and unrighteous war would cease. For it is awful to think that men of the same nation professing the same religion, brother and old friends, all are now arrayed against each

other in deadly conflict. There will be many a tear shed upon the battlefields over the corpses of the beloved brothers and old friends. I was so anxious to hear Mr. Elmore talk that I had to go to see him. He and the family told me many interesting things about the battle and all of you soldiers. Almost everyone here regards it a very dear bought victory for us. Mr. H. Thrushman thought he was in another battle on Friday night after he got home, it thundered very loud and he almost jumped out of the bed. Mrs. H. inquired what was the matter. He replied, they are fighting again. Last Friday was observed as a day of thanksgiving fasting in prayer by almost all of the white folks and part of the negroes. We all attended Salem, the house was crowded equal to a communion season and Mr. Wilson preached us a most excellent sermon, at the close of it, there was an hour spent in prayer and praise and reading of the scriptures. John Strong is quite sick has called in Dr. Dixon. Payne is still sick, I don't know whether he is or not how sick. Mr. Payne's eves are very sore again. Jane Strong is improving.

Can sit up a part of the time. Grandmother Thompson is gradually getting weaker. There is but little hope of her every recovering. I recd two letters from Gindie Fost-alay, she was well but said she was almost crazy when she heard of the battle for she could not hear who was engaged in it. She laid all of the blame on Pillow. Said she could give his old head a good knocking for his contrarioness and not telegraphing. She says they have a 160 of the wounded there. Mr. H. Smith tried to plow one fast day, first asked me the news said he thought I ought to be posted when I had a good war correspondent in the army.

He then remarked that the young ladies of this neighborhood had _____ together had monopolized Captain Wood's company and would all marry together. I told him I feared he would be disappointed for there might a bombshell break up our arrangements yet.

The thought, not the prayers, of the women would be the means of preserving you one and all. I love to hear the smart or intelligent man talk, but Mr. Smith is too fast for one. I will acknowledge. Yesterday Lois and I spent with your Aunt Margaret, we agreed to meet there just to have a long chat about _____ in Gridley.

I can not tell what we said for it would take more paper than I have at present.

Monday the report came that there was a battle commenced at Columbs on Saturday and the yankees they have possession of the town. Brother Sam brought the news from Peter. I never had anything to give me such a shock. Just for a few momnets you was my first thought and next our state would be invaded but after a few moments reflection I could not think was true yet it made me gloomy and sad. I had intended to write to you that night but because of my feelings deferred it thinking I would know the truth again tonight. I have a letter for Charlie that was sent to me. Enclosed is my letter. I kept it for the same reason. Tell him he must not censur me if his news is old for I knew if Columbus was taken and one and all of you was either prisoners or corpes. This evening another report came of 50,000 being at Cairo and the same number at Paducah that would march down on Columbus soon. I hope many will not come. I feel they will be too strong for our force. Thought tonight not to doubt for if God be for us they can not gain the ascendency.

Jim Moore or Shakespeareand Johnson McAnd called and took dinner with us last week. We had a pleasant time conversing. Jimmie Dickson came Saturday night and remained until Monday morning. It will perhaps be his last visit as they wish to get off soon. They have to uniform themselves, when they can, and yet guns in the county and they are scarce. They have so many hindrances that they

progress very slowly. Their uniform is brown, jeans trimmed with black have named their co. The Sons of Liberty.

We met with cousin Roland week before last in Memphis. He was taken from Columbus to the Memphis hospital where he laid two weeks when his father came after him and carried him home where he remained until able to return and was on his way to Bowling Green when Pa seen him.

Well Gridley, it is now getting late and I must also.

Well Gridley, it is now getting late and I must close. Jimmie has been writing to slow but has quit for the night and thinks I ought to. Write to me whenever you can. For the time appears long if I do hear from you often. Do not think I'm unreasonable but be charitable. Bettie D. sends love to you. She is kind is sitting up with us for company.

Much love for you and affectionate good night from your Mattie

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Dearest Gridley:

This is sabbath morning and I am at brother Sam's and have no church to attend and thought I would spend a short time in talking with you, for as I shall think of you often and I cannot feel that it will be wrong to pen a few of any thoughts. I rec'd your last letter last thursday, the perusual of it afforded me a world of pleasure. Your nonsense as you term it, is very agreeable to me and has made me feel quite happy. Your love is a theme which I can never weary of and which can never become an "old song". And don't spect that I intended any hint for I never thought of such when I said what I did, just was thinking of myself and felt a little ashamed of some past letters...But this passion called love Ive learned by experience is hard to control I sometimes resolve that it shall not yield such powers but such resolutions are unavailable And I am compelled to confess that you are indeed the beloved of my soul.

I am living in the world surrounded by those that I am under obligation to. I feel my duties are try to cheerfully perform them all. Yet I sometimes fail and lose sight of all these things and seem only to think of you; nevertheless I strive to conceal my feelings and often their a smiling countenance with a sad heart. I do so for the happiness of those around me and for several other reasons, the chief one is because I know that my sacrafice is very great, thoughI scarcely ever feel disposed to murmur, for it is the lot of many very many who are much more deserving than unworthy me. And when I contrast your sacrafice with mine, I then think I ought never to murmur for I have yet a peaceful home and many priviledges which I ought to be thankful for which you do not enjoy, but the reverse is your portions and though you are so surrounded with wickedness vet I hope you have put on the whole armour of God and through his grace you may be able to stand as a good and faithful soldier of the cross

against the wiles of the enemy souls

I heard that John McKnight was home sick. I would like to see him and hear him talk, but don't much expect he will call on us. I sent a letter and paper by John Wilkins. I think he will make a noble soldier after some experience. Two of Brouder's company are home now, Pomp & J.D. They dined with us last sabboth, camp life has improved them some in apperance. Bruce HII has been home too, he has been quite fortunate much against the will of some of his company. First Lieut in the company. Linda spent a night with me week before last. She was very cheerful and well. The war does not appear to affect her very much, she wished me to remember respects to you. Told me she had quite a gay and merry Christmas in Memphis and she enjoyed herself so much that she only thought of past pleasures a few times during the week But a visit to Idelwild brought old scenes and pleasures fresh to memory. I heard the other day that seventy of Wood's company had acepted of the sixty days furlough and re enlisted for the war and I wondered

who that seventy were. Since that news came We heard two young ladies say they believed they would apply for a discharged from the army for thats too long for them to enlist. Well I must tell you I am inclined to believe that a certain nice clever home guard has some idea of paying his kind attentions to sister Bettie. D. though I may be mistaken. Well, Gridley, I sincerely hope you will get home, not so much from selfish motives though I do wish to see you. Yet I think you would enjoy a visit home. It appears like a long long time since I seen yoy. I must stop for this time. excuse brevity again perhaps I can write this week, you can address the letter to Brother Sam office, as I expect to stay here for several days. So goodbye as ever your devotedly Mattie

Gridley if you cannot write this week, don't direct to Aragona next week.

Jan 23'n 1862. My Gear Maltie Abstrough it is but Jour days since I wrote to you? an not willing for such a good ofparlimite of sending a letter to your to pays unimprovedy still you mustand expect me to tell you any thin new War be for long for a little from agan of sent my bast by old Mor Page and am ansaous to hear whether you gut it or not To, I gave it and and of his own to him and Nolds him To hand them to the persons addressed on in the office which he said not get them to understands atat last & quest it will all the sight. Ino Mo has returned to camp and is looking much thether than when Textiff of W Thompson came with him

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My dear Mattie:

Although it is but four days since I wrote to you I am not willing for such a good opportunity of sending a letter to you to pass unimproved. Still you must not expect me to tell you anything new. I am be---- to long for a letter from you again. I sent my last by old Mr. Page and am anxious to hear whether you got it or not. R.P. gave it and one of his pwn to him and told him tohand them to the persons addressed or -----in the office which he said ----not get him to understand at first and he was fearful he did not at last. I quess it will all be right. Jno Mc has returned to camp and is looking much better than when he left. J.d. Thompson came with him.

He is quite jovial and tells me all the good things about you he can. He suceeded in plaguing me about you which I can say is the first, that it has been done since I came out, I can not tell you how it was, but I assure you it was not by any fair means. He tells us a good deal about a young tanner; and also some funny tales about Gladney. He says he has not been to see ---- myranda yet. I wonder if it is so. I left my boarding house yesterday and came back to the company to stay. I will continue to work though where I was. I have already----you something of the charecter---men I had to associate with there. I witness their bicentiousness and high handed wickedness as long as I

could stand it. I feel myself fortunate in leaving when I did, for

if I had been there last night, I would have had to be a witness against some of them in a case of theft. Three of them stole several large boxes of merchandise consisting principally of brandy, wine ect. They soon got drunk on their spirits and were caught by the police in the act of opening some of the boxes. One of them was in the same house where I had to stay. They are now in the guard house where they should have been long before. More of them are no better than those that were caught, although they had nothing to do with last night work as it ----. Although they treated me ---- so kindly as I could wish where I staved in the house. I hope they may all meet their rewards. The excitement here ocasioned by the floating rumors has all subsided as they were all illfounded.

I am beginning to hope that our goverment will soon be reorganized and that we may never have a battle here, nor many elsewhere. However I am afraid to let my hope become very strong. The proposition of Congress for the reinlistment of twelve months troop for two years has been before some of the regiments here and I understand that a great many in some of them are accepting it. It has not been before our regiment yet. I am determined not to reinlist now; it will depend upon circumstances when my time is out. I wish to remain at home awhile, then if I live. I have no idea how many of "our boys" will reinlist. I think patriotism of some of them at least has considerably cooled. Write soon, Mattie.

My affectionate regards to all. My purest and dearest love to yourself.

Yours in the strongest bonds of affection H.M.L.

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Home Sabbath Evening May 11th/62

My dear husband:

I will spend a few moments of this quiet evening in penning you a few words knowing that a line from me and home would be some comfor to you and as there are some going from the neighborhood, I remembered my promise to you. Last week appeared rather long. A lonely sad feeling was often insued. Though we passed through much better than I expected and I feel truly thankful that I have thus far been enabled to bear your absence with some degree of fortitude. But as long as your absence, so long will my trail last. So ever, remember me in your petitions for I feel that I need much grace to bear me through these trying days and hours of seperation. For now, already I find myself often musing, when shall these dark days end and my hearts desire and prayer id for the hastening on of the happy time when war shall cease and peace again prevail.

I feel anxious to hear from you to know whether you all made a safe trip as we heard that you had to go on the freight train. I was sorry you could not get on the other for as you had not been exposed any. I feared it might give you a cold, perhaps make you sick. How do you feel? As well as you did when you left home. Tell me all the truth for I would rather know just exactly how your health is. Your ma came over to see me last friday. Brought Mag and Matt with her. Her visit done me a great deal of good. I am certainly bless in having the sympathy of two such good mothers. It is so much comfort to me to know they feel for me. If I get a letter from you this week I am to go to see ma for she is also wishing to hear from you. They were all well as usual. Jinnie and Bettie D. got back yesterday evening. They had a nice visit. In going round they went to the hospital that is now established near the depot on a small hill. most of them are Price's men who are sick with different kinds of diseases. The girls hearts here touches

by their sufferings said the majority of the sick

were young boys. There has been quite a number of the sick soldiers sent out in the country near

the railroad. Ebenezer church over Beaver Creek

has been turned into a hospital. Country people I believe will attend to them better than city folks. Billie Wilson and Press Simonton were sent home from Lagrange, got here last Friday. Press is right sick now. Jim went to see him yesterday; thinks he has typhoid fever, though it might have been the fatigue of his journey that caused fever. Jinnie came home with a severe cold which will in all probability make her sick, yet as it is no better to say. Ma is some better I think than she was when you left. The rest of us are well as usual. Old Jeff Thompson with our great gun boats took a short pull with the Yankee gun boats vesterday morning, so we hear today he crippled and sunk one, we did not learn our loss. We heard the report of the guns and knew it was an engagement by there being such a continueal firing. It made one feel so bad to hear what little I did hear. It is rumored that there was a seven hour engagement brought on by Price last Thursday at Corinth. If that be true that

is only the commencement for I almost fear to hear from the

next battle that is fought there. Some fear we ride

to your home and those who love you so dearly.

Last night I got to dreaming about you, when I woke I had Jinnie hand clasped in mine and my head close in her bosom.

and was so sure that it was you that my disappointment was as great, so that it made me weep. When I fully realized you were far away sleeping upon your blanket with the hard earth for a bed. Though our living together as husband and wife was so short duration that I sometimes now can hardly realize it as being so, for it often seems more like a pleasant happy dream than a reality. Yet I know it

is a reality and I feel it is hard for me to live without you. I think I could appreciate a loving look, a kind word

......before for I miss my affectionate husband.
You must write often to me while you can for I shall long to hear often. Mr. Stevenson speaks of going tomorrow. Write by him if you can. Tell how you are getting on and the news too, for we hear nothing much from Corinth now. I have made you something like unto a haversack, perhaps it will answer if you can get no better. If you have one, give this to someone who has none. Have you any knapsacks, did you find your blankets or have you only one? I must close, mother and sisters join me in much Love to you, I remain your most affectionatly,

Mattie Lynn

I went to sunday school today, carried the Bible you gave me for the first time. I felt lonesome going by myself.

Does the boys plague you about getting married.

Burn up this for if any of the boys was to find it they would torment you some.

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My dear Gridley:

I had longed and expected a line from you until I had become almost weary and was growing low in spirits because I could not hear from you though I felt confident you had written and the mail was only slow. Yesterday I rec'd both of your letters and was so glad to get them. They cheered and comforted my heart more than I can express to you while you are away. Kind affectionate encouraging letters will as much toward contenting and reconcilcing one to bear your absence and I often now think how shall I live if we are denied this inestimable privileages. Ma's letter was sent out to me and I send it with my first to her. She was getting anxious to hear from you. I expected to go over there last week, but was not well enough, had sore throat slightly all week and this week thus far has been damp and rainy and has kept me from venturing out. Mother and Jinnie have gone down to see Pressily Simonton, he is very sick and its thought unless a change takes place very soon, he will die. If he does his loss will

be great both to church and country for Presslys are scarce. Bob Glass died Monday night. He poor fellow never knew he was at home, though he knew his friends and every one that would go in, but being moved so often during his sickness must have caused him not to know home. We understood Billie Wilson was very bad sick too. Don't know whether he is thought to be dangerous. Charles Strong, Bob McCulloug and Wm Wiley are all home sick; their friends were glad to get them home I know. Mother rec'd a letter from Sam last week and we replied to it. Lizzie gets letters from him often; the last stated he was not very well. I hope if he does get sick he will get home; for the thought of you or him getting into one of those hospitals is something but a pleasant one for I've got to think the sick often dies or suffer for the wantof proper attention. I rec'd a letter from Cousin Rolanus sister vesterday stating pretty much that you told one that he was in the battle. I want you to find him. When you do remember my love to him, tell him to write to one as I would like

to hear from him now. Cousin Sallie is down om our Memphis papers for not giving the Arkans boys no credit for fighting in the battle for says she

they done the fighting whilst the Tenn boys never run but in the right direction right towards the enemy. Bettie D. never heard a word from Bob. His Captain's name is Carson; his Colonel Tlead; 30th Regt; perhaps you may find some one that may know something concerning his fate. D.D wounded cousin she thinks will hardly ever recover. If he does will never be fit for service anymore. We have our cotton dresses in the loom at last; they loo right nice. Bess rec'd Billie's nice letter and will answer it soon. Linda is now at Mr. Miller's; she perhaps never had got the letters as she has been at Bob's. You know I have not seen her yet. I think perhaps all things will vet come out straight, as he is Captain, that will have a great influence. Tom was fixing for a trip to Richmond on special business last account we had of him. We not seen Lois since you left. Archy's parents were much distressed about him and of course his girl was poor fellow I wish he could get to come home once more

Provided you are satisfied there. I'm very will for you to be in the ordance department for I think you will fare better there than in the army. Our folks are through planting corn: some fears are entertained about wheat crops as there is some rust though it is not known yet whether it will prove injurious. We would hope it will not. Well, Gridley, Ma has returned with the sad news of Pressily cannot live. This truely a distressing time in our community now on account of death and sickness of loved ones. All can sympathize with one another if none knows how soon they mall be called to pass through like herearements. As I have written enough for this time for though I always love to write to you, Yet, I find my wordsthis morning fail for I cannot write to you as I wish nor feel. Ma and sisters join me in much love to you. Write to me often as you can for I think of you almost constantly and dearly love to hear from you. Your love and sympathy is I feel a rich inheritance one that I could not well live without under present circumstances.

came by and brought my letters which was more than he done for others. He never called no halt in town & has so little news to tell that some conclude he was sworn. The rumor here is that Wood after being defeated for Colonel came back to the company & run for Capt. Tell if it is so. No more, but goodbye.

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It is now evening and as usual I am thinking about you and would wish if it were not vain to wish that you was here to sit by my side and talk to me as you have done in days that are now numbered with the past. Happy days of the past. How memory clings to them and often I long to live them over again. But still I try to hope on, often cheering myself with the hope that the future has many happy days yet in store for us. Through the kindness of Mr. Stevenson I rec'd your last dear letter which I was expecting and was very glad to get it. although it had only been two days since I had read two letters from you. Yet, I cannot hear from you too often. You were in camp that evening far away thinking of the last sabbath vov spend at home with me. Whilst I was at home in body but my mind was rendering with you. Sabbath is always my best time to think. This true I generrally try to read, but I find it verv hard to keep my thoughts upon what I try to read; cannot even when not always in reading the bible.

Lizzie and the children are here, brings a letter from Sam date 22nd stating he was well and no battle came vet. We was relieved to hear he was well for we feared he was going to be sick. I would rather Sam could get home to his family, but if he remains I would like for both of you to be together. I wish you to exercize your own will and judgement about being orderly. But as you wished to know what I think about it I will tell you. My fears are the office would be laborious more than your strength would or could perform without injury to your health. There is one thing about the ordnance department I do not like because I know you dislike it is being seperated from all of the boys of your acquaintance. Do not let my thoughts on the subject influence you. Do what you think will be for the best. Though I feel best satisfied about you when I think you are not exposed to night air & rain, shot and shell ect. I went last Friday to see ma carried you letter. She was glad to hear from you. They were all well.

Saturday, we all went to see Sallie In the evening I came home feeling a little lonely as I both went and come alone, which would

of cource caused me to think of who wnt with me when I was there last. Whilst I was there it appeared as if everything reminded me of the past and of you and when night come on I felt like you ought to be there. I looked down the pretty lane with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain. Our evening walks were fresh and pleasant. Then the question arose would we ever again be permitted to see each other and or to walk hand in hand the pathway of life. But, I must stop or else you will think I am very sad which I do not wish you to think for I'm trying to be cheerful, praying for a heart resigned submissive meek for whatever is God's will concerning us. Ma said your blue blanket was there and could be sent to you if you wished it. Charlie Strong was some better last I heard. Bob McCullough is very sick. Elbert page is thought to be getting well as usual. I feel like young folks this week more than I did last

Friday. It is now almost time to retire. You must excuse my short letter for I have written in great haste. The only war news we have is the Yankees have demanded the surrender of Pillow. Cannot tell you whether it is true or not. Pa says tell you Sam & he is coming to see you after harvest. All send love to you. Hoping to hear from you soon. I must now close by saving God is our hope and in him let us trust. He is very present help in time of need. Let his word be the insin of our counsel and our guide and the closet place of sweet communion with him and he will be prepared for trail and suffering and even death itself. so goodnight beloved one.

yours Mattie

Jinnie has recd one letter from Glad. Mr. stevens son

My love to Cousin Calvin so goodby Your affectionately

Mattie Lynn

Thursday Morning: Pressily died yesderday evening much to the sorrow of all of his friends, his ma in particular. Charlie Strong fever has been on the increase since his return home. Some fear he will be pretty bad. It is time to stop, Pa is going to town. Two more days your term of enlistment will be out, how I wish you & all of the boys could get home, but tis no use to.. so good bye dear boys

Federal bombed & shot whole of last evening at Fort Pillow; the first gun we've heard since Old Jeff's scrimmage.

War news is afloat in rumors such as Vicksburg has fallen, Richmond take, Yanks leaving Corinth, our forces evacuting and lastly fight at Corinth. What is truth we hardly know.

Corinth miss may 21th 1862 My Dear Wafe of hasten to night to drop you a few lines as I will have an apportunity of sending it by hence Will Comorrow. I wrote a few words this evening, but as I died it in great hast expecting to leave evening to take overy minute. I received orders yesteday evening to take charge of a not of damaged ordnance stones but failed to get them off. I expected to go today but could not get ready. I may go in a day or two. If I do I will be gone Lowo or there days I might write much about what is going on and speculate a great deal about the future, but we are now expressly forbidden to do do by a recent order from Gen. Beauregard. All newspaper corespondents were ordered to leave on the first train, and are not allowed to stop or return within twenty five miles of our lines. We will probably have fewer rumors now than we have had heretofore. The 21 st Inst loday. It had been at the regiment ever since dabbath, I had began to think very long indeed, I had willan four and only received one. The time Seemed much Ranger from having writer so many more than I received. I know very well that my own dear list = He mattie has done her duty? I know all the time there. was one on the road for me, There is one or more There now for me; still I cannot help Thinking long sometimes. I always feel much refreshed after reading one of your letters.

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Corinth, Miss May 27th, 1862

My dear wife

I hasten tonight to drop you a few lines as I will have an opportunity of sending it by Bruce Hill tomorrow. I wrote a few words this evening, but as I did it in great hast expecting to leave every minute, I will not send it. I recieved orders yesterday evening to take charge of a lot of damage ordnance stores to be shiped to Columbus, Miss, but failed to get them off. I expected to go today but could not get ready, I may go in a dya or two. If I do I will be gone two or three days.

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Your affectionate husband H.M. Lynn

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Dear Husband:

I rec'd yours of May 27th inst last Friday and was very glad to hear from you, but was sorry to hear you was not well, but as you felt better when you wrote. I hope you are entirely well again. I feel that you and I have great reason to be thankful because of your preservation in the midst of disease and death. I also recd your letter of May 23rd last tuesday and was much revived from reading it, you have a more speedy way of conveying news to me than I have to you for I scarcely ever have an opportunity of sending letters by hand. I love to hear from you often and tis a great satisfication to me to write to you. I wrote to you last Monday, but think it doubtful whether you rec'd that letter or this one. I'm now writing for we cannot learn a word that an be relied upon from Corinth. There is some rumors abroad, one saving that oue army is falling back to Columbus, Miss., another is our army is retreating though contesting every inch of ground, has retreated six miles. So, you see ours is an unpleasant situation at present in continual suspense.

Sam wrote to jennie last week asking him or pa. one to come and see after him when the battle was over. As I think you will be more apt to escape than Sam. If you will be allowed, try to see what has become of him for situated as we now are the news may not reach us in a long time if there is a battle. Jim will go soon as we can hear something reliable. I console myself with the hope that you will not be exposed to the dangers of a battle. Bit, I know Sam, poor boy, will have to take it as it comes. I want to write to him by this mail, whether he ever will get my letter, I do not know, but I will perform my duty anyhow. Uncle Billie Wilson has had his two sons. Billie & Bob home now. Bob is very low. Scott McDill & B. Truin could be brought no farther than Somerville, McDill is there waiting on Scott, writes home. He is very sick though the doctors do not think dangerous. Brown Pickaroo could get no farther than Memphis, where he died but his corpse was interred yesterday at Salem grave yard. All other sick soldiers of our neighborhood are convalescent. Calvin Simonton arrived here last week, brings quite a sad account of the treatment of citizens from Federals. Calvin's goods were taken and divided amongst

the union men of his neighborhood. They went to Mr. Moffatt's, took out the beureau drawers, carried them out, fed their horses in them and destroyed all of Martha's nice clothings. They compel all to take the oath to support Lincoln's government even if it should be at the sacrafices of Life & prosperity, then make them swear they are not forced to take the oath, but do it of their own choice, willingby. All that do not thake the oath are imprisioned. There is certainity a day of retribution in store for such a barbarous unfeeling set of creatures. They don't deserve the name of men for they are destitude of the principles and feelings of men. Picaynue Butler's proclamation is enough to make the blood boil at fever heat in every southern's veins for it plainly tells us what we may expect if such black hearted wretches as him only have the power. Though I cannot think all Federal Generals are as Butler for I must think a majority of them would condemn such a course. If PIllow is evacuated, we will soon test the generosity and gentlemanly principles of our invading enemies. I sometimes think with David when he was given his choice to either fall into the hands of his enemies or of his God, his choice was God, because of his mercy; he is merciful, but man is often destitude of it.

I & Bettie went to Mr. Elmore last Friday to help make Marsh some clothing as I came home through town, your letter was handed me. I was riding along, reading of it, when I met your pa. We stopped and I read him a portion of it which he appeared glad to hear. They were all well as usual. Friday about noon, I took the toothache and that night I suffered greatly, scarcely sleeping any. My face swelled and high fever, was bedfast Saturday & yesterday, but feel some better today. Bess laughs at me and calls me a beauty. Jinnie has never been well since her visit to Shelby, has never got well of her cold. The rest of the family are well as usual, but are all down below zero, because we cannot hear from our boys. I wish I could get a leter from you this evening, telling me all the news. I've heard you had gone

to Columbus, but did not know whether to believe it or not. I often wish to see you and when I think how long it may be before I get to see you. It appears rather hard for me to wait pati ently. Be prudent and take all the care of yourself you can. I will still try to pray for your preservation and safe return to your home & me, I would say write but I know you will write often . You have ever been kind & thoughtful, done much to render me happy for which I love you dearly. All send much love to you. My love and best wishes attend you.

Yours affectionatly until death-Mattie

The reason I don't write to Roland is I've forgotten how to direct my letters. Is he under Hindman now? I know his regt' but not his co nor Capt.

Gridley tell me whether you need that blanket. Ma told me to ask you. I wrote about in my last, but fearing you would not get the letter, I thought it best to name it again. Tell me when you need anything, I will send you whatever you need, if it is in my power to do so, for I wish you to be comfortable as circumstances will permit; remember your Mattie in your prayers. I understood your letter, it comforted my heart so much, it was not disconnected for I well knew your meaning.

Mary Hannah's little babe was buries yesterday. It has been afflicted a long while.

Riley Wiley has been before the authorities of Fort Pillow about Confederate money, but was released. He told them he would take it as willingly as any other money; only it would not pass where he lived. The folks are scared to refuse confederate money now; it is about the best currency of all.

Punch Winn & N.B. Winchester informed me of Bob's D's death at the battle of Fort Donalson on Saturdays fight.

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Home July 12th, 1862

My Dear Gridley: I once more take my pen to write to you. There is so many things I could tell you if I could see uou and talk with you that I cannot write, fearing my letter might fall into other hands as it has to run the blockade. For several weeks after the retreat from Corinth, we could hear nothing from our army and we had almost came to the conclusion that we never would hear from our friends any more. After these weeks of suspense rumor came that the Tenn boys had been sent to South Carolina or Virginia. Just on the heels of this rumor came letters from almost all of the boys which releived, comforted and cheered the hearts of all the lovers of our boys. Sad countenances were changed to cheerful ones and there was a general reforcing and spirit of thankfullness which caused or minister on the following sabbath to render thanks in his prayer unto God for hearing from those we loved so much once more. I feel grateful to brother Sam & Charlie for had it not been for them I never should have known whether you were living or dead. I was very glad to hear from you even through their letters, but it was not like receiving one from you. My disappointment has been great and I could not but wonder why everybody could get a letter but me and could not account for it, only the way that you being some distance from the army failed to see any of the men that visit camp, but while I try to excuse war, the thought arise that you could write and leave it with some of the boys to send bt some one. All of the girls laugh at me and say if you was my sweetheart now, you would have sent a letter to me long time ago. They prove their argument by Charlie and Arch's being so punctual in writing to their girls.

We are not well. Mother is very unwell. Bettie D. has been right sick this week, and pa is conplaining. The remainder of us are well as usual. Gridley I hope you may read this letter, but my fears you will not, for I am trying to wite with a quill pen that Jim made us and he is a poor builder of pens if this is his best. We have a cousin staying with us now; Mollie Montague. She is a great talker, fine company for young folks. Your Pa's family are all well or was last sabbath. I seen them at church. I have only been over there but twice since you lest. It is a satifaction for one to go. I might say it is a painful pleasure, for I miss you more there than I do anywhere else for it appears as if everything reminds me of you. Now as I riduo and see the front windows, I think there was a time when a pair of blue eyes watched through taht window for my coming. Ma said to say when over there last, that she thought her dream was partly fullfilled, for you as we here or comparatively speaking, it is as well be in dungeons, foe we could hear nothing from you, nor no papers we get give any thing in favor of the south and I have seen several of the Yanks

I have just eat dinner and if you and Sam had just been here, I think you would have enjoyed the dinner for I expect beans, pottatoes, squashes, tomatoes & beets, blackberry and apple pie & plum preserves would be a treat to you; for you cannot get them often, I know if ever you get them at all.

Lois is I hear in good spirits, has heard from Archy and has rec'd one letter from Johnson. He has read throught his bible and went partly through his arithmetic since he has been in prision. It is general opinion that Captain Wood is prisoner. Bob Hill wrote to his father that Dave Wood of the mountain church was prisoner where he was and all other circumstances go to prove that it is our Capt. for he is missing from campand is not here. Linda has gone up to her brother Bob's. I have not had an hour chat with her since the week of our marriage. The gentleman that has a daughter up north has been and brought her home. I have only seen her at church; have not had any conversation with her at all. she says there is more men of southern sympathies there than there is Unionist here. I would quess if there is teir are very plenty indeed. Since the dropping of a few drops of ressurrection grease at Pillow & Memphis. There has been a mighting shaking of the dry loned in the valleys of Egypt and Ireland and Union Mills and the surrounding vicinity of the great city of nineteen voters.

Those who wer apparently our friends in the times of prosperity in the day of adversity have come out in open full blown colors, worse enemies than an invader. Some of our citizens have taken the oath; were so anxious they had to go to Memphis hunting it up. We have had kind of an exciting time ever since our army left Pillow and it gets worse instead of better. First it has cotton burners; their work of destruction proved very unjust as they only burned a part, making some quite poor. Then came the cotton buyers and made some men almost rich if all is gold that shines. And now somebodys are going round burning all the cotton of the speculator, whenever they find it, and I reckon all they find any where else. They are night workers; no one has any idea who they are. Mr. Strong gin house was burnt Thursday night; part of his wheat was in the house. I think it is a time now for everyone that wishes their neighbor ill to seek revenge for there is going to be a great deal done done on the credit of the Yankees and southern gurrilas. It is to be lamented that such a wicked underhanded dark spirit is abroad in this our country. And it is my fear that this is only a beginning.

Your Pa & your uncle all sold their cotton to Vandyke for 20 1/4 cents a pound in gold or yellow shining metal which if it will fare well answer every purpose. They rec'd pay at home & then delivered it at Randolph.

Major C. has turned out cotton buyer has gone up the river with a roar. His wife has rec'd a letter with no name telling her the old major was going to be killed and all his money taken soon as he returns. She is very much troubled; keeps a guard round her gin every night. She has her share of troubles and I feel sorry for her; things go contrary to her wish very often. A gentle man elder of our church is home again. I guess he is taking a birds eye view of matters. Some of his neighbors threaten to inform the Lincoln cavalry of his whereabouts, which has raised his irish ways pretty high

We looked for the Federals a long time but have not seen them yet and do care to if I keep any eyesight. Some of their soldiers took old Matt Chambers carriage & horses. He reported them; their officers punished them. That made tem seek revenge. They went back; Chambers was sick in bed, his wife invited them to come round to a window so they could talk to her husband. They came, cursed & abused C. and finally went to shooting. Mrs C. went between them and her husband, knocked up the gun until her husband ran off. Jinnie and Mrs C. sister, took a double barrelled shot gun, laid it on her sister shoulder and fired putting the whole load in the man's head and face, killing him. Jinnie friends wanted her to run off to Dorty, but she said no, she would report to their officers what she had done and did so and the Colonel commaded her for doing so. She had and we have heard they had rewarded her with a gold medal, but I cannot vouch for anything I hear. Well, Gridley, I am making you some clothes. I hope you will get on this side of the blockade again. I get them done or again you need them. I still live in hipes that you will all get back in this state again for we feel weary of this Yankee prison that we are penned up in so that we cannot hear from you all often. And so you could come home when you are sick or we could send you clothing or provisions and many such things which we are not permitted to do. We feel that we are dwelling in the midst of the enemies and dangers but we think the devil's power id limited and we feel assured that God can preserve us if it is his will to do so. And upon this assurance I lie down and sleep sweetly with our windows hoisted all around us. Once I thought I could not sleep when these times come, but fear seemed to have left me now, but I cannot tell how or what my feelings would be if a gang of soldiers should come and many other trails such as burning of our houses or destroying our wheat or corn in such emergencies I know if I'm left to my own strength, I shall fail. I still live in hope of our final deleverance from our enimies. I feel confident that God is able to deliver us if it is consistent with his will. Oh, that this cruel and destructive war might end, for it is destroying so many good & useful men, leaving as many widows & orphans, blasting the hope prospects of thousands upon thousands. And all for what. I cannot see

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that there is any more prospects of peace now than there was twelve months ago, though I will acknowledge I cannot see for it is too dark to see far.

I hope you may have good health. While you cannot get home, I hope you will write to me for I feel very anxious to get a letter from you. I think it would help me bear up under these times of peculiar trial. Remember me in your prayers. I often wish to see you, but I know it is vain to think such a for awhile. After you left Corinth, I felt like I never should see you anymoe, But hearing from you made me feel hopeful again. We have made us some wine. You and Sam hurry Gen Bragg back to Tenn. and you shall have a big drink provide the Yanks don't come along and drink it first. All join me in much love to you. May the blessings of a kind providence attend you so and bring you safely home again to happiness and me.

So goodbye dear husband.

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My dear husband:

Once again I have the priviledge of penning you a few words which leaves us in the enjoyment of usual health except Bettie D. She has typoid fever. This is nineteenth day she has had fever. Within past three days there has been some intermition and we have some hopes of it ceasing entirely soon. She has never suffered much pain. So far, it has been of a mild form for that fever. Your pa's family are well. Ma was over here last week. She said she was going to write you a small scolding for not writing to her, which I thought would not be amiss, but I expect you will think we are too hard upon upu in these times of blockade. But, you must only attribute it too. She the great love wh have for you and a desire to hear from you which is all very natural. I have been to church today, Mr. C. preached us an excellent sermon. There is communion at Salem today. There has arisen a difficulty among them on account of those who have taken the

oath. Some fears were entertained of a complete division but as the communion is to be. I reckon they have agreed to remain as one or rather to appear so. For it is to be lamented that our churches should be broken & torn asunder by these things. John Marshall was buried last Friday. He was very bad sick when he reached home. We was sorry indeed to hear of Bob's death though we had rather come to that conclusion since all prisoners could write now and we got no word of him. We will not tell D. until she gets well. The lost id found, Jim Dunlap came home a few days ago. His wound was quite a serious one and he has been through a series of ups & downs. Lois came down to see us not long ago. We had quite a pleasant day chatting. She gets to hear from Arch & Johnson and that causes her to be in pretty good spirits. I heard through Lois letters that your clothes had been stolen. Your mother gave the cloth and I have you a change

which a friend has promised to take to you. For we did not wish you to be informed as the Yankee paper said the Georgia major was viz a standing collar, pair of spurs.

I shall not write you any news. It is not prudent. I've regretted writing you & Sam that I did in my last though I hope you would not talk it out. Though by some means everything that goes to camp soon returns here again and such things will only make enemies for a part of us.

I feel hopeful that the time will come that you will get back to our state. Our time to rejoice will I hope come soon. Mr. Lucado has been to see us. Capt. W. is home and has never been a prisoner. Mr. L. has promised me to go to see you and I shall be dissappointed if you don't send a long letter by him. This is the fifth letter I've wrote you since the blockade.

All join in love to you. Much love.

from your affet Mattie

When you write to your Ma, don't tell her that you have ever heard of the cotton being sold. for I never knew how the soldiers was down on us until after I had written to you or else I never should have told you.

Monday Morning

Tell brother Sam how we are as I have not leisure to write to him now. Tell him Lizzie and the children are well. They were over last week. I was glad to hear that cousin R. was still living for as his general has gone to his own state. I though perhaps all of his command had gone also. Cousin Mollie Montaque is still here with us. S. is about as she was vesterday. Excuse this short letter. I could write a lengthy one if I was to write as I feel. but I will confer it by consoling myself that the time may soon come when I can write. I often think when oh when will these days of darkness and trial end. My heart desires and prayer is that this cruel war that is proving so destructive to human life, hopes prospects

and happiness may speedily be brought to a close and peace once more prevails. But nothing more at present

Yours as ever-goodbye

Idhuila, Jenn Nov 28 / 62 My Dear Hous band; A few moments of this beautiful sabbath. morning shall be spent in penning you a few hords. Mongh I feel somewhat discourages as I have written you three letters and your last still said you had beard nothing from men I'd sent two by Mr. Damele, and he firmused to mail them to you as I did not then know where you were . Another I sent by Mr. Commen when he went to thymood to mail I directed it wrong as I directed to Allanta Gas, as I had heard you was there . So you see you I have recom three letters from you dates our Aug dd " Left I the Oct #16 29 to low 2 ord The first his was two months getting here. The last near one months MA Mi- reight. brought it. I have not seen him get "We ha is heard so much sad news of late. that I had become quite anxious to hear from you one reason of my me her of the Augazine Dichar to the facken the As I did not know of your whereabouts. The fear would arise ferhaps you was of the number who were to anolderly nahered into eternity. But your letter releived one on that subject as well as in many other ways, more than I can express to you . ", I feel very thankful to God for your preservation. also for your line so confortably? detrated as you are for the many priviledees you enjoy , of which thousands are now defined of , And my hearts desire and prayer is that. you may be preserved and blest through all, unto the end and and any again be permittees to return to one, and home and worse, but a better man, by serving, your country . When I read your letters I feel you are making more progress in the Christian course than one, and I day graff I meso with siers were much . For I often fucto my with a museurine heart - a dissatisfice feeling, which renders one, so unhoppy; I strive against it But it often aerpowers one. Jana I know at is as aring and soful . When I see. others bearing great trials with cheerful resignation. I ask myself of I have not the trois heart of all one who is it this with medin I than I have many things. blessings and privileages, for which I by to feel thankfil for and which in days past were a source of happiness, to one. I have yet a home and many friends Sout do all in their honer to render one comportable and hoppy. We are still permitted to worship Soa without molestation. Though our ineines are has us almost completly in their power, get that is one printege we still enjoy. The the shorte it be discontented in guyer is, one affections are more act on the ature than they ought to to

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My dear Husband:

A few moments of this beautiful sabbath morning shall be spent in penning you a few words, though I feel somewhat discouraged as I have written you three letters and your last still said you had heard nothing from me. I've sent two by Mr. Daniels and he promised to mail them to you as I did not then know where you were. Another, I sent by Mr. Commint when he went to Lynod to mail. I directed it wrong as I directed to Atlanta, Ga, as I had heard you was there. Do you see I've used every exertion in my power to let you hear from home and so far have failed. I have received three letters from you dates viz. Aug 22nd, Sept. 7th, October 15th. 29th, Nov 2nd. The first two was two months getting here. The last near one month. Mr. Mcreight brought it. I have not seen him yet. We have heard so much saw news of late, that I have become quite anxious to hear from you. One reason of my anxiety was hearing of the blowing of magazine O Department at Jackson, Miss. As I did not know of you wherabouts, the fear would arise perhaps you was of the number who were so suddenly ushered into eternity. But you letter relieved me on that subject, as well as in many other ways more than I can express to you. I feel very thankful to God for you preservation. Also, for you being so confortably situated as you are for the many priviledges you enjoy of which thousands are now deprived of. Any my hearts desire and prayers is that you may be preserved and bless through all into the end and may again be permitted to return to me and home not worse but a better man by serving his country. When I read you letters I feel you are making more progress in the Christain course than me and I say to myself, I need your prayers very much, for I often find myself with a murmurning heart, a dissatisfied feeling which renders me so unhappy. I strive against it. but it often overpowers me, for I know it is so wrong and awful. When I see others bearing great trails with cheerful resignation, I ask myself if I have not the worst heart of all and why is it thus with me. I know I have many things blessings and priviledges for which I try to feel thankful for and which in days past were a source of happiness to me. I have yet a home and many friends that do all in their power to render men confortable and happy. We are still permitted to worship God without molestation though our enimies have us almost completely in their power, yet, that is our priviledge we still enjoy. Why then should I be so discontended; my answer is my affections are more set on the nature than they ought to be.

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husband had been reported to them as Captain of a gurrilla camp, which was false, yet it compelled him to scout around and so we were left alone to face the music, many night. We never undressed save to pull of our shoes. Mrs. D. has been treated more unkindly by them than any other woman in this neighborhood. When I think if they had had the feelings brave men ought to have had they certainly could not have treated no lady in her condition so unkindly. I feared the consequences but she has gotton through much better than I expected. Her babe is now over a week old. There is no servants gone from this neighborhood except Sam McDill & John Dickson, though they are going fast from the adjoining neighborhoods. If the blacks do not get their freedom, they will be the worst disapointed people for it is the universal opinion amongst them that this war is for this express purpose and it is my opinion there will be some trouble in portions of the south, because of Lincoln's proclamation. and particularly where the Federals have the power for their negroes are licensed to do their worst; kill all if they can get freedom by all means any way and neither naval nor military authority are to interfere. Burning is none to cruel a death for a man that would put forth such a decree as that. I read a speech of a conservative democrat of Illinois not long since which I almost was exactly please with. It made me again feel that we had some friends in the North. And again it almost made one willing if democrancy could gain the power in Congress and --old Abe in constitutional year or throw him overboard if he would not come back to the old constitution to again try the old union for if we can or could have peace would it not be preferable to a destructive and desolating war. An abolitionist government, I could never consent to. I think extermination of all the races south would be preferable to such a state if affairs as abolitionist are now trying to accomplish. As for the blacks you know I've been an advocate for bettering their condition, But I am impressed with the belief that those that have gone to the Yankees only enter a worse state of serviture. From the reading of their own statements in N. papers, I've formed this opinion; what is to be done with this race if freed, they must not, cannot

live here in the south, for we never can submit to be an equality with the blacks. The northwest says we cannot have four millions of heathen turned loose upon us; it is to degrading. They will bring down the price of labor, demoralize society. Lastly is the government of the states able to colonize them, even admitting they were is the blacks capable of substaining a civil government. I think not. So you see we are in the midst of a destructive war. The foundation of its being the negro question. I hardly know what to think when I see the invader going through this our beloved land, desolating and destroying. This truth comes forcibly; we have similth and provoked God or else this could not be permitted. And I have come to this conclusion. The sin of ours is one of four things and I can't determine which of them it is. Viz the institution of Slavery, the abuse of them as a race, allowing them to live in gross darkness whilest we were of the finits of their labors sending the gospel to other heathen nations. The negro question politically, is it right or wrong. Lastly, is it the breaking of the old union, perhaps I can know which of these four is our sin if I should be permitted to live a few years longer.

I do not think you ever heard of your sister Sallie's death as you have not rec'd none of my letters. I wrote about it in all of them. She died on the 28th of last Aug after an illness of 11 days, disease pneumonia, she appeared to be impressed from the first that she would die and I am glad to say to you to sorrow not as those who have no hope for by her patience and her sufferings and her conversation she left us clear evidence that she is now in a better and happier and more peaceful home. It appeared a hard struggle at first for her to think of leaving her little son, but as death drew near, love for her saviour loosed her affections from the world and children and beloved friends. She spoke of you to me and expressed the wish that she could see you once more. We staid with her most of the time during her sickness. Ma has her children and it is quite a care and charge upon her, but she bears up with great patience and fortitude considering the troubles and trials she has been called to pass through. Jim makes that his home too. Ma so much desires a letter from you, think you can say something to cheer and comfort her on account of her bereavements. Do do even if I have to miss a letter by it. I will not compalain for she feels so anxious to get a letter. I go to see her often; she is anxious since Sallie is gone, she get lonesome. I was there last Friday, they were well. Aunt Liza has one the Haskins living near her, working with her. The connection are all well as usual. Lizzie has rec'd a letter from Sam at last. He was with the army in tolerable

health, never said a word about ever being sick. Lizzie is not well herself and her children are sick all the time. Ma & Jinnie have gone there today to see Hill. He is quite sick. Marsh Elmore is sick with pneumonia near Holly Springs. His father has gone to see him. I want you in your next to tell id you need clothing and advise me how to send it to you. I have you a suit of jeans, two stripped shirts, two pairs of drawers, socks & gloves; all of my own make, all ready made except you coat which I will make this week if I live. We come to the conclusion you are very confortably clothed by you never saying a word about clothing. Pa said for you to say how would be the best way to get to you. He talks about visiting you, but I think he will only take it out in talk for we cannot do well without him in Yankee times. Mr. Conamins and McDill speak of going to see our wounded boys this week. Our good and noble friend Archy has fought his last battle, died in four days after he was wounded and I cannot tell you how sad I felt when I heard it for poor Lois, what a hard trial it will be for her. Ive not seen her since she heard it. The news had come that Dock Mclellan is dead, but I hope it is not so. The battle of the 8th has saddened many households as well as many hearts. When I think of the boys so many of them cut in the midst of youth when their hopes for the future was bright and would have been useful in state and church. I am led to exclaim Oh that this dreadful war might in the providence of God be speedily brought to an end. I've heard today Dock has written home as he is still living. I have not seen Linda in a long time; she stays up at Bob's as she cannot get to Memphis, she goes to Covington. I think she has almost laid the Captain on the shelf though I may be mistaken in what I think; hope I am. I am glad you ocassionally meet with old friends as you told me you did on the

12th of last Aug., you thought that sounded quite nice, I know Lou take the baby. Oh if I could see you once more, there is so much I could talk about to you. The last seven months appears longest of all and when I think how long it must be yet befor I can get to see you; it is rather too much to think of all at one time. Gridley I wish you had kept that money you send by Mr. Miller for it is no use to me and perhaps you have need of it. Bobbie Miller is dead.

I will send this letter by Pompey Payne. Quite a crowd leaves us this week for the army. I hope you may get this, if you don't I shall think it useless for me to write. Write to me often as you can write long letters. Ma has got back. Little Will is quite sick withpneumonia. All join me in much love to you. May the blessings of a kind providence attend you.

Yours affet until death Mattie

Mr. Robert Simonton died last week; old age I suppose.

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"My Dear Husband;

He few moments of this evening shall be devoted to penning you a few hords which I succeedly hope you may receive "this is the Third letter. I've written you since Christmas. but have doubts about your ever receiving any of them. So many of ony letters foll by the nayside or at least never reach the desired destination that it discoursey - eing indeed so much so that I find it difficult to they to write.

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If his army is deserting everywhere as it is here in the heat he has need to coll. on the negroes or some other race of people to fight his bottles The country is alive with deserters . making their way home , it is said they over leaving seen phis by the hundreds and it is also soid that it takes three regiments to guard four. Courter people feed them and lookges them- and how them Souls speed on Their homeward hip. Heeling thankful indeed that so many are inclined to return to the land from whence. They come After so long a time we receive news from our boys concerning their fale in the battle i My precolors, whilst many hearts reforces on account of the preservation of beloved ones. Get we have been called to sympathize with the funds of Billie Wilson and Billie Stevenson. The Two who deence- wir work needed . at. home . chave fallen . But we are . Constraince to say . I sai in his providence doeth all things well .. . It Stevenen fall at home a victim of observe. Billie for any whom the battle field stronge it the both diea within a few for of south other on the same roy. Tof. Tots a Think Theirs was a hoff meeting in. that norla where word 1 ye rumors of nows never cama. Their happiness but it is eternal peace. Joy and happiness. We suffered great anxiety on account of Brother Lam, but when his letter come, he never even named the battle Suffice. he was not in it as he is non nagoner, but I felt-disappointed though I was you he was not engaged in the fight, yet he might have told no what I. knew about the mother. We claim a cretory and the youkees ciain one. don is it! We cannot loth be victorious They don't claim no victory at bicksburgh and I hope they werer may for. I feel anxious if it be. Gods will for breks burgh to stone until the final dissolution of all. Things earthly, some of our home made. yourkees. I expect are proying for its downfall. . On to Michmond failed again, is another item of new ne. reforce over, a balle with the elements and mud they term it we term it the Lord, fought against-them, by seriding that storm that. raged three pays and nights and put a stop to their progress Happy is the nation whose . Good is the Lord ..

We are in the enjoyment of usual health at present. your has now here. This morning sois they were all, well. . The health of our community is tolerable good . some suckness Me James Wright is quite sick preumonia. Johnnie Thompson has Gladay Mr. is home alive and all right once, more after under -going many trials and hardships. now imprisoned dome, the necks in Cairs in a lous hole of a dunglow , brought down to broke burgh Kept up at the mouth of yozoo river oluring the battle there, now tolor that our folks would not exchange and they were to be carried back and kept during the hor When the book stopped on the Miss shore to land all sick prisoners . That and Leroy I made their escape " Lee went to his home in & Carolina, Glad Come, to his home, he has been up to see experience says he so en knew that nor ment with the murch Moregh Frent, Although we are living under Lincoles hower he. Can look around and see many familiar faces. that have, once, been away to the wars, Seorge Me Sill is getting along finely looks so notwial Charlie is still in Thent cannot say when he will be at home. I told Glad seeing of him made me wish for you to be at home , as you both left together, he said he would like to see, you about now , Dong Adams went north- from Conscript poor, fellow was taken sick with preumonia and died at his uncles in Ill, John and pone went to see him but he had been dead a week before they get there, . Colonel. Kicharden has conscripted until he has quite a little army of the Partieon Kangers. Whe old Colonel is quite on thorn in the flesh to our, tory friends, keeps some of their skedoddling up and down the river first here, and then it yankeedlern slowt seem willing to shoot yours on either side. I shall . I the surfrised if they don't have to take some dide yet before the final unding up of the matter.

, We have a quiet-time of rest now the yankees have notbeen in here. since Kast bet, and I hope they never any comes again. We. have, great-cause to be. Thankful to Look for, his especial coire and preservation of us whilst in a land that is in the power of our foes and all surrounded by enemies some. I am sorry to song. Citizens and who oneght to be lovers of their southern homes Altrange but true, most of our tories are natives of South- Carolina There is so much I would like to write you but as it is getting late and this evening is so cold that my feet is suffering whilst writing. I will just- add that we have had quite a cold raing snowy and sleeling minter throught. but havely the sun shines upon as one onon fell in fan measured 16 " muches. , Come. home. to see us all whenever you can, I could talk a long while and not- grow weary for. I'm many things to tell you that would no ke, a letter too kenethy " All. 18 .. in love to you : As from yours offet, Mobile , Tell me when you write if you know what has become of Cousin Holand. Cook, where he is he is he living ac God. bless you olean boy farenell.

Home Tenn. Feb 3rd 1863

My Dear Husband:

A few moments of this evening shall be devoted to penning you a few words which I sincerely hope you may received. This is the third letter I've written you since Christmas, but have doubts about you ever receiving any of them. So many of my letters falls by the wayside or at least never reach the desired destination. That it is discouraging indeed so much so that I find it difficult to try to write. I rec'd yours of Dec 10th about the first week in Jan last. It revived and comforted me greatly. But now I wish for another letter, feel so anxious to hear that time appears so long that I grow weary of watching and waiting. Occasionally the idea takes hold of me that you are coming home and often I catch myself looking for you and often after retireing at night, the least noise, my imagination could make it the sounds of footsteps. But so far my hopes and vain imagings have only been delusive. My hearts desire and prayer is the hastening of that happy period when this terrible and destructive war shall come to a close and a permanent peace shall be established. From the signs of the times many perdict peace very soon. Whilst we of the south are in open rebellion contending for our rights and self government, the north is in revolution and between the revolution and rebellion it is to be hoped it will overtake old Abe's weak brain. The legislature and senate of Illinois had quite a time and finally the Rebublican members skedaddled off to home. There has been a convetion appointed to meet by seven states on the 16th of next month. I think they are to meet at Louisville, Ky. I've seen the negro bill Congress Empowers old Abe to raise five hundred and fifty thousand volunteers, American African descent, Recruiting offices to be appointed in all the states South except Mo. Ken, Maryl, Delaware, Western Va., Tenn. No recruits to be raised in those states without the consent of their Governors. I felt Diverted when reading it with their boasted million of white men in the field. To think of calling on the blacks for assistance. To my mind it was on aknowledgement of inability on his part to surpress the rebellion. It is about his last card.

If his army is deserting everywhere as it is here in the west, he has need to call on the negroes or some other race of people to fight his battles. The country is alive with deserters making their way home. It is said they are leaving Memphis by the hundreds and it is also said that it takes three regiments to guard four. Our country people feed them and lodge them and bid then God's speed on their homeward trip. Feeling thankful indeed that so many are inclined to return to the land from whence they came. After so long a time we received news from our boys concerning their fate in the battle of Muffreesboro. Whilst many hearts rejoiced on account of the preservation of beloved ones. Yet we have been called to sympathize

with the friends of Billie Wilson and Billie Stevenson. The two who seemed were most needed at home have fallen. But we are constrained to say God in his providence doeth all things well. Wm Stevenson fell at home, a victim of disease. Billie far away upon the battlefield, strange but true, both died within a few hours of each other on the same day. Hope holds us think theirs was a happy meeting in that world where wars nor rumors of wars never mar their happiness, but it is eternal peace joy and happiness. We suffered great anxiety on account of Brother Sam, but when his letter came, he never even named the battle. Supposed he was not in it as he is now wagoner, but I felt disappointed though I was glad he was not engaged in the fight, yet he might have told us what he knew about the matter. We claimed a victory and the Yankees claim one. How is it? We cannot both be victorious. They don't claim no victory at Vicksburgh and I hope they never may, for I feel anxious if it be God's will for Vicksburgh to stand until the final dissution of all things earthly. Some of our homemade Yankees, I expect are praying for its downfall. On to Richmond failed again, is another item of news we rejoice over, a battle with the elements and mud they term it. We term it the Lord fought against them by sending that storm that raged three days and nights and put a stop to their progress. Happy is the nation whose Godis the Lord.

We are in the enjoyment of usual health at present. Your pa was here this morning, said they were all well. The health of our community is tolerable good, some sickness. Mr. James Wright is quite sick-pneumonia: Johnnie Thompson has been sick four four weeks with typhoid fever. Gladnay Mc is home alive and all right once more after under going many trails and hardships, was imprisoned some two weeks in Cario in a low hole of a dungeon, brough down to Vicksburgh, kept up at the mouth of Yazoo River during the battle there, was told that our folks would not exchange and they were to be carried back and kept during the war. When the boat stopped on the Miss Shores to land all sick prisoners. Glad and Leroy S. Made their escape. Lee went to his home in S. Carolina. Glad came to his home. He has been up to see us twice. It is quite interesting to hear him give us his soldier experience; says he never knew what war meant until the march through Kent. Although we are living under Lincoln's power, we can look around and see many familar faces that have once been away to the war. George McDill getting along finely, looks so natural. Charlie is still in Kent., cannot say when he will be at home. I told Glad seeing of him made me wish for you to be at home as you both left together. He said he would like to see you about now. Davy Adams went North from conscript, poor fellow was taken sick

with pneumonia and died at his uncles in Ill. John and Jane went to see him, but he had been dead a week before they got there. Col. Richardson has conscripted until he has quite a liitle army of the Partizan Rangers. The old Colonel is quite a thorn in the flesh to our tory friends; keeps some of them skedaddling up and down the river, first here and then in Yankee town, don't seem willing to shoot guns on either side. I shall not be surprised if they don't have to take some side yet before the final meeting up of the matter.

We have quiet time of rest, now the Yankees have not been in here since last Oct, and I hope they never may come again. We have great cause to be thankful to God for his especial care and preservation of us whilst in a land that is in the power of foes and all surrounded by enemies some. I'm sorry to say citizens and who ought to be lovers of their southern homes, strange but tru most of our tories are natives of South Carolina. There is so much I would like to write you, but as it is getting late and this evening is so cold that my feet is suffering whilst writing. I will just add that we have had quite a cold rainy snowy and sleeting winter throughout, but rarely the sun shines upon us. One snow fell in Jan measured 16teen inches. Come home to see us all whenever you can I could talk a long while and not grow wearv for I've many things to tell you that would make a letter too lenghty. All join me in love to you. As every yors affet. Mattie Tell me when you write if you know what has become of cousin Roland Cook, where he is, is he living. God bless you dear boy farewell

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My Dear Husband:

Once more I'm permitted to pen you a few words. If I had any assurance that you would receive this with what different feelings I should write. During this year I've sent you letters by every opportunity but fear you have never reced one. Has now been four months since I have gotten a letter from you. It appears a very long time though twice during the time I have heard that you was living and well which was a relief and comfort. We are in the enjoyment of usual health at present. Your pa's family are in moderate health. I staid there last Saturday night. Your mother intended to write to you but thought as I was going to write, one letter would answer both. Nannie has had a felon on her finger, has suffered greatly but is better now. Ma said tell you that her health has been so good that she had gotten along with her little grandchildren much better than she expected. She stills mourns Sallie's death but thinks if you are permitted to return that you will be a great comfort and satisfaction, but her fears are you will never get back. Such fears are certain to haunt the mind of your mother and me, because of our deep interest. But, my motto is hope for the best and try to prepare for the worst, for life is uncertain. No matter where we are, now home or abroad, for dangers and disease surround us at present on every site. The smallpox is in our country, now at Ben Adams and old Mr. McClerkins. I feel some uneasiness about your pa's folks getting it for Jim goes to his fathers and has to pass near where it is. He thinks there is no danger and perhaps there is none as it is said not be an epidemic not carried in the atmosphere. The Yankees took old Charlie last week but was so generous as to give your pa a broken down animal in his place which answers for wagon use or ploughing very well.

Last week was one of anixiety and trial, one that is engraven on memory never to be forgotten by numbers of us whilst we retain our mental facalties. Week before last the Kansas Jayhawkers paid our neighborhood a visit. Old Mr. McCain and pa were the greatest sufferers of our community. They foraged and eat off Mr. Mc, took three of our best horses, leaving us only two piece of animals to work a crop with. Lat week a brutish uncivilized set of composed of Tennessian, Mississippian, Alabamians with some pure Yanks commanded by one Col. Hurst came and done worst than

I had ever expected men of any civilized nation would do. They burned Bob Strong's house and every mouthful of provision. They had also Christopher Simonton's dwelling house and kitchen and corn cribs, they saved the meat. Burned John Payne's house all except his stables. Took all or very near all horses they could. Yet, their eyes upon Hurst swear in his wrath that they intended to burn the whole country out. Their excuse is Richardson or the gurrillas as they term them. It is passingly strange why they would burn houses in our neighborhood only when there is men living in all the surrounding country that belongs to the command. If I could see you, I could give my opinion about a great deal what is going on, but as i'm writing perhaps better not say all I think. One thing I do know there is a just God that rules on high though he permits wicked men to sorely try us, yet he will one day sooner or later bring about his wrath upon them. They may prosper for a season, but I know or believe that the blessing of God cannot rest upon no such a nation. Dr. Dickson and G. Mcdill are prisoners George is now confined in the Irving Block Memphis with his parole in his pocket. We have a perfictious enemy as well as a pilfering plundering one, take a man parole or not. G. father has been to see him, found him in good spirits expecting soon to be sent to Richmond for exchange. Uncle Bob went with the house burners. Pa thinks he did not go willingly. One thing certain, I would rather he had gone with any crowd that has ever been through this country. I want every darky to go that wants to, rather they would be with the Yanks than at home dissatisfied.

If Lincoln and his abolition fraternity with the negro race are compelled to drell together in some solubrious slime as far from us as a gray eagle could fly in a century. I should look for a peaceful happy day very soon to usher in. For they are a curse or have been still are indeed to our nation. We have had tight times already, but I fear worse yet. I don't value nothing we posess, feel as though we will be swept clean, would not be surprised if we were lodging in a tent before another week. If we can only get enough to eat to sustain life, a few clothes to cover nakedness during the war and then get our independence in the end with those we loved spared through it, I shall feel thankful to God and shall feel as if I possessed a world. I get Southern in my feelings and sentiments ever raid the yankees make only gives me a fresh baptism in the faith. Last Friday was the anniversary of our marriage. I thought much and often of you. It was comforting thought to my heart to believe you was thinking of me, perhaps at the same moment when my heart was wondering afar with you. Oh, how I wished to see you. I felt weary lonely and sad. It was such a gloomy day, the atmosphere was thick with the smoke of our neighbor's houses. The enemy still at destruction at desolating our native land. I've said I wished to see you. So I do how long the times seems, soon

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Brother Jim and Betty D. was married the 26th of last February. It was a very quiet affair taking almost everyone by surprise. Our family only knew it two days before they were married. We had some suspicions, but neither of them told us anything.

Tell me in your next letter if you are starving in Dixie for nothern papers make quite a blow over high prices and scaricity of breadstuff. I've not seen a southern paper in months. I sometimes think we will be as far behind the age we live in as the man that slept twenty years. We are not exactly asleep but cannot get no news for the Memphis papers are certain not to encourage us by their news. We have a good way judging the truthfulness of their war news now in their account of skirmishes with Richardson. One Sunday night not long since our cavalry caught them asleep and gave them a worse killing than they will ever admit of. Three of our men were killed. Calvin Nelson was one of them was buried at Salem grave yard with military honors on Tuesday afterward. Richardson and his men had one of the greatest stampedes from Covington, worse at the Bull Run, more than it was only a small body of men. The Yanks came very near bagging the whole of them. They can laugh over it for it did appear funny after the danger was over. I want you to tell me if it is in accordance with the Confederate laws for a thousand dollars to exempt a man from military duty. It does here but, I cannont think there is any lawful authority for it. We have not heard from Bro Sorn in a long time, wish we could. Lizzie and the children are well. The Yanks never trouble her father, haven't haven't as yet. Try and send your mother and me a letter if you have an opportunity. I think it would prove a stimulus in the midst of these dark and trying days, days of absence sad and already experience has proven them so with one. Pa says tell him id there any way to detect counterfeit Confederate money. I'm staving a part of the time with Mrs. Diickson. We have to face the music,

sometimes I can very well one night week before last, we sat up all night looking

for the Yanks. I generally can sleep sweetly tis when my faith is strong.

All join in love to you. My love, best wishes and prayers attend

ever yours Mattie

Tell me in your next if you know what has become of cousin Roland C. John Strong is home.

I expect to send this by----. He says he cannot stay here no longer. Just as I would act if was a man. I should have to fight.

Linda spend a few days with us recently. She appeared more cheerful than I ever seen her. We weighed. She weighed 180 pounds, I 100 pounds.

I think the south ought never to submit, while she can muster an army. I've no hope at present for peace, not during Lincoln's day.

I have become hardened and horroried, cannot shed tears for nothing save something of joy. I think if a large army of Southern men were to pass could bring the tears. Oh how much we wish for some of our brave Tennesseeians to come along and cheer our hearts. We might truthfully send up the macodocial cry. We send it up in our petitions.

My health is about as usual. I had the sore eyes last fall.

My eyes have never been the same. Every cold I take appeard to affect them. I think it a sore affliction.

The Yanks took Cousin Ed Monyague prisoner, don't know what they will do with him.

House home . If I was where if you can could get have. May . 30 " 1868. Deasest Hustond; . I again here the priviledes of penning you a few thoughts my hearters about too full for -Meronce after do long a famine me had so rich feast which how amply reported me. for the long meany in the of an onely which I experienced. I recor the three last letters go wrote in reasonable time " The one bearing date 16 to of April I recon got " It was read with-interest and pleasures. The Hast I find is in of my greatest pleasures. or comforts, I live o'er. The scenes of de arter days often in memory, and chicle my self non for, not of him libert hois true, blessings brighten as they depart. I have of the three incikes of our married life as an oakis in the desert. The present. I cannot enjoy, now suffreciale as I feel I should. I find my self looking ever to the future as if it was certain there was happiness and the so cely of your in the job some when I read you was again in the army if it had been left to my shoice, I would have Chosen for you to have remouned in the Deportment be cause you could have been more able to do your oluty there than as a lotier. but as we believe in a special provolence " I hope all be for the lest "Wi do not know or see the end as Sool does ther many providences we. Transler at and term them mysterious " While willing for you to olis charge your duty fully and faithfully wown country yet the choings in your detuction has produced quite a change in my feelings, have more dinner, and I find it a severe. Trial to be reconciled to and thepe I hope and place, any confidence in God and and try to commityou to his care and keeping yet double fears will
often cloud my sky ... I was surry on to hear you
was not well. I hope you may soon yet well, doseand
sed bouels appears to be one of the prevalent camp life If you should continue to be afflicted so a to review you auft for oluly try and get a farlough and go to South Carlina

for oluty try and got as pertoust and go to dout lass If you should continue to be affected do as to me was open ought That out hered appears to be one, of the forestant and place, any confedence on Sox and and by to commit-iyer to his care and desping opt clouble food rule ofter cloud my aby, I was derry to be hear, you Thouse, in my feeling, have more, the most of fresh I hase efel the chang. in your deluster das prose at youth on hove, been sour able to de apour old there it has as as a be to far the hour show the hour old to far the hour as not been the hour of hour of the hour of hour of the cust of sour she have a soot about their she was the court then my dear apound in the condition of the chance of court for and the chance of our feels one fourty the conditions of the chance of the feel of the chance of the feel of the chance of the feel of the chance of the conditions of the chance of the cha Thosen for you to have remound in the Defending to suce you could you now begoin in the soring . if it had been lift to my who es , I would have was to wind in discussion of hours of hours of the way were The future , as if it was contain those was "happiness, and the docate, It for desport, now couple cale as feel, I drouder. I force, orgard, Tothers, and the Frod oxydig sepress, me, and the song money in the of our restry, which is a seasonable thing in a stand one to our restry, which is a stand one then to see the stand one between the stand of the decree of at where days often the decree of at where days often the decree of at where days often in the owners, or, compared in the owners of at where the their stand of the standard of perming you a few thoughts my heart's aloud too full for - whilevanies, often so long as famine. The have near that I again have the pour beauty of May 30 12 1868. Have your likenes taken if you can and send o home to me. If I was certain you would get home I would be so tispies with the one I hard withing you know its home to achief that were to an uncertain frames for

I would rather, here, you home if it was possible but know such wish or thought to soin and as I cannot have you with - one I would nother you would be with relatives or, acquountances than in a hospital among strongers. I thank Good that our sick and disabled soldiers on go to Caroline for poor fellow chome, would not appear like thome to them when the yankers over about them. We had a communion meeting the third sabbath of this monthhad preaching soularday night one sermon solbath- quite an interesting service though it as cut short by news of the eveny's coming they bounded at the for a landing on saturday evening or, onefit your rise to the Toport. Mearly every one, had reca letter that morning from the owney the news was cheering to many heavels the revuol is a subject of much Thankfullness MA Commins rendered Thanksgiving in his prayers, a we our, farenoes for, and over never forgottain there is a cloud of profess and his everifollowing you -Wh. That every soldier in our. Southern army were. Christians cortainly it rould be, an is encebbe army Good would soon crown Their efforts with peace and " Indeprice" I sometimes fear it will take more than war to was. There is not that spirit of humility among us here at home hat ought to be and will have to be ere a better or peaceful, day de sopon as, Oh, that we were united in feeling and interest, sympathy eine with one another . loving each other. as a band of brether and sisters. each stanting shoulder to Shoulder, in this our day of adversaly and brial . But alas it is . Just to the received war abroad is a great evil but neighborhood in shife and ous ra is much to be deplosed, "Thenry M" lea wed safe, at home about two neeks ago , he has young laides in the long are fearing the Kangers will cut them out of suce we her have reason to be more unever about those houndled soldners, for the york will love the regular soldiers bestmoster how lookly they are hounded " Jannie and Beff and I

mailie done hours has one harmolode " James am Buff once I nounded sole us for the your will love the requises, delocase headyoung Lowers of Love, "The long one, yearing. The Honges will cut them and of the home necessed great in from the Lovers of the doubt . Joth one and to me " Feing ME Bar week safe, at lume, about his reske cup .. he has in ships and one day is much to be be obsploses. . Just 6 the recention observe is a great and but oughborhood strailder, in this own of achereally and trial ", tout alos it is other. as a bance of Eathern and diction . Lack standing whorkers to . Jeeling once wheel a sympostingen with one another. Town each ne here, at home had ought to de, and will had be her ever a ledler or Man door to be the se is there is not that opened of humbley among with frace, and Tool for co. I sometimes from it will take more at troube be, any muchbe army good troube door crown their efforts The that every solower in our doublove ormy were, chuckows cakeinly no or cloud of fresher and hours were spollowing you main in his prouper, a we our presence for our and pass pares propleter there is so endpot of onch thank fullness Mr Country removed thankeyung from the own , this vers nos chearing to many howard the served were to the sayed. Thenky every one have taken that morning Convoled at the factor condeng on colinsons aroung or, ought apour secure shough it we cut short by new of the enemy's coming they had preaching some rolar maps one asserve soldath grule an interesting He, had a countymer another, the those dollate of this month appear, like though to thom when the yearhow, our, about them. desables detected of a lovelines for pros, fellers dome, works out in a trespeted among alterngers, I stank Good that our each and world to the sy world be ant - tolohies or, acquountoness than week or thought some once or I cannot have you will one I your from your form of of the sure when the course of the loss this time for have a dellar man. his has he had the perhaps to contract the factor of the loss thine of the same and the sure of the time the state of the perhaps the course of the same of the sa

Then fore in come is the fast of any the one was military of the fast of the fast of the state o me many things . that's loved to hear, "There is fog in that house because of Theory's return. I olant know whenever I spent so placount a day out lately I seen taill Fully at church last sunsian, he looks will i brought sad news for his folks. Bob's death, though they were rather especting at from what they have John Strong says he is improving but her looks had sizes not look natural. Mother and I went to Aunt Party Semontons This week in a west, the old lacky closes such appear, the same so much changed, is my cheerful, as in former dougs, the troubles of This life. have, almost worn her own her health is not good, I told her how Charlie was she says if she could think he could I lay at home, in any peace, or, safety she would be go deen but fewring , the cannot insist upon his storying, though she, to the specking him on a , When burde was here last she spoke of Charlie often, though she appears to have, changed towards one, will not make a confident of me, now as she once, oled, I don't know why or what is here reasons unless it is because The morries. I still thope, stervill prove the self alle ght. I was very snuch in hopes the Captain would come, home, to stay, thought if he could not end, the now abroad he could stip into the his old wo cation out home, and stop some of own fues at home. I on a thought Competition the life of track but yanker teach wont- ordenit any. Lake the youker nation individually and collect there is that Tyrannical trail of unlimited power, I never that us to fall, under Their clutches, rother be subject to Nagleon on bectorion. . For the yankees are. take them in a mass, the most low life a mean low curring, will condescend to do more low meet acts than any other rack now living I cannot endure them. and have fust as little use, for those who do look on them as friends, and do for the genuine I once. Thought certainly there was untruthes told . Their constactbut now there is nothing too mean for them do. we are getting better acquainted with their manner of prosect the nor. almostevery day no live , There has not been wough here. since Hoursto. Though we would not be surprised to see them most any Time. They are giving Fayette County a cheaning out, going

any time, They are grown Tayethe County a cheo ung out. going dence Flerrato . Though us, wonder ord. be dudyn un to we them mad list own those is orthered too mean for them soon is no are, gotting blates asquounted with their oranness of forward the non, obnood-every door no, live, "their oranness of forward the non, otnoodwal how him, I cannot enduse them. and fore, and fores fore the growns.

There for those who do dook on them as present, is I do for the growns.

I once, thought certainly there was untruthe tolor. Low current, will condessend to do more how men or to then any other . For Aldre Gentesse over, take them in a mass, the must how lifes mean unolen, their chut, delles, he, dulyd. Le May bon on brotherion Ayranmade, strait of sentembles from I navar. I navar. Take the youkes nation instrumently and collect the those is that if he could not know the now absorb he could affer no the the obet hought the colin of the obet of our free or hear, I one thought competition it has fine, I one thought competition the the of those that gardes too he hand oung. I was very someth in tropes the Coplain wanted come home to along, thought The mountes. I still take attender out proce to well out . whe ones, oled , I stord thouse why on what is here weare worked it is because to how, champed towards one, will ord-make, a confected of no, own on . When huses now down last she speter of charles open, though she appeare day at home, in any peace, or, duto he also track de, get course hat pearing, around, about about about about your, I take her how Thathe was she says of the court think he, coulded doup. The trubbes of this life house almost wower der on me has dealth is out-Look close out appear, the dame so much champer, is not charged so in former Mother and I went to think flate dimention this week, on a west, the olds John Alway day he is infraving . And has boke love out dock owned for his folks, bol's death, though they was when expeding it from ahad they has I seen boll tuthy at church last survisor, he looks ask . Beaught sook news of Theren's return. I start dinou whenever I apart so pleasand as stay and lately somos of somony pays in ref or ways " wary of sooney a pay have song hours me, while who is our state the sound the still liber the will not enter the still liber the will in the still liber the will in case they should in that do you think is a man's still in the in a man's still in the sound they will in case they should infree it who are one. military age, the grains one who are, friends to the book will report out some where in think that win other has and the times on the men war few and the times and children till either have to yo, without their lines or the men swear allegiouse, I am cityless were distilled to the men to soll might old

round gayine puries being breds over 'their along the prechoes to population with the boar, how the their states of the boar, how the their states of the board o if they will others they deaff or conscept; I don't think there is many negroes going to remain at home, there is constantly some, young Albert Donell. Cousin of pais , was up to see, as This week , he says there has been five Keyts of the Congo boys made up in Memphis. They are allower officers as high as Colonels, he says they drill them about a neck put arms in their hands send them off to bicksburgh " The rumor, is here, that old Johnson has called a this State for fifty thousand white and ten thousand negroes, I think the Confederates have a mother mess against the , but some, of it is poor, fighting material, and will be, easily gotten out of the . We have had may more concerning backs burgh this neek, cannot bell whether there is a in the the last news was brought by a man from Memphis yesterday, "The Federals Trere, repulsed loss very bear, five Thougana wounded arrived in Memphis. Old Price had Ibelena Thick is too good to be true. The fackson affair tee cannot find out yet . Well ine chow it with and all you that about brektelingh of The on thankful to you for sending the little robels, the name, and papers outs exactly We refuce over our tocolory in ba. but give for, the loss of the noble and brase, is thought Stonewall is dead if so his loss is indeed great ne. hear that he a fea Longs treet in his stead, who will be able to fill his place in hearts of the solstiers and people , . The first new of halle has . Lee was literally cut to friese and" I want you either go to see cousin Kolomod or write to him for I want to know how he is and whether her has heard any thing from home, expect his to ke have dead or tight time of you write direct to 2 th has know any more to Tell you than that. Brother Sam sent so letter by Dump, we knew his reason for andwriting by Henry " reamed one night This week that he come home and under your could not come too. Which would all be true if a could get here. Liggie was here gesterde on a visit but I was away. The and the chilocrem are well ,

And randemy for conter out come too, which rands all of his how and here apalends on a and here apalends on a and here and here and here apalends Statler dam dent no letter ly Dunt, he. Know his reads that he, come, home home hours, home hours, dered to of the trap and them any more, to till you than that. The first own of all has doe and therethe out to puter on out of the form for it would be ful es and.

I would gon either up to see conser thebourd or wale to him for the trans on the first for how he done have for those for the first first hims, if you ends done is the first for the second thing for done is the first first first first thing for done is the first first first only first oute Leave, the thought to be deade, if do his had no und he being fuel.

yo, hear, that he, a fear deny this in his also a, who will he able he full due place in hearts of the declais and full he souther. Now it work, and out apor defen about breklieby, "", " a strankform. To me the stalle and to happen and stadle, the manor and proper, and south stadle, the money for, the loss of the soll and too yord to be true. The faction offers to cound force out yet . lell in thoughour wounded assured in Manyshie, Old Mise hood Helenes thick is Members expedencey, The Federale ruse, repulsed loss rong beary for Me hove have may more on evening broke him ouch, court till and hove it or onon from Johnson has caled of this state, for, fifty thatpone while and len thoughts has been this proper a mad a sund this person is not a so from free properties from a nother or a so for free or freely made in the sound the sound of in their hours dans their off to brokedruf " the rumon is here. That ales officer so high as befored, . To, eary then civil from obad a reek ful arms been five tests of the course boy made up in Memphio. They are allower Albert Forest. Course of pair) was rif to see, as this asst. To say there has negleces going to remoin at home, there is constantly seems young if the will stand they dealt or consents I don't think there is moung regrouped of overloop my more body more orbors your coming brouped pormored the line in your right, has any of the long from this in therwood proffessed religion. There is some, I would be glad to dier, had obtained as hope. I have is Dock getting along has he recovered entirely from his wounder. The sorry you all have docke that hope, a sotisfactory change, may some come. Too says what will you take for your huggy. If you do not exist to sell it - ask pretty hish price.

Some larthing man for the stands out the forther in the south of the search out the search search out the search out the search sear been very day, so much so some, were, beginning to few worth, but they were, to soon to doubt, for there was a shower, built a find prospect of more very soon, Wheat crops are, generally for our ising, a west-will down hele here. I think from present prospects we will make the thing to lot if we are, allowed to Respon to of that hart we feel do all for the you keed in claims to our us and allow porseis. come, house to colon on the old, peace system, others pros enought for home. The said the youks. have, the whole of Talond 10 in cotton. culting Contrationals The venture them poon sings view had as hight over they are now under "They have, as new onthe of now subjects the conscripts. if they are not under, or, in age, , It is to the of in Memphis in ten days, there will be some to will in there yo to For "The mein of our is on much have escoped a livery for to fee find to take it but as his rather my opinion there is my who has taken that are passing as and the leaves naker their bon grie low and poule ing is about; But we have the bone and I rew of the country o form unmoved where principles one, I made of molia in Them for to save, a I ble preferty, nor, to speculate ather. you that it required a fact as much covage, and browny, to be fregots enter here as it does to be a soldier in the army, as you this k to. he Southern ne by. Lincoln Lolders and their cause, we will though his oppression still stand from to the prince hat they are so so nobe conteding and or many are ir lives for made or their is as than the reiner to S. There was ore, sacroficing their live upon the alter of County and Cann en fog what they are selling their lives for. into live our Fi birolen at home trould not hardly bo thou the Irring Old Doctor Duleon got released after to es year hum Block a few days, he had no commission. Eas surger after so long on time . they took. a noteh blanket out and leggins and even his pockel to the of all

ordered and laggin and vine du pocked top the of old Took singen after do long or time, they take not noted blanket What Doctor Filuon. get beloased. ofter to block or fee day . he had no commenter. seof you have green The Invent he roles at home trouble not woodly to the I en fory what thos was selled their house for. what his one in de reducerny their live, exper the office of the county and county is hell exilating and or draing our I opposesson shill alone from to the present that they are The he of below in the owing, no you this is so . I have the doublish as the doubler gird as muchine rouge a not houry, to be fre for we in The house as it does L'her friedfier o zo. 1- moor, finolion in sources - L. Last ing O, phone for to sour as inotes their bow give a low and falls of from unanced The water of you The state of the s the colles and ofuner there is not to be the test of for our persons on To mound, those secodose of fire of & the hole to be to the il build day, there will be some to just to there ye is the new . He was of seen They have as ned- unous, on a sego, It is to to the willingthe in them follow in the The wentered their from they were how as high over they one, now moved youke, have, the whole of Taland 10 in callon. Enthallond old peace, depelone, others free county for home of pace. The serves the Clours to our us and alled pedasses, done, hower wifeel while ones where de had it had in feel die the the the the hour, I think from present products, we will mad thing to bot if no way won. That out our generally for meeting, at the west hull door was to soon to doubt for there was so, a house, dust after be shed- of more been very day, do much do, do no rem. Elymen, to pros south but they Lone Southern men the face human out to fay lauking most of them reside to sound Covere how, the face cought and sent south that we have they are love again. Kolley is the region when are coming out in true colors licked and bold should not wonder. He find suff come assist in the Billie, with my best respects to the sillie, with my best respects

broken flower the chart comment of the pay of the flower of the house the chart the flower flower the chart of the the before. but is me his role so now, he has now, been well since his return. I hope I corger is to with you all again This line as we heard he haw gone, on for exchange he heard that George Sound he would not in prison before. be would do he the outh , I seen him not more than fifteen immutes before he fell into see enemy o hands. I suffer reflect on mosely for not-ling and and in this for his Turning back, though, I did not know they were so near as the mill, though se were expecting them, but the had heard all friend. but I don't supple he felt sure of Their coming as , I think you are all rather too hard on Kichardeons men , for, my part I don't know that they ought to all therfore I don't wish to day, I would rather having husband in the reg lar army and my brother too Sut every one, has their our choice and I ricken have a right two. , Por is a strong Richardson man thinks they eght to stay bere, acknowledges they cannot do any thing with large bookies of he enemy but the fear, of them express my feelings about oning wines free; but as a great ceal that is written to camp come back home and sight be the cause of wounding feelings, for this ready I feel that I muss have a care what I say for it is never, my such to cause disturbances mr. to wound feelings, we have recently heard the tracters are common or fint stock all read one anothers hell that appears the gas though you all felt as one, family but when news gets back to see. We are not so unter here, and what is ones like anight susplease another. I believe some I the Kangers are young to send you all a letter , I wind a you all will not get to grownelling . none of them has in the rast letters for they think you are all down on them. "I spent yester after your por s they were not very well several complouring Ma expecto to a top will tell you how all ore. Mannie expects to start to set sol, sett eff to begins again monday I mich her much success , she as a I a leasant vicito when she is teaching when I go over to jour , wis as close by . she most always spenoes a wight there with a

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If have seen expense, and except to virte you have, deen the wheel of any expected the sound in the white of your contract the show I have have the while it of your chart to the sound have the third and man't allowed the sound of the sound of the sound is seen the stand of the sound of the themselves. I always send my letters to Mar or, las to her to her to read I don't minds her seeing none of my letters . but some of he get of the kin is generally very aft to see them, all are interested in the from the army Oyon must be sure to write an answer to her delter and as you get it. I sent to Memphie this neck for a knife for you don't be for whether you will get it or not. I will try Dump see if he will take if it a place of and you must say in your reply whether you get them I will know whether I send them and will know whether the Jany confidence to be placed in Sump for it very little in him and if I had known. you would have been in the army I should have a good or suffly of docks with Glade, sorry not that I die not send thing it him. I hope The line may soon come, that it will not be, so do ne crows to go to our asmy is hope, I may get your clothing to you about one the foll . They carriegood for : . . I have not made you any clother this year thought would want until is a set the season the season the self and so and his hable clothes fire you and I to eat off when the war heras I spin for employment of bothmind and body. If I could feel assured that we would one day live in a home of our own. I could take great pleasure, in making properations for it; Int send one any more money for it hould be of week to and to me, it is none, for you cannot give it away, specie has the servence here green. looks in Memphis. Tenn money will get as day of afederate of the people don't keep it up. . What you sent me le frammer I would have bent-book of I have ever had a good offert they, but as I had none. I sold it to Pa for fifty dollars in aprece. I don't much the it will last any longer to in the was does. be the old commente on I don't see, any end to this dreadful war, seeing to be getting race instead of any dighas of atoping " it a flink two much firs there things be. can tring order out of a for the con restore peace when he has dufficiently trica . we us. The this mercy I trust he will soon interpose ling this contest to a close.

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Dearest Husband:

I again have the priviledge of penning you a few thoughts. My heart's almost too full for uttereance after so long a famine. I've had a rich feast which as amply repaid me for the long weary months of anxiety which I experienced. I rec'd the three last letters you wrote in reasonable time. The one bearing date 16th of April I recd first. It was read with interest and pleasure. The last I find is one of my greatest pleasures or comforts. I live over the scences of departed days often in memory and chide myself now for not appreciating more highly but how true blessings brighten as they depart. I think of the three weeks of our married life as an oasis in the desert. The present I cannot enjoy nor appreciate as I feel I should. I find myself looking ever to the future as if it was certain there was happiness and your society

-----saddened when I read you was again in the army. If it had been left to my choice I would have chosen for you to have remained in the department because you could have been more able to do your duty there than as a soldier. But as we believe in a special providence, I hope it may be for the best. We do not know or see the end as God does therefore many providences. We wonder at and term them mysterious. Whilst I'm willing for you to discharge your duty fully and faithfully for your country. vet the change in your situation has produced quite a change in my feelings, have more anxiety and I find it a severe trail to be reconciled to and though I hope and place my confidence in God and ever try to commit you to his care and keeping yet doubts, my fears will often cloud my sky. I was sorry & sad to hear you was not well. I hope you may soon yet get well, diseased bowels appears to be one of the prevolent disease of camp life. If you should continue to be afflicted so as to render you unfit for duty try and get a furlough and go to South Carolina

or Georgia, a change as good and will often prove beneficial. I would rather have you home if it was possible but know such wish or thought is vain and as I cannot have you with me, I would rather you will be with relatives or acquantances than in a hospital among strangers. I think God that our sick and disabled soldiers can go to Carolina for poor fellows home would not appear like home to them when the Yankees are about them. We had a communion meeting the third sabboth of the month; had preaching Saturday night. One sermon sabboth, quite an interesting service though it was cut short by news of the enemy's coming. They landed at Richardsons landing on Saturday evening or night, gave

rise to the report. Nearly every one had rec'd letters that morning from the army; the news was cheering to many hearts. The revival is a subject of much thankfullness. Mr. Cummins rendered Thanksgiving in his prayer and our friends far away are never forgotten. There is a cloud of prayers and tears ever following you all. Oh, that every soldier in our Southern army were christains certainly it would be an invincible army. God would soon crown their efforts with peace and "independence". I sometimes fear it will take more than war to humble us. There is not that spirit of humility among us here at home that ought to be and will have to be ere a better or peaceful days down upon us. Oh, that we were united in feelingand interest, sympathizing with one another, loving each other as a band of brethren and sisters each standing shouldier to shoulder in this our day of adversity and trail. But alas it is just to the reverse, war abroad is a great evil but neighborhood in strife and discord is much to be deplored. Henry McCain arrived safe at home about two weeks ago. He has received great -----from the lovers of the south, both men and women, young ladies in particular. The boys are fearing the Rangers will cut them out of sweethearts, but they have reason to be more uneasy about those wounded soldiers, for the girls will love the regular soldiers best. no matter how badly they are wounded. Jinnie and Bess and I

spend last Monday with Henry. He is very talkable and could tell me many things that I love to hear. There is joy in that house because of Henry's return. I don't know whenever I spent so pleasant a day, not lately. I seen Bill Futhz at church last Sunday. He looks well, brought sad news for his folks, Bob's death though they were rather expecting it from what they had heard. John Strong says he is improving, but he looks bad, does not look natural. Mother and I went to Aunt Katz Simontons this week on a visit. The old lady does not appear the same; so much changes, is not cheerful as in former days. The troubles of this life have almost worn her down. Her health is not good. I told her how Charlie was. She says if she could think, he could stay at home in any peace or safety. She would be glad indeed, but fearing she cannot insist upon his taying though she is rather expecting him on a visit. When Linda was here last she spoke of Charlie often though she appears to have changed towards me; will not make a confident of me now as she once did. I don't know why or what is her reasons unless it is because Im married. I still hope she will prove herself all right. I was very much in hopes the Captain would come home to stay, thought if he could not end the war abroad, he could step into his old vocation at home and stop some of our fuss here. I once thought competition, the life of trade, but Yankee teachers won't admit any. Take the Yankee nation individually and collectially; there is that tyrannical trail of unlimited power. I never want us to fall under their clutches; rather be subject to Napoleon or Victoria.

For the Yankees are take them in a mass. The most low life mean race now living. I cannot endure them and have just as little use for those who do look on them as friends, as I do for the genuine Yank. I once thought certainly there was untruths told about their conduct, but now there is nothing too mean for them. I do we are getting better acquainted with their manner of prosecuting the war almost everyday we live. There has not been a raid through here since Hurst's though we would not be surprised to see them most any time. They are giving Fayette County a cleaning out, going

round taking mules and negro men. They allow the negroes to volunteer if they will, other they draft or conscript. I don't think there is many negroes going to remain at home. There is constantly some going. Albert Dowell (cousin of pa's) was up to see us this week. He says there has been five regt of the Congo boys made up in Memphis. They are allowed officers as high as colonel. He says they drill them about a week, put arms in their hands, send them off to Vickburgh. The rumor is here that old Johnson has called on this state for fifty thousand white and ten thousand negroes. I think the confederate have a motley mess against them, but some of it is poor fighting material and will be easily gotten out of the wayWe have had many rumors concerning Vicksburgh this week. Cannot tell whether there is any thruth. The last news was brought by a man from Memphis yesterday. The Federals were repulsed, loss very heavy, five thousand wounded arrived in Memphis. Old Price had Helena which is too good to be true. Yhe Jackson affair we cannot find out yet. Tell me how it went and all you know about Vicksburgh. I'm very thankful to you for sending the little rebels the name and papers suits exactly. We rejoice over our victory in Va., but grieve for the loss of the noble and brave. Sis thought Stonewall is dead; if so his loss is indeed great. We hear that he appointed Longstreet in his stead. Who will be able to fill his place in the hearts of the soldiers and people. The first news of that battle was Lee was literally cut to pieces and routed. I want you either go to see cousin Roland or write to him for I want to know how he is and whether he has heard anything from home, expect his folks have had a tight time. If you write; direct to 2nd Reg't, don't know anymore to tell you than that. Brother Sam sentno letter by dump. We knew his reason for not writing by Henry. Idream one night this week that he came home riding a large white horse, thought I was hugging him and crying and wondering if you could not come too which would all be tru if the poor boy could get here. Lizzie was here yesterday on a visit, but I was away. She and the children are well.

The weather is fine for farmers to ------for it has been very dry, so much so, so we were beginning to fear a drouth, but they were too soon to doubt for there was a shower last night and the prospect of more very soon. Wheat crops are generrally promising. A harvest will soon be here. I think from present prospects we will make something to eat if we are allowed to keep it of that part we feel -----for the yankees claims to own us and all we possess. Some have placed cotton on the old peace system; others just enough for home purposes. Tis said the Yanks have the whole of Island 10 in cotton; culitivated by contrabands. I'll venture them poor nigs never had as tight overseer as they are now under. They have anoath out now; subjects the takers to conscript if they are not under or over age. It is to be enforced in Memphis in ten days. There will be some who will rrather go to death. The men of our community have escaped well. Very few have been forced to take it, but tis rather my opinion there is one who has taken it that are passing as

make their bow quite low and polite-----is about, but we have the bone and sinners of the country-----is munmoved their principals are not made of india ------sell them for to save a little property nor to speculate either. I will tell you that it requires just as much courage and bravery to be friends to our country here as it does to be a soldier in the army. Do you think so? God bless the southern soldiers and the cause. We will though tied down by Lincoln oppression still stand firm to the principles that they are so nobly contending and so many are offering their lives for

are sacrificing their lives upon the altar of their country and cannot enjoy what they are selling their lives for. We would live our burden at home; would not hardly be thoughtless.

Old Doctor Dickson gor released after brought at the Irving Block a few days. He had no commission, but they realized him as surgeon after so long a time. They took his horse and watch, blankets, overcoat and leggings and even his pocket knife, stipped of all

except the clothes he had on. He was bitter enough against them befor, but is much more so now. He has never been well since his returned. I hope George is now with you all again this time, as we heard he had gone on for exchange. We heard that George said he would not in prison before, he would not take the oath. Y seen him not more than fifteen minutes before he fell into the enemy's hands. I often reflect on myself for not going out and insisting on his turning back though I did not know they were so near by as the mill though we were expecting them, but he had heard all I had, but I don't suppose he felt sure of their coming as I did. I think you are all rather too hard on Richardsons men for my part I don't know that they ought to do therefore, I don't wish to say. I would rather have my husband in the regular army and my brother too, but everyone has their own choice and I reckon have a right too. Pa is a strong Richardson's man, thinks they ought to stay here, acknowledges they cannot do anything with large bodies of the enemy, but the fear of them

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Dear Mattie:

Your dear loving letter was received evening before last. My heart is truly rejoiced and I feel that I cannot be too thankful to a kind and gracious God for his manifold blessings to me and to my beloved ones at home. We have been blessed in an especial manner and I desire to return unto him the sincere thanksgiving of an humble trusting heart for all his goodness and mercy. Thanks be unto him for our lives and our health for his protecting care and sustaining grace through these dark hours of seperation. I am blessed in having such a dear devoted conpanion, in having the sympathy and prayers of an humble earnest christain wife. You wrote me a long loving and interesting letter. I had no wish for it to be better than it was and would only be happy to received and answer such an one every week of my life were such a thing only possible. There was in the whole of it only one remark that produced anything like a feeling of sadness and that I know was dictated by the kindest feelings for and tenderesting devotion to me. I allude to your thoughts in connection with your past affected evesight. Such allusiuons can only produce painful emotions. While I would lament and mourn such a dispensation, it has ever been and shall ever continue be the proudist recollection and thought of my life that you are my dear devoted wife. I pray you think not such a thought again. I hope mother may soon regain her wanded health again and that your fears may

not be realized for long years to come, but should our God who is love and mercy see fit to take her from you and me to that upper and better world. He can sustain and comfort us for his promise is "My grace is sufficient for you". You spoke in referance to my returning to my old command. My choice would have been to have remained where I was, but I go cheerfully whereever God in his provdence calls me. He is the same God who has sustained and perserved me through dangers seen and unseen in the past and he is everywhere present to shield and prtect us as well in the camp and upon the battlefield as around the fireside in our peaceful homes. The hairs of our head are all numbered and a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his knowledge and are we not all objects of his care and keeping. Cease to be

now anxious about me here than elsewhere; ever commit me into his hands. He is able to preserve me soul and body and to return me safe to you. He is our God, our shield and portion forever.

Our precious revivial continues its livening influences among our soldiers. Our regt is still without a chaplain but we have nightly prayer meetings conducted by Capt. J.L. Hall, the president of our christian association. There has been some fifteen or twenty hopeful conversions among us since I last wrote. Some three or four have been babtized.

Two by sprinkling, the others by immersion. One of the later, S. Lane from our company. Some three or four others have professed. R. Lemmon, Al Templeton and Jas Goforth among

the number. Others are earnestly seeking an interest in Christ. H.C. Mills, S. E. Sweet, J.W. Calhoun and Gus Daniel from ourold company go often. So mourners bench and ask an interest in the prayers of God's professing children. Last Sabbath two weeks, a Cumberland P. Minister from Selma. Ala preached to our regt and at the close of his sermon he called on all those who had lately professed religion and all those who by the grace of God helping them would never cause striving while he would bless them in the pardon of their sins to come forward and give him their hands. He warned them against making a promise to God and not keeping it. While we sang a hymn about seventy arose with tears tricking down their bronzed cheeks and their whole forms trembling with emotion and went forward and gave their hand to him and a brother minister who was present. B. Payne was among the number who went forward. Oh the joy such scenes afford to the heart of the humblr christain. There is no unusual excitement but only a deep seious earnest thinking that seems to take hold of of every heart. Oh may this awakening power continue to spread wider and wider until every heart in our entire army shall feel its powerful influences and may they never find rest to their souls until they shall return to that ask by God through our lord and saviour, Jesus Christ, And, may its influences reach the utmost bounds of our Confederacy, converting not only our soldiers

but also all those loved ones at home. Then we may hope for peace once more to return to her deserted temple to bless our distressed country. Now we begin to see God's hand in his providence among us. He is reaping a rich harvest and gathering many precious souls into his garner above. Thousands upon thousands have already been truned to Jesus through this instrumentality and when he has drown us away sufficiently from the things of this world and fixed our affections firmly upon heaven, he will then restore peace to our land. God in his covenant of grace promised his son the heaven for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession and shall he not obtain them. Most assuredly he will. He has rode fourth upon a white horse by ministers, preaching unto us the plan of salvation but we have stiffened our necks and hardened our hearts and he now rides upon a red horse preaching by the sword. Peace is taken from the earth and we kill one another. Let us return unto the lord while he may yet be found. Let us acknowledge him and he will pardon our iniquties. Let us hasten to return unto the lord lest his wrath be kindled but a little and he visit us upon black and pale horse preaching in the famine and the pestilence. When as you say we are sufficiently humbled and call upon God for deliverance from our trouble. He will hear our cry and restore us to peace and independence. Pray for us. Let Christains everywhere pray nightly to God for the conversion of sinners and that they themselves may grow in the faith. God has blessed our army in our late engagement with the enemy. Lee's engagement at Chancellorsville, Va. was decidedly successful. Still our country has to mourn. A brave soldier, a pure patriot and an humble devoted christain in the person of Stonewall Jackson. He fell by the hands of his friends and his loss is great. But God saw fit to take him from us and as he said upon his death bed, "it is all for the best." In his last moments he requested that Gen Ewell take charge.

. Home. June. 21 " 1863, "Lear, . Friolley; "This is sollath- morning a givetstill time and as I have no wish to go to church to day, The concluded to spend a portion of the day in penning you a few thoughts. . We are in the enjoyment of usual health-at present. The health of our neighborhood is good with few exceptions. Mattie Thompson is quite sick with hyphoid fever, I recot your, letter of 25" of May yesterology evening and has very glade to hear from you of you I rather feared you would be, in some, hospital when I heard from you, and another cause for oux i-- ety, flowing you all might be sent to bicks burgh, rumor, has had you there. Some time ago, of incercy hope and wish that bucksburgh many storned with Sabriels living dounds. The Knell of line " For the way matters stands now it is very closely connected with the desting of the souther nation . by some it is thought to be the horning fromt .. I think if the Federals are outdone there . they ought, to be, selling to stop. but, have no hope that they will .. We have no very reliable information as to how things are going, rumors of any and every kind are constantly in circulation, The yankee papers give altogether a onesided story. In the last one I saw it had some southren news copiea. Concerning, brekebugh, there was great difference in our favor. In that paper, I dee, the Copperheads, have, nominated balanding ham Cand idate for Governor, ourse are yourse to demand of old, the his return to Chi There is where he ought to be is Coptain Billie rec'hear home, safely, much to my surprise. I heard it yesterday I should like to see him but think it doubtful " Jik brings thoughts of the post- and you. for when you was at home. last he was too , always makes me feel sad when I do see any of the boys, makes one, feel my loss, more sensebly fri and are increased wish to see, the soldier that is so dear, to me. Figie new not- reed a letter from dam in some, time you splaned the reason satisfactority. I hope, he will be back in lamp again some of our friends reach there day re will write to him and tell him the news gennerally and particularly from bood the youks frightened her.

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Dear Gridley:

This is sabbath morning a quiet still time and as I have no wish to go to church today, I've concluded to spend a portion of the day in penning you a few thoughts. We are in the enjoyment of usual health at present. The health of our neighborhood is good with few exceptions. Mattie Thompson is quite sick with typhoid fever. I rec'd your letter of 25th of May yesterday evening and was very glad to hear from you again. Irather feard you would be in some hospital when I heard from you again and another cause for anxiaety, fearing you all might be send to Vicksburg. Rumor hs had you there some time ago. I sincerely hope and wish that Vicksburgh may stand until Gabriel's trump sounds the knell of time. For the way matters stands now it is very closely connected with the destiny of the southern nation by some it is thought to be the turning point. I think if the Federals are outdone there they ought to be willing to stop, but have no hope they will. We have no very reliable information as to how things are going. Rumors of any and every kind are constantly in circulation. The Yankee papers give altogether a onesided story. In the last one I saw, it had some southren mend copied concerning Vicksburgh. There was great diffence in our favor. In that paper I see the Copperhead have nominated Valorendingham candidate for Governor and are going to demand of old Abe his return to Chicago. There is where he ought to be.

Captain Billie reached home safely much to my surprise. I heard it yesterday. I should like to see him but think it doubtful He brings thoughts of the past and you, for when you was at home last, he was too, always makes me feel sad when I do see any of the boys makes one feel my loss more sensibly and an increased wish to see the soldiers that is so dear to me. Lizzie has not rec'd a letter from Sam in some time. You explained the reason satisfactorily. I hope he will be back in camp again. Some of our friends reach there. Lizzie will write to him and tell him the news gennerrally and particularly how bad the Yanks frightened her.

On the evening of the eight inst, we were somewhat surprised by news the Yanks are at Mr. W. He flurried round a little. Jennie went to the Dr. and mother and us girls then took our seats in time to see them in full blue riding into the Dr. lot. As soon as they had fed their horses, 14 of them came marching deliborately down on us, all privates. We sat and when they got to the door they politely bid us good evening asking for supper. Mother told them she wished them to treat us well, if they would, she would try and do her duty by them. They assured us they would. When all was seated, Ma went to give out provision to be cooked and I was left along with them. I thought they might get to pilfering through the house and my business was to watch them.

They were from Pillow and were the same that eat with our corner last summer, at least some of them were. They must be the best Yankees out for they behaved in a very nice matter here. They sat still and acted like men ought to. While I was sitting among them, one asked me about guerillas. I told him not to question one on that subject, for I disliked a newsbearer. He then asked me if I would not report on them. I replied I did not know. He said Aye, I've got uou now, They found out I was rebel sure enough. They called our coffee conscript. I told them never to say conscript to us any more. He tried to call it a draft. I told him what was the difference men wills was not consulted at all, must be conscript or amounted to the samr. Ma and me had to talk to them. Beff and D. were mute as mice. They staid all night at the Dr. Went a squad of them and caught Dr. Harrison and Vincell. 14 came back and eat breakfast with us and then all put back to the Fort, They searched Mr. W. house for the flag. Twenty- one eat supper and seven eat breakfast there took his gray horse, fed nearly all the Dr. Corn away. Bill Haskins and Jeff Gray and one geneuine Fed called on Aunt Liza, rode up and inquiried who lived there. Then dismounted and went in, Bill shaking hands and kissed his wife in Aunt Lizas house. Jeff soon inquried for corn. Bill said he had some there and then asked Aunt if he did not, she said yes, but you would not have had any if the friends around had not shucked it and penned it. They then went out and fed their horses out of Hunts crib. They dined in Mrs Haskins house and left. He went back alone to breakfast next morning.

They left her(his wife) last winter without wood enough to make her more than a few fires anf they the kin has had her to attend to and will still have it to do for they have thair hand in the lions mouth and the best way it to take it as easy as possible. Jo Alkison eat supper with us but we did not know him from any of the rest am Im glad we did not. There was a reinforcement sent through here to Vicksburgh. Three Hundred and those from the fort came this far with them. While we were entertaining those I've been telling you about, the town folks had the others on them. Seven of them came out from town to supper here and two others took supper with Uncle Kenben and then came back here and staid all night. Ww staid pretty close within doors that evening for it appeared as if they were plentiful. Blue coatswere straying all around in almost every direction hunting houses to eat at they paid Mr. E a visit but he happened not to be at home After leaving in the morning one or more returned and asked for the woman that had a husband in the southern army, Lizzie told them she was the one, he then stood sword in hand and demanded the pistol she had told her if she knew what was good for here she would bring it forthwith. She told him she gave it to her pa and did not know what he had done with it and as for the pistol it was a useless thing could not shoot to damage no one c.c. So, he after shouting his authority in such an ungentlemanly manner left. Our country appears to be full of detectives. The enemy appears to be better posted in our affairs here than many of us living here are. There is a ----

more swift moole of conveying news to pillow than many of us were aware of for a long time, but we begin to know who is who, but we already strung this subject to too great a length. Ma was over to see me last Friday evening. She appeared anxious to hear from you once more. They were in usual health. We forgottten to mention to you that the Yanks that were in town took Uncle Williams's mules. He went after them but never ----- in getting them. It is a heavy loss, for they were valuable. Cousin Manda Bass spent last week with us. Her little daughter died recently. Jinnie has gone home with her to spend a few days.

I will send you some socks by the bearer of this letter. I sent you a letter and pocket knife which I hope you have rec'd at this time.

You know I am a dear lover of my native state and home. But I feel like now when the war ends if you are permitted to return and feel as willing as I do, we will seek or home elsewhere for many reasons that I could tell you if I was talking with you, but as I'm writing, I will not give any. I'm glad to hear that you all have so much religious feeling among you. I would like sometime to be at your prayer meetings and Sunday school if it was prudent or possible. We have as yetnot been molested in our worship, generally have preaching on our stated regular days and our minister stands firm as a watchman upon the walls of Zion proclaiming the gospel in its juritz. He has never wavered but seems to growing a better Christian. He appears much interested in your welfare and appears to think more of one -----he brought his wife to our house and we love her as much as we could for limited aquaintance. We have no sabbath school on account of the unsettled condition of country affairs. You must excuse this long scrowl that contains so little worth reading for there is nothing hardly worthy of interest afloat in the country now. I feel anxious to see you again once more. I hope the time is not far distant when you may return and remain in safety with nothing to fear from invading foes. Write whenever it is so you can I ever am glad to read a line from you. All join in love to vou. Your ever affectionately Mattie

Your mother sent a letter over. I will enclose it in mine. You must answer it when you write again. It is thought the Federals will pass through here today from Brownsville to -----. There is something up 20 miles from Memphis on the river. What the particulars are I'm not able to tell. Jackson and Bolivar are said to be evacuted.

The 6th was quite a day of jublice in Memphis, being the anniversary of their taking the town. Cannons were fired, procession and dinner. Ethridge was invited to attend as speaker, but decline by letter denouncing the Washington admistration. Old Em has been a long time finding out his mistake.

Tell the boys that Sis said the girls about Germantown are marrying the Yanks for three years or during the war. I don't tell it for the truth, but Cousin Manda said her informant lived there and said it was really true.

Those July 1 1/8 63 My . Dear Historia Favorest by divine providence with an opportunity of expressing any gratetiste to you for all the testimonies of love which you liave shown one I coulially embrace at your last long interesting and affectionate letter of June 18 to was nece in the reason able time and the period of it was really exclainting to my languist spirits, But to asses you how much happiness your letters confer on one would only be a repetation of what I'm often told you. Host of the time of late I feel incompetent of writing anything Connectedly, but if my scottering thoughts afford you pleasure in a with - ary hour - of they are instrumental in dissipating one anxious sensations from your heart. I shall be doubly remorded. Thatever, will gratify as hus band so valuable as mine is will pew however uninteresting it might be, to a stranger. . "There has been enough bad, new reached here within the past few days to depress the spirits of all there lovers of the southern course, if we were to believe it, whilst our fears are, great yet us, cannot believe all. the new of this week, which is vig broks burgh taken . Lee . whiffen . Bragg! s army seathered .: "Wa think Bragg is retreating, andwore, worry indeeds but still it may all be for the best in our case a retreat is often better than a battle against enperior forces. As you know more about the nate than I can tell you for us ale not know anuch, I will only add that I counst Think of our subjugation . it is too horrible. I cling and grosp the hope, and be leef of our being our mode penolent- nation . I whole you a letter and sent it with some socks by . Mr. M. - Coulis I hope you may get both . In that taker I was give of the spenkers Fruit-on the eighth of last month to our neighbor hood and also to one house. " Potersille citizens. Mr Wilson De Dekson and has are genereally the ones that duffer most when they visit our neighbor horse. I tell out, neigh lors. that we certainly have the character of king you specesh on the youkers like us very grell , or weed ower chartement Efor. I were it as a progment and Think . The more patient and resugher t wer are. The some, will these fudgments be removed.

They show some in any many property of the some some some by the stands of the stands of the flat flat of the sound some to the sound some in the sound of the so I then think we ought to feel thankful to Good for his care and protection , for they certainly com go no faether than he permits them . We have much to strong them our belief in the providences of Soot a. that he often restrains the wealt of man, & a For the enemy comes pringed was ruth wrong crews . caused by the new of states lives and, then act in such a horinless manner, that we are constrained to believe that, it is not them but they are kept from their evil purposes by an overfuling providence , There has been a great deal of rain more than I ever knew at this season of the years, it put a stop to all farm with and has coursed Sen Frein to get auch a strong force . Host he will hardly be conquered until frosts conquer, rain has inqueen wheat dome extent: though "thought not deciously, yesterday and to day are strange looking days, it appears to be cloudy yet the sun is exsible and shines a pale red . something like as if it was eclipsen . All Dickson and me cale brates the fourth, in Confederate style, in honor of what it mas was and in a station of our future, on friend evening up, with all . The children and there to strice took our secition as his horse house and went to Old Mis Barrello to spend that night and the fourth. We had a pleasant visit and enjoyed our side and fold finely , our corriage of allocation the attention of all us seen those that were at mak in the fields of topped to look . I mas at your par about a week ago. They were in word health except May sie she had a severe spell with his throat donething like quingy for a day one almist despaired of her life that the the rising Broke she soon got better I expect Mon will write to you " she was as glad as ever to hear from you . he recon our detters while I mas there. Namine is going to setions Mattalie. Lais has moved her school to thing Thilles to hear in cother him the mother franch ased how no shares here around it. Lois told me who had written Johnson a lengthey letter Telling him all her troubles requesting him to show it with to tell mine percept. Charlie , There is somethings I I would take for you to know perhaps . Charlie with tell for. Lelin Don's and Matt Schwitches Limited and his sup see herein a inel-I gestioners we had so pleasant day's atest. all agreed son the partublest being all whereter deeply. mapt be said of and "they are alla south of which is an Common phraje income country out present, it is it is sent it is

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My dear Husband:

Favored by devine providence with an opportunity of expressing my gratitude to you for all the testimonices of love which you have shown me, I cordially embrace it. Your last long interesting and affectionate letter of June 18th was rec'd in reasonable time and the perusual of it was really exilirviting to my langarid spirits. But to assure you how much happiness your letters cinfer on me would only be a repetion of what I've often told you. Most of the time of late I feel incompetent of writing anything correctedly, but if my scattering thoughts afford you pleasure in a solitary hour, if they are instrumental in dissapating one anxious sensation from your heart, I shall be doubly rewarded. Whoever will gratify a husband so valuable as mine, I will pen however uninteresting it might be to a stranger. There has been enough bad news reached here within the past few days to depress the spirits of all true lovers of the southern cause. If we were to beleive it whilst our fears are great, yet we cannot believe all the news of this week which is biz; Vicksburgh taken, Lee whipped, Bragg's army scattered. We think Bragg's retreating and are sorry indeed, but still it may all be for the best in our case a retreat is often better than a battle against superior forces. As you know more about the war than I can tell you for we do not know much I will only add that I cannot think of subpregation, it is too horrible. I cling to and grasp the hope and belief of our being an independent nation.

I wrote you a letter and sent it with some socks by Mr. McCaul. I hope you may get both. In that letter I told you of the Yankees visit on the eight of last month to our neighborhood and also to our house. Potersville citizens, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Dickson and pa are generally the ones that suffer most when they visit our neighborhood. I tell our neighbors that we certainly have the character of being good secesh or the Yankees like us very well or we rec'd more chastisement, for I view it as a judgement and think the more patient and resigned we are, the sooner will these judgements be removed.

The sight of blue coats rouses my rebel blood, but when they come and go away I then think we ought to feel thankful to God for his care and protection for they certainley can go farther than he permits them. We have much strengthen our belief in the providences of God or that he often restrains the wrath of man. For the enemy comes amongst us with wrong viens caused by the news of detectives and then act in such a harmless manner that we are construed to believed that it is not them but they are kept from their evil purposes by an overruling providence.

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year. It put a stop to all farm work and has caused Ge, Green to get such a strong force that he will hardly be conquered until frosts conquers. Rain has injured wheat to some extent though tis thought not seriously. Yesterday and today are strange looking days. It appears to be cloudy yet the sun is visible and shines a pale red something like as if it was eclipsed.

Mrs. Dickson and me celebrated the fourth in Confederate style in honor of what it once was and in anticipation of our future. On Friday evening we with all her children and Henry to drive took our seats in a two horse wagon and went to old Mr. Barretts to spend that night and the fourth. We had a pleasant visit and enjoyed our ride and jolts finely. Our carriage attracted the attention of all we seen, those that were at work in the fields stopped to look.

I was at you pa's about a week ago. They were in usual health except Maggie. She had a severe spell with her throat, something like quinzy. For a day ma almost despaired of her life, but after the rising broke, she soon got better. I expect ma will write to you. She was glad as ever to hear from you. We rec'd our letters while I was there. Nannie is going to school. Matt also. Lois has moved her school to Spring Hill to have a cooler house. The one she formely used had no shade trees around it. Lois told me she had written Johnson a lengthly letter telling him all her troubles, requesting him to show or not to tell no one except Charlie. There is something I would like for you to know perhaps Charlie will tell you.

Calvin Davis and Matt Christopher Simonton and his wife were here on a visit. Ysterday we had a pleasant day's chat. All agreed on the war subject, being all interested deeply might be said of us. They are right which is a common phrase in our country at present.

Colonel Richardson has returned with authority to act as conscripting agent in this portion of the state. Can fight the enemy id he chooses or let alone. He told them at Richmond that two brigades of Yankees had been sent in here after his men and foiled in getting them out and it was useless for them to think of getting them for he nor no other living man could get them away from West Tenn. This conscripting in the enemy's line is a business that I do not altogether approve of. It has done our community a great injury already. Where men can go I think it is their duty to volunteer and go without any conscripting, but that is the misery of it. Thise that ought to be willing are the very ones that are unwilling to go. The warfare is begun with us again. I shall not be surprised to see the blue coats now anytime, think we may expect them next week if not sooner. It is a consolation as well as a comforting thought to me to know you are cheerfully and willingly performing your duty in the sphere you have been placed and that you confidence and faith is strong in him who is both able to preserve soul and body. How consoling has been the beloved promise when sinking under the many difficulties both present and contempleted of live, my grace is sufficient for thee, nothing but an unfaithful deprived heart to discourage me. The infinite disposes of all events has pledged his word for the safety of his beleiving children. Sooner will the universe sink into nothing than God fail of performing his promises. The foundation is sure what have we to fear. I am truely glad to hear of the continuance of the revival in your midst. May it continue to spread not only in our armies but may its influence extend throughout the length and breadth of this our southern land. May not this be the dawn of the glorius morn of the millenium with an eye of faith. We pass the mountains that now obstruct the unversal spread of the gospel and behold with joy unspeakable the beginning of a cloudlessday the rights of peace and love. On sabbath mornings, I think of sabbath schools being in our army. We are deprived of that priviledge here now. My imagination often ---- me to you school and nightly prayermeetings. These are great privileges. I appreciate them now more than ever. I wander back in mind to the past when it was our priviledge to enjoys these blessings. The question is often asked now, why is there no prayermeeting when the war first broke out, prayer was thought much of. I don't think it is forgotten yet, but too much neglected

Sabbath. I have just returned from church. Mr. C. preached us an excellent sermon, one just suitable at present from this text: amous fourth chapt letter closes 11th verse read that chapter and if not applacable to us. I have before spoken of the dark days, the strangest weather ever I've seen. Today is dark nature seems to be sympothizeing or mourning with the inhabitants of earth. I feel sad and low in spirit. The news that Vicksburgh is gone comes so straight that we are compelled to think there is something of truth. I feel by giving it up as by a beloved dead friend. I find it hard though I've been now for some weeks trying to prepose myself for it. We heard from Memphis this week the town was illuminated in honor of it surrender. All were compelled to illuminate or pay a fine. There has been a firing of cannons, yey I hope will not be for. I don't think I could hardly stand or bear to hear the enemy reforceing.

I seen Billie Campbell at church today. I was both glad and sorry; glad to see him looking so well, but the thought of the past of who I seen. The last time I seen Billie he saddened my heart, he promised to pay us a visit this week, but I'm afraid the

enemy will come and he will be afraid to come to their stomping ground. He does not expect to stay longer than a few days.

I with several other ladies expected to have joined the masons yesterday, but Mrs. Cummins failed for some reason to come, therefore we had to defer the matter.

When I find out the secret perhaps I will tell you when I see you.

Mrs. McGill with tears in her eyes asked if you told me about George. I told her I thought her sons would ever find friends ever though they were strangers, for their mother is so good and kind to both foe and friend. Minnie and Ann have taken their hoes and work in the field. What we may all have to do ere long if this war continues for whilst some are making independent fortunes others are losing heavily. Mr. McDill is one who loses has suffered as much or more than any of our community acording to his ability. Lizzie is here on a visit. I reckon she will write to Br. S. Herself and children are well except

Willie. I hope he will soon be better.

I very much wish pa could ride horseback. I would soon get him off to see you and Sam. I cannot insist him to attempt to go in a buggy for tis would not be safe. We are in the enjoyment of only moderate health, preety smart complaing amongst us

though none down bedfast. I've been very near sick with a cold, but am better now except toothache which is bad company to have of nights. I was truely glad to know your health was improving as long as you can keep well, I am willing for you do do what is required of you. Cannot be very well reconciled to you being a soldier enduring so many privations and hardship. When you health is not good, I comfort myself or try to that you will preserved through

out and returned again to me and all who love you. I'm trying to live in hope of a brighter day. A day when a peace shall be established which shall be honoring to God and benefical to man -read at top of this page

I believe there is a future not far distant when the actions & conduct of men will be looked into and I want you to acquit yourself honorably s I firmly believe you will. Let us hold on to the south and her cause, though our fouritude is getting slim. I hope we are on the right side, but whether we are right or whether we are wrong, whether we conquer or are conquered, I feel that all souther born citizens ought to be for the land that gave them birth, certainly will be as able to be a friend and far more so than to-- the name of enemies

I ever seen. One women often in my presence gives her the tile of widow Lois which wounds me to hear, but I don't think Lois has ever known she was called that and never will from me.

Tell George I was very glad he got back to camp alive. If he had died I should always have thought I did not do my duty in turning him back the evening he was caught.

I knew no more than he did but I'm certain

I felt different from him.

Lois Lament is very nice. I think I must give Lois a copy of it for the poor thing has been battered

around so and has had so few sympothetic friends that she appreciates sympothy as much as anyone.

I wish Charlie could get to his old position as he is getting better. I'm sorry he ever did resign. Linda is down at her niece, but I have not seen her. I heard she has been quite sick up at Bobs.

Dr. Dickson has just been down and told me to go over to Alick Hindmans tomorrow morning. Mr. Cummins will be there to initiate the women. I will tell
you who wishes to see Mrs. Hindman, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Couord and Fannie Hardin
myself. I expect you will think I've taken a strange fancy or notion. One of my main
reasons is of there is any guarantee of protection amongst enimies by this institution. I want
it for we seem to more exposed than numbers of our country are. Old Dr. will leave
home soon and finally we have in the past just been there along and no doubt will be again.
Pray for me dearet Gridley for whilst it is my earnest desire to live the life of a
Christain, I find it very hard to battle against three great enemies in the world, the flesh
and satan. I feel like you are being a more consistent christian in the midst of
tempations than I am doing at home. I must close, wishing all the blessings
of a kind providence to attend to you. As ever yours affectionate Mattie.

Janes Herspary; hy The section hills to hills in the second in the secon yours of July . 3/ " now seed in reason. able line and I was truly glad to hear you all remove he in ind in Ditie . for I had some anxiety fearing you might have been captured on the retreat. It is well for us at home. that we do not throw the true condition of our, friends she are in the army, had I know a detreat was on hands, and you so a muell. I should have felt-unhappy, and meady, but after you har of gotten surough as well as you dias. I could bear it very well. It. The health of our family is good as nauch except, Jack . he come quite foren, dying, but is now on the mend. he had the flux. There is his cases in In It family and I shall not be surprised if we have other cases in own family To day is here whally cool for This snorth. I'm setting by the fire writing and it feels were comfortable. Unr. Trestylery met at I Carr's church last week had on interesting once ting and better obtainince of the members than usual ... M. C. Tells us some of our minesters have suffered greatly from the offression of the rening Though most of any this good man has twied two children , and had almost all his in within hossessions duept every, and the renewy in and about his house for thebre months past. This language, was he said oliving thes time stails and almost hourly Lost they care upon the dord for "Carett for lities" Last sunday night Me Hater preached at our, church on monolog night ow, poster preached. I had I quite a sice risk in his buggy on the spent its right ille us. . Next Tresty teny meets at our church wext spil , or rather is afforted there I. I hope there may be, a change for the better again tha hime , who knows but-Inhat peace may be made, and one, husbonds and brotiers be here, again that time. Home lines. I think of our dolotiers returning home, and forget at Can hardly to shealing that any have, you .. but then the comes the save reality all will never, steller who left us. for for often the sad news comed to us of their bor deathor with he as a community may with frost day Friend after friend departs . bh will hath not lost a friend, Dick tolking was loken presoner last fine was g Taken sick took the oath and was trying to get home. Aucceeded in getting in the are fortherd and dies the same ought of his arrival, which was need before last. Sockhap Alexander, itied last week ishe had been sick for some line butgot better then relapsed. He was perfectly resistence to death and conversed beaute

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My Dear Husband:

Yours of July 31st was rec'd in reasonable time and I was truly glad to hear you was still among the living and in Dixie, for I had some anxiety fearing you might have been captured on the retreat. It is well for us at home that we do not know the true condition of our friends who are in the army. Had I known a retreat was on hand and you so unwell, I should have felt so unhappy and uneasy, but after you had gotten through as well as you did, I could bear it very well. The health of our family is good as usual except Jack. He came quite near dving, but is now on the mend. He had the flu. There is two cases in Dr. D. family and I shall not be surprised if we have other cases in our family. Today is remarkably cool for this month. I'm sitting by the fire writing and it feels very comfortable. Our Presbytery met at Dr. Carr's church last week; had an interesting meeting and better attendance of the members than usual. Mr. C. tells us some of our ministers have suffered greatly from the oppresion of the enemy, Dr. Graz, most of any. This good man has buried two children and had almost all his earthly possessions swept away and the enemy in and about his house for twelve months past. His language was he said during this time daily and almost hourly: "cast thy care upon the lord for he careth for thee." Last Sunday night, Mr. Cater preached at our church, on Monday night our pastor preached. I had quite a nice ride in his buggy as he spend the night with us. Next Prebysterz meets at our church next April or rather is appointed there. I hope there may be a change for the better again that time. Who knows but what peace may be made and our husbands and brothers be here agai that time. Sometimes I think of our soldiers returning home and forget I can hardly realize that any have gone, but then comes the reality. All will never return who left us for how often the sad news comes to us of their deaths. Until we as a community may with the poet say friend after friend departs. Oh who hath not lost a friend. Dick Adkins was taken prisoner last June, was taken sick, took the oath and was trying to get home, succeeded in getting in the neighborhood and died the same night of his arrival, which was sometime during week before last. Bekkah Alexander died last week. She had been sick for some time but got better then relapsed. She was perfectly resigned to death and conversed beautifully. So I heard for I never got to see her while sick.

Last Friday was very generally observed as a day of fasting and prayer throughout our country. The enemy came out through Covington on Thursday evening and they ware expected through our neighborhood though they did not come. There was a large congregation assembled at our church, but Mr. C. failed to come and there was short prayermeeting and all hurried away to their homes. It was thought that day that the enemy's designed in coming out was to prevent worship but

since that we have good reason to think they were in pursuit of Col. Green. Many many prayers have been made for our soldiers and the southern cause during the past week and may God hear the cry of his people and speedily deliver us from those who are now opressing us so heavily. There is no war news to be heard now. The Yankee papers would make one believe if they could by their proud boastings that they were carrying things just as they wished; can accomplishe any and everything. They have gotten so high that I think their day of advasity and humiliation is nigh at hand. If we cannot be the instrument of punishing them, some other nation will certainly do it. The last times I saw said they were on the brink of war with England and France and that those two powers would unite with the South against them. If this be really so, which many of our men of judgement are getting to believe, is something true. Our independence will be acknowledged some time sooner than manyis or has been expecting. I cannot give up our cause, though many are saying it is hopelessly gone, for I think there will be in order of providence some way provided for our deliverance. Subolugation; how can we know it. Even the enemy is working for us to induce a people who have once tasted the sweets of independence to return to the condition of slaves, it is necessary not only to conquer their armies but their words and affections must be subdues. How is it with our invaders officers as well, privates of the Federal army are so intent; the one on amassing fortunes, the other on enriching themselves by plundering, that no regard is paid to reunion; instead of soothing they enlight in injuring and opressing and they are actually doing more for our cause.

Reverses we may expect though they must be intended for our good if we could think of them as we should do. The scriptures says the love of money is the root of all evil and the love of it I fear is the root of our many misfortunes of late; instead of our men putting their energies in defense of their country, they contendly remained at home intent on amassing fortunes and many of them bartering the dear rights and principles that so many brave and noble ones are bleeding and dying to obtain. What a help and blessing it would be if all felt interested and would willingly and cheerfully perform the duty that they most certainly do owe to this their country in this her great struggle. If this could be the feeling, we would hear of advancing armies instead of retreats, We ought to use the means. We cannot expect God to bless us unless we do. I want you to tell me if Pemberton was a deserter from the Federal army to ours. I've heard so. If I was at the head of affairs never should put a Yankee in so responsible position for my confidence in that race is none, no matter how loud they may talk of their southern principles. It has been and still is my belief that the surrender of Vicksburgh on the fourth was a premediated and well understood affair. The Yankees have been all around us, but one crowd has been in our neighborhood and that just merly passed through town on to Elick Hindman and camped, used him up about forage, meat,

chickens & ect., then went on to Fort Pillow. A negro raid numbering one hundred and fifty with fourty whites came as near us as Mt.

Zion. They did but little or no damage; captured Jim Hunter, placed him in the centre of their column and very few pitied him for he did not try to avoid them and then took the oath so it is said don't know how true it is. Southern blood was fever heat when the negro raid come. Is it not enough to rouse everyone. Have you seen account of the murder of one entire white family by 18teen negro soldiers of Island Ten. This is the kind of a warfare we may expect if negroes are armed and then officered by officers void of principle or the common feeling of humanity and might we not say backed by the abolition nation who not only seek brutal uncivilized mode of warring, but would glory in blotting us from the face of the earth.

Col. Ritchie has not returned yet. A goodly number is here and recruiting officers does not seem to get them out very fast. Some think the command will be back. They may come in for a short time, but there staying here looks rather inpobable for the enemy is determined upon their staying out. You all must not be down on the rangers, for they are doing double service for their country. Mrs. Bob Strong has two little boys. Now don't be telling this to the boys for they will think me rude in writing.

A great many of the churches are being visted by revivals, but our stands quite cold. You must all pray for us to be revived and refreshed. The county of Shelby is being revived at almost all their churches. Jinnie attended a protracted meeting for a week at New Salem. There was some twenty or thirty conversions. And there is one going on at Mudville; some thirty were at the anxious seat on Monday.

I want you in your reply to give me a schedule of your clothing and whether you need more; if so, try to get Dump in the notion of carrying them to you. Mcaul is here with Sam's clothes and your socks and no probility of his going anytime soon. Some of the boys wrote like something to eat was scarce. I know you all are bound to have hard times but I sincerly hope you may never suffer. Your retreat was a sad calamity, but still it was as necessitly and we must bear these trails though they are hard indeed, but let us try to submit to these present sufferings and trails and hardships with christain resignition and fortitude, living in hope of this our day of adversity finding in God's own good time and way. John Sterling and Jane Adams weer marries last week on Sabbath last. Early in the morning Neil Mclellam and Pat Holkins were married. The young folks are growing tired of waiting for the war to end so you need not be surprised to hear of marriages occaionally now. Your pa's family were well last sabbath night. I reckon ma will write to you. I think perhaps I shall go over on a visit this week as this is the anniversary of Sallie's death. I know she has felt quite lonely and sad. I've thought often of it today. I seen Lois at church Sunday night. Wanted her to come home with me, but her school required her so early next morning she could not come. She and Billie both have as much as they can attend to some fifty scholars. Write me

all you think would be interesting about war news and then about yourself. How you have felt since your march, have you had the rheumatisms anymore? W.C. hill join in love to you. Yours in the bond of affection, Mattie.

If you think it prudent for women to visit our army. Is it any satisfaction to either party? Some ladies from Shelby County have made a safe trip through. It will perhaps encourage others to try it.

Dump will not carry letters without pay in advance.

The courier from Ritchie brings discourageing news about Charlestown, thinks it bound to go up. If the enemy gets in there, they will desolate and destroy everything as they go, should not be surprised if our men has to take the oath before a great while. Sabbath 31st.

I will enclose Beff's letter in mine, spect you to hand it to Billie.

We are in usual health. Lizzie was quite sick last Friday, but was better this morning when I left. I staid with her last night. Today in her chill often, but I hope she will miss it. Dove is sick with chills also. There was only five there down with chills yesterday. The sudden change in the weather is going to cause sickness I fear.

Linda has been to see us, has now gone back to Bob's. She told me a great deal to tell you to tell Charlie, but as he has gone and my

sheet is pretty near full, I will just say if Charlie was hear one or two talks would bring them all right. She just wants the fun of fixing over their love. This is my belief, but yet I may be mistaken though I'm not of his thoughts. I expect mistaken about this, she loves him and if ever she quits him tis not her woman heart that causes it.

I will send you back ten dollars of confederate money and 2 1/2 gold piece for change. We hear that some of Ritchie boys have gone to see you. I hope they will give you all the news and tell the truth/ I've come to conclusion that there is some big lies written and told to our boys. I think Dump is doing his full share of it as regards sweethearts affairs in a number of cases

where he has no right to interfere.

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Walle the 25 Heb 1 1 1864 Dear Mattie Lind and again surrounded by olds familiar forces I reached my command in sufeton fast Friday evening I must not say I was welcome I have the tanded, We found the boys all well and in excellent Thirty handles half all on the senis with uncovered heads I sugar to le sens The country until the end of the war All the Tennesseans how reinlested the is the thou voluntier state, Other broops are also sinlisting, but and was the first We will have but little use for conscription among the old troops bearing whered of your anxiety before this time, We did not mof witch, to both night after and thest home It's could not make all our arrangements to crops Firiday night and Salut night synhine we started and were in there miles of the rom not keared live signals and and slarm and concluded it would be dongerous to alternate cropsing that night as the enemy would on account of the alarm be mow watchful. The lay conseiled until next night and made it is sofel although we had quite a rough time of its being The rain all day and troubing all night in it owining the myster we wint down although we went down although we were not more their three miles south of the line Wo look good the in an old wast house - builts a fire and died our selves At down we started and reached will Water by I feld go sip the stream for about eight miles where we

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Dear Mattie

I am once again surrounded by old familiar faces. I reached my command in safety on last Friday evening. I need not say I was welcome. I have had a breathing spell since I landed. We found the boys all well and in excellent spirits. They have all on the 22nd with uncovered heads an dl uplifted hands swore to serve their country until the end of the war. All the Tennesseans have reinlisted. She is still the volunteer state. Other troops are also reinlisting, but ours was the first. We will have but little use for conscription among the old troops Yoy no doubt felt very uneasy about us, but I hope you have been relieved of your anxiety befor this time. We did not cross over until sabbath night after we left home. We could not make all our arrangements to cross Friday night and Saturday night when we started and were in three miles of the road we heard two signals and an alarm and concluded it would be dangerous to attempt crossing that night as the enemy would on account of the alarm be now watchful. We lay concealed until next night and made it in safety. Although we had quite a rough time of it, swiming two Streams(wolf and another south of the road) during the night. We had to stop when themoon went down although we were not more than three miles south of the line we took quarters in an old waste house, built a fire and dried our selves. At dawn we started and reached coldwaterby 9 oclock. but could not cross on account of high water. We had to go up the stream for about eight miles where we

crossed on a bridge and put up for the night about two miles south of the stream. Afterwards we traveled from twenty to twenty five miles a day untile we reached Okolond which we did on Friday evening. We boxed our plunder and left there on Monday morning and missed but one connection on the way, which was at Selma. I attempted to have my likeness taken but I could not get one to please me I would not have it. I was very sorry but I could not think to pay \$18.00 for a picture which I believe looked any thing like me.

I did not have any trouble in selling my nag for \$500.00 bridle and sattle included; if I had had time

I think I could have sold them For \$50.00 or \$100.00 more than I did. Mrs. W. was very proud of her cards.

Feb 2nd On vesterday I could not write and today I fear I am doomed to another failure I would like to write you a more interesting letter, but there is here an usual death of news. There is no war news. The weather is fine and the roads fast improving and if we have no more bad weather we may expect an early spring campaign. Capt Howard has resigned and gone home, consequently they have had a chance, as the company was consolidated with no other for the election of another lieutenant which was given to Brother Sain. He as not gone before the board of examination. We have had no election on acount of consolidation. Whether our army will remain under the same organization depends upon the action of Congress. The troops generally would prefer that it should, there will however be some changes as I will probably have an opportunity again soon of writing, I will close for the present. Give my love to all and believe me as ever

> Your devoted husband H.M. Lynn

Jear Mattie. July 1911

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Dawson Hospital Greensboro, Ga July 1st, 1864

Dear Mattie

It is now 10 o'clock at night All around is hushed in sleep. The stars, those silent wonderers of that boundless breadth of blue, have brought the happy times when lovers meet in some lone spot where all is silence, love their own signs or the unequal beating of their young hearts stirred by tender wishes as hand meets hand and meeting glances tell the tale of love untold before. I have just finished reading your four last letters and they with the calm stillness that surrounds me have begotten in me a feeling akin to that which yourself experienced on the evening of that beautiful sabbath, the 8th of May. The chairs wherewith we are so dearly bound vibrates at memorys touch and surely there is communion between congenial spirits for most assuredly,

"Although not seen by human sight, I feel thy spirit hovering near, as soft as I feel the light that trimbles through the atmosphere.

My spirit though with one a moment ago is now flying over hilltop and over mountain, through valley and through dale and is now gamboling with it kindred spirit mis flowers and the pale light of nights peaceful watchers.

I hear a voice on every breeze, that makes to mine into low replies. A voice, all low and sweet like thine.

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chastened and purified. True love never dies. If carelessly within thy heart I ever placed a thorn If ever I gave thee needless pain Forget it now dear one. Some youthful error may have grieved When I might know it not Think only of my virtues now And be the rest forgot. I am happy now and would rec'd enternal amid these light lovely scences of my own imagining, but the sharp tick of time piece and the heavy beating of dome sick comrades remind me that I am still in a land of ma-terial things. My dream is gone. The spell is broken and I am in a world of reality and am reminded of a duty I was requested to perform. It is eleven (11) o'clock. I must see the hour of the night. One-two(oh! how the cold chills rush over my soul) three-four(my heart is freezinf) five-six(where am I

what am I doing) seven-eight
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(not not yet, someone calls) eleven(He asks the hour) I am still alive

and there are those around me who still speake and breathe. I will now retire to my single bed; commit myself to him who slumber not, and asleeps and yield my body to masters soft embrace. And Oh God takes charge of my kindred spirit too.

July 2nd I will this morning continue my letter but I will try and confine myself to now sober realities than I did last night.

Although I have acknowledged the receipt of all your letters except your last of the 17th of May there are many things in them deserving of notice, which owing to circumstances, love been passed over heretofor in silence. You will doubless wonder why I was so silent about many things of which you spoke in your letters.

I will not try to bring them up in order, but will speake of them as they come to my mind:
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Em and Mary Hall. I must confess myself as much astonished at it as you possibly could have been and at first felt an extreme sense of shame, but a little tinse and reason restored me to self possession. I felt that I and my beloved wife had as much right to a free familiarity in conversation and corrispondence as brother and sister any of those other relation of life.

I remember very well the History of elder Sniffles and widow Bedots and was much amissed at Biff's comparison. It is indeed an applecable one. One day while on the fall back from Dalton and in company with Pine-knot, I told him of Gen McL beseiging Ft. Rhodes. His reply was that he was very much surprised

and that he had feared that the Gen would only be too secessful at Ft. Dowel for the good of those that had been less fortunate. You would be glad to know what has become of my old friend Turner and his family. Miss Hattie and two sisters left Dalton a few days after we started to Demopolis last Feb. and came to Covington. Ga or its vicinity. She to teach and they to go to school. I saw Mrs. T. about 12 oclock the night before we left. We left at daybreak. I asked and obtained a mission to carry her some broken sacks of meal that had been set aside fearing we would not have cars enought to take it all. I got cousin M.T. and J.N. McC and we selected three of the best, making in all some four or five bushels and carried them to her. We found her and old Mrs. Huttchinson(mother of Hutcheson of -----, Memphis, Tenn) apparently in

in much trouble. They were alone with three small children, Mr. T. having gone south on business some days before. We were soon admited and our meal thankfully received. She told me she had not a dust of meal or flour in her house and that until we came in she had not the least idea when or where she would get any more. I felt then as if I had not lived altogether in vain. I suppose Mr. T. to be still south of our lines as I do not think it would be possible for him to return then or since. Your critism on my photograph was just and very correct. You pointed out the very objection of which

I spoke, but that was no fault of mine. The artist should have cut them off at the waist.

How my mouth watered while I read of the good things you had to eat during the meeting of Presbyterian

Why did I write such a warm letter to mother? Well, I am unable to tell. I do not know really what I did write now, but, I supposed I wrote just as I felt, not because it was to her, but because I was just in that peculiar humor at the time. What ere my thoughts on the 10th of April. I have told you in a former letter and will pass the inquiry with a sign I think of the joys that are passed. I did not receive your of the 11th of May until about the 22nd of last month and although I had received letters from Sam and cousin McI giving me about all the news it contained still I was glad to get and to look again upon that old familiar handwriting. I love even to gethold of a piece of paper that I know has been or pressed by loved ones hands. It is dear to me.

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CONTINUATION OF A LETTER WRITTEN OCTOBER 20, 1864 BY H.L. LYNN CONCERNING THE MOVEMENTS BACK TO TENNESSEE AFTER THE ATLANTA CAMPAIGN

My aunt gave me clothing which with what I had makes my wardrobe very comfortable at present. Aunt Peggy gave me a pair of pants and a vest both of which Aunt Mag cut and made for me. Aunt Mag gave me a shirt & cousin Sallie Eestic gave me another. Aunt Jane Gillespie gave me a pair of socks, also Aunt Jane Lynn. These were all that I would take. They offered two or three times as much as I could have carried. They did all they could to make me comfortable and happy and I know you will think me foolish for leaving there when I might have staid, but the truth of the whole matter is this. I never expect to be contended when I am unwell until I get home That is the only place I will be willing to remain at until I am entirely restored. I am now cripled up with humatism so that I have had to be hauled in the ambulance a part of two or three days. Some nights I have considerable fever and my knees and ankles are sometimes considerable swollen. I left Chester on the 1st, came to Newman, Ga on the cars, walked seventy-five miles before I caught the command and have made a hundred and twenty five since. The army as made in all over two hundred and fifty and have tore up between fourty and fifty miles of railroad and captured four small garrisons making in all about two thousan d prisoners about half of the number at Dalton. Eight hundred of the garison, there were negros. The white Yankees were paroled. They surrendered without the fire of a gun. The 12th of May, the 6th & 9th Regts were the last infantry to leave that place and on the 13th of Oct, just five months afterwards were the first to enter. Our brigade took possesion of the fort and garrison after the surrender and consequently got the most of the captured plunder. We got at Confederate price,

got about two thousand dollars worth. I got me a good blanket, India rubber oil cloth, canteen, anold repeater and about three lbs of coffee. Everybody is jubilant. We are cooking three days rations and will have leave at 3'oclock tomorrow for Gunter landing on the Tenn. river bound for middle Tennessee.

We are getting plenty to eat and the boys generally are standing the march very well. We have made eighteen miles today and since we stopped, cousin Mc and Billie have been out and got a bushel of sweet potatoes.

Oct. 21, 1864

D. leaves todayand I must finish my letter this morning. I received yours of the 8th of JUly on the night of of the 12th inst. I was truly glad to hear from you. It was only second to being at home. I will not be able to write any but one letter but after this whole letter is addressed to you. It is also intended for father and mother and will probably prove more interesting to them than to give as the most of it is concernan relative. I know you will think the time very long between letters, but owing to the circumstances I could not do better.

Cousin Mc gave me an idea of what old Mrs. W. was cutting up about, but still I would like to know more.

I am glad Sam has got to go home, at least I hope he will have a nice time at home. If you send me anything by him do not send anything but a coat, pants and a pr of boots or shoes and some socks. I have everything else I will need this winter and I could do without these.

I suffer very severe pains, sometimes but while we continue to go towards home, I will go while ever I can drag and foot past the other, but if I get any wise, I intend stopping and you need not be much surprised to see me home pretty soon now. I have not carried a gun since I came back, nor do I expect to while I am situated as I am. Give my love to all. The boys send their regards. Write soon and often. You must excuse brevity, I would like to say much more but time will not permit.

I remain as ever your loving husband H M Lynn

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Sunday evening 7th May[1865]

Dear Gridley: I gave or started you a letter today, but fearing you will not get it and as pa Lynn has come by to tell me that I can send you a word by Billie Wilson. I thought I would pen you a line and also send the letter I wrote to to send by mail last week. The reading of it may be some satisfaction to you although there is pretty much the same news in bottom of my last letters. W've been ti church today, heard a good sermon, seen Lois & Linda. We all three sat together and talked together, all of us feeling quite low in spirits, tis a trying time upon us, one & all. I felt well today. As pa is in a hurry, I must again stop. Tis so hard for me to think I can get no more letters from you. Be not anxious about me though our country is being fast overrun by our foes yet. I hope God may preserve us all. And you too and permit us again to meet in this world. If we never meet again here, let us strive to meet in heaven. So goodbye Gridley.

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PREFACE.

THIS Catechism was prepared originally by the Author for his own children; and, with the hope that it may prove of equal benefit to others, it is now committed to the public. The object in view was to provide instruction in catechetical form, within the easy comprehension of even very young children, and it is believed that there are few of the answers herein given which may not be understood and memorized readily by the voungest learners. The lessons are regulated, not according to the amount necessary to be learned at one time, but according to subjects. The parent or teacher can judge best as to how much should be attempted at one time.

That it may prove a blessing to the children of the Church, and be instrumental in instructing them in the ways of righteousness, is the prayer of

THE AUTHOR.

LITTLE CHILD'S CATECHISM.

LESSON I.

GOD.

Q. Who made you and takes care of you?

A. God.

O. What else did God make?

A. All things.

Q. What elst does God take care of besides you?

A. He takes care of all things.

Q. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit O. Where is God?

A. He is everywhere. Q. Can you see God?

A. No, I cannot see God.

Q. Why cannot you see God?

A. Because He is a Spirit.

Q. Can God see you?

A. Yes, God sees me.

Q. Give a verse from the Bible which tells you this?

A. "Thou God seest me."

Q. Why can God see you? A. Because He sees and knows all things.

Q. When does God see you?

A. At all times.

O. Are there more Gods than one?

A. No, there is but one God.

Q. In how many Persons does this one God exist?

A. In three Persons. Q. What are they?

A. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

LESSON II.

THE SOUL

O. Have you a soul as well as a body?

A. Yes, I have a soul that can never die.

O. Do all little children have souls as well as bodies?

A. Yes, all little children have souls.

O. How do you know that you have a soul?

A. Because I can think about God and the world to come.

O. Do beasts and birds and other such creatures have souls?

A. They do not.

Q. Can your soul ever die as your body dies?

A. No, my soul can never die.

O. How do you know that your soul can never die?

A. Because the Bible teaches me so.

Q. Who first created your soul? A. God, who made all things.

O. Where do you learn this?

A. In the Bible.

Q. Why did God create your soul?

A. To love and enjoy Him.

O. What does God require of you?

A. To love Him with all my heart.

LESSON III.

JESUS CHRIST.

Q. Who is Jesus Christ?

A. The Son of God.

Q. What is Jesus Christ?

Q. Where did Icsus come from when He came to earth?

A. From Heaven.

Q. Why did Jesus come from Heaven?

A. To save sinners.

Q. Why did He want to save sinners?

A. Because He loved and pitied them.

Q. Was Jesus a sinner?

A. No, He was without sin. Q. How does He save sinners?

 \widetilde{A} . By dying for them.

Q. Where was Jesus born?

A. In Bethlehem of Judea.
Q. In the days of what King?

A. In the days of Herod the King.

Q. What kind of a death did He die?

A. A very shameful and painful one.

Q. On what did Jesus die?

 \tilde{A} . On the cross.

Q. Where was the cross?

A. On Calvary.
O. Where was Calvary?

A. Near Jerusalem.

Q. Who commanded Him to be put to death?

A. Pontius Pilate.

Q. Who was Pontius Pilate?

A. The Roman Governor.

LESSON IV.

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Q. Who is the Holy Spirit?

A. He is God.

Q. Where is the Holy Spirit?

A. He is everywhere.

Q. Does the Holy Spirit see and know all things?

now all things?
A. Yes.

Q. Why does He see and know all things?

A. Because He is God.

Q. What does the Holy Spirit do for us?

A. He changes our hearts.

Q. What else does He do for us? A. He teaches us the truth.

Q. What truth does He teach us?

A. The truth we need to know in order to be saved.

Q. What is our duty to the Holy

Spirit?

A. To pray to Him.

Q. What else?

A. To obey His voice.

Q. How must we honor Him?

A. As God.

Q. What must we not do to Him?

A. We must not grieve Him.

Q. What does the Bible say about this?

A. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God."

Q. What promise does God make about giving His Spirit?

A. "I will put my Spirit within you."

LESSON V.

THE NEW BIRTH.

Q. What do all mankind need before they can go to Heaven?

A. A change of heart.

Q. Do little children need this change of heart as well as others?

A. Yes, little children as well as

others.

O. Why do little children as well as all mankind need this change of heart?

A. Because all have a sinful nature.

Q. What does God call this change

of heart?

A. "A new heart."

Q. What promise does God make about this new heart?

A. "A new heart will I give you."

Q. What else does God call this new heart?

A. Being born again.

Q. What does Jesus say about it?

A. "Ye must be born again."

Q. Must little children be born again as well as others?

A. Yes.

O. Who alone can change the heart?

A. The Holy Spirit.

Q. What prayer can little children pray about the new heart?

A. "Create in me a clean heart, O

God."

LESSON VI.

THE BIRLE

Q. What Book has God given us to teach us what we must do?

A. The Bible.

O. Who wrote the Bible?

A. Holy men of God.

O. When did these holy men live?

A. A great while ago.

Q. Who taught them what to write?

A. The Holy Spirit.

O. What is the Bible, then?

A. The Word of God.

O. What does the Bible teach us? A. Our duty to God.

Q. What else does it teach us?

A. Our duty to our fellow-men.

O. What does it teach us about God?

A. It teaches us what God is. O. What else does it teach us about

God?

A. How He loves us and what He has done for us.

O. What does the Bible teach us of

our duty to God? A. To love and obey Him.

O. What does it teach us of our duty to our fellow-men?

A. To love all mankind.

Q. What else?

A. To be kind to one another.

O. What does the Bible show us?

A. The way to Heaven.

LESSON VII.

THE MORAL LAW.

O. How many commandments has God given us?

A. Ten. O. Where were the Ten Commandments given?

A. At Mount Sinai.

Q. How were they given?

A. God spake them with His voice. Q. Why did God give these com-

mandments?

A. To teach us what is right or wrong.

Q. Upon what were the Ten Com-

mandments written?

A. Upon two tables of stone.

Q. How many commandments upon the first table?

A. Four.

Q. How many upon the second table? A. Six.

O. What does the first table contain?

A. Our duty to God. Q. What does the second table con-

tain?

A. Our duty to man.

Q. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

A. To love God with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves.

Q. Can any one perfectly keep these commandments of God?

A. No, not now.

Q. Why can no one perfectly keep them now?

A. Because all men are sinners.

O. Who only can help a little child to obey and keep these commandments of God?

A. The Holy Spirit.

Q. Will He help little children to keep them?

A. Yes, if they ask Him.

Q. Where does God say is our help?

A. "In Me is thine help."

O. What little prayer can children pray who want to do God's will?

A. "Teach me to do Thy will."

LESSON VIII.

SIN.

O. What is sin?

A. Doing anything wrong.

Q. Is anything else sin?

A. Yes, not doing what we ought to

Q. What does God call sin?

A. An abominable thing.

Q. What are God's feelings towards it?

A. He hates it.

Q. Why does God hate sin?

A. Because it is so evil.

Q. What else does He say about sin?

A. That He cannot look upon it. O. What does this mean?

A. That He cannot endure it.

Q. Will God punish sin?

A. He will.

Q. Why must He punish it?

A. Because it deserves to be punished.

Q. What only can take away sin?

A. The blood of Jesus Christ.
Q. What does the Bible say about the blood of Jesus Christ?

A. That it cleanses from all sin.

LESSON IX.

REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

Q. What does God command all men to do in regard to sin?

A. To repent of it.

Q. What is it to repent of sin? A. To be sorry for it.

O. What else?

A. To forsake it.

Q. Do those truly repent of sin who continue to love and practice it?

A. No.

Q. Can we be sorry for and forsake sin without help?

A. We cannot.

Q. Who must help us? A. God our Saviour.

Q. What does the Bible say that Jesus is exalted to give?

A. To give repentance.

Q. What else does Jesus give to those who repent?

A. Forgiveness of sin.

Q. When we commit sin what must we ask God to do?

A. To forgive us. O. For whose sake?

A. For Christ's sake.

Q. What is it to have faith in Christ?

A. To trust in Him.

Q. Does He invite us to come to Him?

A. Yes.

Q. Does He promise to receive us?

A. He does.

Q. Who may come to Jesus? A. Whosoever will may come.

LESSON X.

PRAYER.

Q. To whom ought we to pray?

A. To God only.

Q. In whose name ought we to pray?

A. In the name of Christ.

Q. For what ought we to pray?
A. For forgiveness of sin, cleansing of our hearts, and whatever else we may need.

Q. How often ought we to pray?

A. At least every morning and even-

ing.
Q. What beautiful prayer has Christ left us to teach us how to pray?

A. The Lord's Prayer.

Q. How does the Lord's Prayer be-

A. "Our Father which art in heaven."

Q. What is the first petition?

A. "Hallowed be Thy name."

Q. What is the second petition?

A. "Thy kingdom come."

Q. What is the third petition?
A. "Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heaven."

Q. What is the fourth petition?

A. "Give us this day our daily bread."

Q. What is the fifth petition?

A. "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

Q. What is the sixth petition?

A. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Q. What is the conclusion of the

Lord's Prayer?

A. "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

Q. What can teach us how to pray?
A. God's Word and His Holy Spirit.

LESSON XI.

THE SABBATH.

Q. What day has God set apart more particularly for His own worship?

A. The Sabbath day.

Q. What is the Sabbath day called?

A. The Lord's day.

Q. Who arose from the dead on that day?

A. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Q. Is this why the Sabbath is called the Lord's day?

A. Yes.

Q. What command has God given about the Sabbath?

A. Remember the Sabbath day to

keep it holy.

Q. How can we keep the Sabbath holy?

A. By spending it in the worship and

service of God.

Q. What does God promise to those who remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy?

A. He promises to bless them.

Q. What does He threaten against those who profane His Sabbaths?

A. His grievous displeasure.

Q. What short text of Scripture then should we remember?

A. "My Sabbaths ye shall keep."

LESSON XII.

THE SACRAMENTS.

Q. What means of grace has God given us?

A. His Word, sacraments and prayer. O. How many sacraments are there?

A. Only two.

Q. What are they?

A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

O. Who appointed these sacraments?

A. Jesus Christ.

Q. For what purpose did He appoint them?

A. For our instruction, comfort and salvation.

Q. What element is used in baptism?

A. Water.

Q. What does baptism teach us?

A. That our natures are sinful and need to be cleansed.

Q. Who only can cleanse our sinful natures?

A. The Holy Spirit alone.

Q. Of what does baptism then remind us?

A. The work of the Holy Spirit.

Q. In whose name is baptism to be administered?

A. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Q. Who are to be baptized?

A. Believers and their children.

Q. What should baptized children remember?

A. That they belong to God.

Q. How should they endeavor to live?

A. Holy and blameless lives.

Q. Can they do this of themselves?

A. No, they must seek God's grace

to help them.

Q. Of what does the Lord's Supper remind us?

A. Of our absent Saviour.

Q. What elements are used in this sacrament?

A. Bread and wine.

Q. What does the bread represent?

A. Our Lord's body.

Q. What does the wine represent?

A. His shed blood.

Q. What does He say about this sacrament?

A. "This do in remembrance of me."

Q. What does the Lord's Supper teach us?

A. That Christ died for our sins.

Q. What else does it teach us?
A. That we ought to love and serve Him.

Q. How long are we to observe this sacrament?

A. Until He comes again.

LESSON XIII.

THE OFFICES OF CHRIST.

Q. Who is the only King and Head of the Church?

A. Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Q. What is Jesus Christ to us?

A. Our Redeemer.

Q. How many offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

A. Three.

Q. What are they?

A. He is our Prophet, Priest and King.

Q. Why do we need a Prophet?

A. Because we are ignorant.

Q. What does Christ do for us as our Prophet?

A. He teaches us the will of God.

Q. By what means?

A. By His Word and Spirit.

Q. Why do we need a Priest?

A. Because we are sinful and guilty.

O. What does Christ do for us as our Priest?

A. He died for our sins.

Q. What else?

A. He reconciles us to God.

Q. And what else?

A. He intercedes for us.

Q. Why do we need a King?

A. Because we are weak and our foes are strong.

O. What does Christ do for us as our

King?

A. He rules us and defends us.

Q. What will He do to His and our enemies?

A. Restrain and conquer them.

LESSON XIV.

OBEDIENCE TO PARENTS AND OTHER DUTIES.

Q. How should children act towards their parents?

A. Obey them.

O. What does the Bible say about

A. "Children, obey your parents."

O. Why should children do this?

A. Because it is right.

O. What does God command about

A. "Honor thy father and thy mother."

O. How can children honor their

parents?

A. By loving and obeying them.

Q. What promise does God make to those who obey this command?

A. A promise of long life.
Q. What does God say about profane

stvearing?

A. We must not take His name in

vain.

Q. What does He say about murder?

A. "Thou shalt not kill."

Q. What does He say about stealing?

A. "Thou shalt not steal."

Q. What does He say about lying?
A. That we must not tell a lie.

Q. What does He say about coveting?

A. "Thou shalt not covet."

Q. What does He command about love to our neighbor?

A. To love our neighbor as ourselves.

LESSON XV.

HEAVEN AND HELL.

Q. What is Heaven?

A. A beautiful and glorious place.

Q. Where is Heaven?

 \tilde{A} . Beyond the sky.

Q. Who live in Heaven? A. God and the holy angels.

Q. Are there any others in Heaven besides these?

A. Yes, many who have gone from this earth.

Q. Who are these?

A. All who have died in the Lord.

Q. What does the Bible call them?
A. "The spirits of just men made

perfect."
O. Who else are there?

A. Many little children are there.

Q. How came they there?

A. Through the blood of Christ.

Q. What is the state of those in Heaven?

A. They are holy and happy forever.

Q. What is hell?

A. A place of great misery and woe.

Q. What is it for?

A. A place of punishment.

O. Who only are sent there?

A. Those who love and continue in sin.

O. How may we escape being sent there?

A. Only through our Lord Jesus Christ.

O. How is this to be done?

A. By repentance and forsaking of sin, and trusting in Him as our Saviour.

LESSON XVI.

BIBLE HISTORY.

O. Who were our first parents?

A. Adam and Eve.

Q. Of what was Adam made? A. Of the dust of the ground.

Q. Of what was Eve made?

A. Of one of Adam's ribs.

Q. Where were our first parents placed after their creation?

A. In the garden of Eden.

O. What was their condition at that time?

A. They were holy and happy.

Q. Did God give them permission to cat of the trees of the garden?

A. Yes, of all except one.

O. What was that tree called? A. "The tree of knowledge of good and evil."

O. What did God command in re-

gard to that tree?

A. That they must not eat of it.

O. What was to happen to them if they ate of it?

A. They would surely die.

O. Did they obey God? A. No. they disobeyed Him.

O. How did they disobey Him?

A. By eating the forbidden fruit. O. What did this disobedience bring

into the world?

A. It brought sin and death.

LESSON XVII.

BIBLE HISTORY .- Continued.

Q. Who tempted Adam and Eve to

A. The devil.

O. Who is the devil?

A. A fallen angel.

O. What does that mean?

A. An angel who has sinned.

Q. What is the devil called in Scripture?

A. The "Old Serpent."

Q. What did our first parents lose when they sinned against God?

A. The favor of God.

Q. Under what were they brought?

A. Under His wrath and curse.

Q. How did they feel?

A. They felt afraid of God. O. What did they try to do?

A. To hide from him.

O. Could they do this?

A. No; no one can hide from God.

Q. What is this disobedience of our first parents called?

A. It is called "the fall."

Q. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A. Into an estate of sin and misery.

Q. Did God leave all mankind to perish in a state of sin and misery?

A. No, He provided them a Saviour.

Q. Who is this Saviour?

A. The Lord Jesus Christ.

LESSON XVIII.

BIBLE HISTORY.—Continued.

Q. What became of Adam and Eve after they had sinned?

A. They were driven out of the

garden of Eden.

Q. How were they kept from return-

ing?

A. By a flaming sword guarding the way.

Q. By what else?

A. By cherubim.

Q. What are cherubim?

A. Bright and holy angels.

O. What was cursed because of Adam's sin?

A. The ground was cursed.

Q. What was it to bring forth?

A. Thorns and thistles.

Q. What was to be their lot? A. Sorrow, suffering, and toil.

O. How long was this to continue?

A. All the days of their life.

Q. To what were they to return at their death?

A. To the ground from whence they were taken.

Q. What did God say about this?

A. "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Q. Who did God promise would conquer the Old Serpent and bring salvation to our race?

A. The Seed of the woman.

Q. Who is He? A. Jesus Christ.

LESSON XIX.

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS ON OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY.

O. Who was the first man?

A. Adam.

O. The first woman?

A. Eve.

O. The holiest man?

A. Enoch.

O. The meekest man?

A. Moses.

O. The oldest man?

A. Methuselah.

O. The strongest man?

A. Samson.

O. The wisest man?

A. Solomon.

O. The most patient man?

A. Job.

O. Who built the ark?

A. Noah.

O. Who went to heaven without dy-

A. Enoch and Elijah.

O. Who went to heaven in a chariot of fire?

A. Elijah.

Q. Who was the friend of God?

A Ahraham.

O. Who ministered to the Lord when a child?

A. Samuel.

Q. Who was hated by his brethren?

A. Toseph.

O. Who was the sweet singer of Israel?

A. David.

Q. Who built the temple?

A. Solomon.

Q. Who hid 100 of the Lord's prophets in a cave?

A. Obadiah.

Q. Who was fed by ravens?

A. Elijah.

Q. Who was swallowed by a whale?

A. Jonah.

Q. Who was cast into a lions' den?

A. Daniel.

Q. Who were cast into the furnace of

A. The Hebrew children

Q. Who was the greatest of the prophets?

A. Isaiah

Q. Who was the weeping prophet?

A. Teremiah.

Q. Who saw the glory of the Lord?

A. Ezekiel.

LESSON XX.

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS ON NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY.

Q. Who betrayed his Master?

A. Judas Iscariot.

O. For how much?

A. Thirty pieces of silver.

O. Who denied his Lord?

A Peter

O. Who was the doubting disciple?

A. Thomas

O. Who was the beloved disciple?

A. John.

Q. Who was the chief of the apostles?

A. Paul.

Q. How many apostles were there at first?

A. Twelve.

Q. Who was the first Christian martyr?

A. Stephen.

O. Which of the abostles was delivered out of prison by an angel?

A. Peter.

Q. Which was killed by the sword?

A. James, the brother of John,

Q. Who sang praises at midnight while in prison?

A. Paul and Silas.

Q. Who was banished to the isle of Patmos?

A. John, the apostle.

Q. Who were struck dead for lying?

A. Ananias and Sapphira.

Q. Who was early taught the Scriptures?

A. Timothy.

Q. Where were the disciples first called Christians?

A. At Antioch.

Q. Who said "Go thy way this time"?

A. Felix.

Q. Who said "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian"?

A. King Agrippa.

Q. Who sent Paul bound to Rome?

A. Festus.

Q. Who condemned Paul to death?

A. The Emperor Nero.

Q. Who is the glorious King of kings and Lord of lords?

A. The Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. Who are subject unto Him?

A. Angels and principalities and powers.

Q. Who will come to judge the world at the last day?

- A. Jesus Christ.

Q. What belong to Him?

A. All power and glory.

O. What doxology expresses this?
A. "To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Exodus xx. 1-17.

God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

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Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

H.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the

fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

IV.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V

Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

VI.

Thou shalt not kill.

VII.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII.

Thou shalt not steal.

IX.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Matthew vi. 9-13.

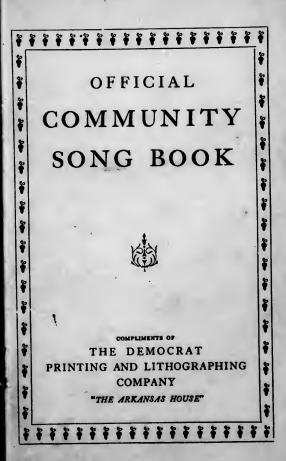
Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE CREED.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.



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I. PATRIOTIC

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STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Oh! say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still

Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

2 AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
Fror: every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God! to thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright,
With Freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King.

3 BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:

He is tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored:

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:

His truth is marching on.

Chorus

Glory! Glory Hallelujah! Glory! Glory Hallelujah! Glory! Glory Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

4 COLUMBIA, THE GEM OF THE OCEAN

O, Columbia! the gem of the ocean
The home of the brave and the free,
The shrine of each patriot's devotion,
A world offers homage to thee.
Thy mandates make heroes assemble,
When Liberty's form stands in view;
Thy banners make tyranny tremble,
When borne by the Red, White and Blue.

Chorus

Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue. Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue, The Army and Navy forever, Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue,

5 AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies For amber waves of grain. . For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain. America! America! God shed his grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea. O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears. America! America! God shed his grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

ARKANSAS

OFFICIAL STATE SONG

(Words and Music by Mrs. Eva Ware Barnett)

I am thinking tonight of the Southland,
Of the home of my childhood days,
Where I roamed through woods and the meadows,
By the mill and the brook that plays;
Where the roses are in bloom, and the sweet
magnolia. too.

Where the jasmine is white, and the fields are violet blue,

There's a welcome awaits all her children Who have wandered afar from home.

Chorus:

Arkansas, Arkansas, 'tis a name dear 'Tis the place I call Home, Sweet Home. Arkansas, Arkansas, I salute thee, From thy shelter no more I'll roam.

7 ARKANSAS, "THE WONDER STATE"

(Words and Music by C. Harold Christner.)

Arkansas the land of plenty
We are proud to call our own,
It is filled with happy people
Who know how to love their home.
A record we are making
In pushing to the front,
A better state you'll never find
No matter where you hunt.

Chorus:

Arkansas, the "Wonder State,"
Arkansas is up-to-date,
Everything you need is here
Things to eat, to drink or wear.

If its cotton or corn or those apples so red
If its coal or its diamonds, or stock that's
pure bred
We've got 'em all, we've got 'em all,
We've got 'em all in Arkansas.

Hark! Hark! Hark! Can't you hear
them calling
To the play grounds in Arkansas?

DIXIE

I wish I was in the land of cotton,
Old times there are not forgotten,
Look away, Look away! Look away! Dixie Land.
In Dixie Land where I was born in,
Early on one frosty mornin',
Look away, Look away! Look away! Dixie Land.

Chorus

Then I wish I was in Dixie,
Hooray! Hooray!
In Dixie Land I'll take my stand,
To live and die in Dixie.
Away, away, away down south in Dixie,
Away, away, away down south in Dixie.

II. BALLADS AND FOLK SONGS

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OLD BLACK JOE

Gone are the days when my heart was young and gay, Gone are my friends from the cotton fields away, Gone from this earth to a better land, I know, I hear their gentle voices calling, "Old Black Joe." Chorus

I'm coming, I'm coming, for my head is bending low, I hear those gentle voices calling, "Old Black Joe."

MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME

The sun shines bright in my old Kentucky home, 'Tis Summer, the darkies are gay; The corn-top's ripe, and the meadow's all in bloom. While the birds make music all the day.

(Same tune.) The young folks roll on the little cabin floor, All merry, all happy and bright, By'n by hard times comes a-knocking at the door, Then my old Kentucky Home, good-night!

Chorus Weep no more, my lady, Oh, weep no more today! We will sing one song for the old Kentucky Home, For the old Kentucky Home, far away.

OLD FOLKS AT HOME 11 Way down upon the Swanee river,

Far, far away, There's where my heart is turning ever, There's where the old folks stay. (Same tune.) All up and down the whole creation, Sadly I roam, Still longing for the old plantation, And for the old folks at home. Chorus

All the world am sad and dreary. Every where I roam, Oh! darkies, how my heart grows weary, Far from the old folks at home.

12 CARRY ME BACK TO OLD VIRGINNY

Carry me back to old Virginny,
That's where the cotton and the corn and 'tatoes grow,
That's where the birds warble sweet in the springtime,
That's where the old darkey's heart am long'd to go.
That's where I labor'd so hard for old massa,
Day after day in the field of yellow corn,
No place on earth do I love more sincerely
Than old Virginny, the state where I was born.

Chorus

Carry me back to old Virginny,
That's where the cotton and the corn and 'tatoes grow,
That's where the birds warble sweetly in the springtime,

That's where the old darkey's heart am long'd to go.

13 LOVE'S OLD SWEET SONG

Once in the dear, dead days beyond recall, When on the world the mist began to fall, Out of the dreams that rose in happy throng, Low to our hearts Love sang an old sweet sons; And in the dusk where fell the fire-light gleam. Softly it wove itself into our dream.

Chorus

Just a song at twilight, when the lights are low, And the flick'ring shadows softly come and go, Tho' the heart be weary, sad the day and long, Still to us at twilight, comes Love's old song, Comes Love's old sweet song.

14 MOTHER MACHREE

There's a spot in my heart which no colleen may own, There's a depth in my soul never sounded or known; There's a place in my mem'ry, my life that you fill, No other can take it, no one ever will.

Sure I love the dear silver that shines in your hair, And the brow that's all furrowed, and wrinkled with

I kiss the dear fingers, so toil-worn for me, Oh, God bless you and keep you, Mother Machree!

15 A PERFECT DAY

When you come to the end of a perfect day And you sit alone with your thought; While the chimes ring out with a carol gay For the joy that the day has brought. Do you think what the end of a perfect day Can mean to a tired heart, When the sun goes down with a flaming ray And the dear friends have to part?

Well, this is the end of a perfect day,
Near the end of a journey, too;
But it leaves a thought that is big and strong
With a wish that is kind and true.
For Mem'ry has painted this perfect day
With colors that never fade,
And we find at the end of a perfect day
The soul of a friend we've made.

16 MY BONNIE

My Bonnie lies over the ocean, My Bonnie lies over the sea; My Bonnie lies over the ocean, Oh, bring back my Bonnie to me.

Chorus
Bring back, bring back,
Bring back my Bonnie to me, to me;
Bring back, bring back,
Oh, bring back my Bonnie to me.

17 DARLING NELLIE GRAY

There's a low green valley on the old Kentucky shore, There I've whiled many happy hours away, A-sitting and a-singing by the little cottage door, Where lived my darling Nellie Gray.

Chorus

Oh, my darling Nellie Gray, they have taken you away, And I'll never see my darling any more; I'm sitting by the river and I'm weeping all the day, For you've gone from the old Kentucky shore.

18 MASSA'S IN THE COLD, COLD GROUND

Round de meadows am a-ringing De darky's mournful song, While de mocking-bird am singing, Happy as the day am long.

(Same tune.)
Where de ivy am a-creeping,
O'er de grassy mound,
Dere old Massa am a-sleeping,
Sleeping in de cold, cold ground.

Chorus

Down in the corn-field Hear dat mournful sound; All de darkies am a-weeping, Massa's in de cold, cold ground.

19 AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And the days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup o' kindneas yet,
For auld lang syne.

20 WHEN YOU AND I WERE YOUNG, MAGGIE

I wandered today to the hill, Maggie,
To watch the scene below,
The creek and the old rusty mill, Maggie,
Where we sat in the long, long ago.
The green grove is gone from the hill, Maggie,
Where first the daisies sprung;
The old rusty mill is still, Maggie,
Since you and I were young.

Chorus

And now we are aged and gray, Maggie,
The trials of life nearly done,
Let us sing of the days that are gone, Maggie,
When you and I were young.

21 THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood, When fond recollection presents them to view, The orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wildwood, And every loved spot which my infancy knew. The wide-spreading pond, and the mill that stood by it, The bridge and the rock where the cataract fell; The cot of my father, the dairy house nigh it, And e'en the rude bucket that hung in the well.

Chorus

The old oaken bucket, the iron-bound bucket, The moss-covered bucket, that hung in the well.

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22 DRINK TO ME ONLY WITH THINE EYES

Drink to me only with thine eyes
And I will pledge with mine.
Or leave a kiss within the cup,
And I'll not ask for wine.
The thirst that from the soul doth shine,
Doth ask a drink divine;
But might I of Jove's nectar sip,
I would not change for thine.

I sent thee late a rosy wreath,
Not so much hon'ring thee
As giving it a hope that there
It could not withered be;
But thou thereon didst only breathe,
And sent 'st it back to me;
Since when it grows and smells, I swear,
Not of itself, but thee.

IUANITA

23

Soft o'er the fountain,
Ling'ring falls the southern moon
Far o'er the mountain,
Breaks the day too soon!
In thy dark eyes splendor,
Where the warm light loves to dwell,
Weary looks, yet tender,
Speak their fond farewell.
Nita! Juanita! Ask thy soul if we should part
Nita! Juanita! Lean thou on my heart

When in thy dreaming,
Moons like these shall shine again
And daylight beaming,
Proves thy dreams are vain,
Wilt thou not relenting,
For thine absent lover sight?
In thy heart consenting
To a prayer gone by?
Nita! Juanita! Let me linger by thy side!
Nita! Juanita! Be my own fair bride!

24 SWEET AND LOW

Sweet and low, sweet and low,
Wind of the western sea;
Low, low, breathe and blow,
Wind of the western sea;
Over the rolling waters go,
Come from the dying moon and blow,
Blow him again to me,
While my little one,
While my pretty one sleeps.

Sleep and rest, sleep and rest,
Father will come to the soon;
Rest, rest, on mother's breast,
Father will come to thee soon;
Father will come to his babe in the nest,
Silver sails out of the west;
Under the silver moon,
Sleep, my little one,
Sleep, my pretty one, sleep.

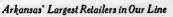
25 THERE'S A LONG, LONG TRAIL

There's a long, long trail a-winding Into the land of my dreams, Where the nightingales are singing And a white moon beams; There's a long, long night of waiting Until my dreams all come true; Till the day when I'll be going down That long, long trail with you.

26 KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

Keep the home fires burning,
While our hearts are yearning,
Tho' the boys are far away, they long for home.
There's a silver lining,
Through the dark cloud shining,
Turn the dark cloud inside out
Till the boys come home.







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27 TIPPERARY

It's a long way to Tipperary,
It's a long way to go;
It's a long way to Tipperary,
To the sweetest girl I know!
Good-bye Piccadilly,
Farewell, Leicester Square,
It's a long, long way to Tipperary,
But my heart's right there.

28 SWEET ADELINE

Sweet Adeline, Sweet Adeline,
For you, dear heart, alone I pine;
In all my dreams, your fair face beams,
You're the flower of my heart,
Sweet Adeline.

29 MOONLIGHT IN DIXIE

In the evening by the moonlight You can hear dem darkies singing. In the evening by the moonlight You can hear dem banjos ringing, How the old folks do enjoy it, They will sit all night and listen, As they sing in the evening by the moonlight.

30 GOOD NIGHT, LADIES

Good night ladies; good night ladies, Good night, ladies, we're going to leave you now; Merrily we roll along, roll along, roll along, Merrily we roll along o'er the deep blue sea.

Sweet dreams, ladies; aweet dreams, ladies; Sweet dreams, ladies, we're going to leave you now; Merrily we roll along, roll along, roll along, Merrily we roll along o'er the deep blue sea.

31 TUCK ME TO SLEEP IN MY OLD 'TUCKY HOME

Old Kentucky cradled me when I was born, Old Kentucky how I miss your field of corn, Night time when I get to bed How I weep and toss my head, I'll weep no more I'm goin' back instead.

Chorus

Tuck me to sleep in my old 'Tucky home Cover me with Dixie skies and leave me there alone. Just let the sun kiss my cheeks ev'ry morn; Like the kissin' I've been missin' From my Mammy since I'm gone. I aint had a bit of rest, since I left my Mammy's nest, I can always rest the best in her lovin' arms. Tuck me to sleep in my old Tucky home Let me lay there, stay there never no more to roam.

32 I WANT TO BE IN TENNESSEE

When the shades of night are falling,
Tennessee, I hear you calling;
My thoughts just roam back to home, sweet home,
Ev'ry day my heart grows fonder,
Of the folks I left down yonder;
I wonder when I'll be there again.

Chorus

I wanna be in Tennessee in my Dixie paradise, An angel's voice I hear, I mean my mammy dear. I'd give my soul if I could stroll down among those hills again;

For all the world would not be dreary then,
I'd love to go to sleep and know, that tomorrow I'd
arise.

Beneath those southern skies, where song birds harmonize.

Lawdy hear my plea, make me what I wanna be;
A rolling stone just rolling home to my sunny
Tennessee.

33 LEAVE ME WITH A SMILE

Just like the sunrise, you came to me it seems, Just like the sunrise, you wake me from my dreams. You were my sunshine, in days that use to be; I await the sunset, for now you're leaving me.

Chorus

Tho' it's time for parting, and my tears are starting,
Leave me with a smile.

Tho' your heart may cry, dear; when you say good
bye dear,
Leave me with a smile.

Maybe it's forever, so while we're together,
For a little while; hold me like a flower,
For one little hour, and leave me with a smile.

34 COAL BLACK MAMMY

I'm tired and I'm foot-sore and I'm weary,
I ache from my head down to my toes,
This world seems to be mighty dreary to me,
How I'll finish my journey Lordy knows!
But I know where I go that all is peaceful,
I'll lay on my pillow tonight,
An' I've pray'd how I've pray'd for that moment,
Now the end of the long trail's in sight.

Chorus

'Cause I'm goin', yes, I'm goin' with a love that's
ever growin'
To that coal-black mammy o' mine,
Not a cent, not a cent, an' my clothes are only rent,
All the same she'll think I'm just fine,
How I've dreamed, how I've schemed, an' at times
it almost seemed
That the sun would never, never shine;
That's why I'm goin', yes, I'm goin', mighty soon I'll
be halloin'
To that coal-black mammy o' mine.

MISSOURI WALTZ

35

Hush-a-bye, ma baby, slumber-time is comin' soon;
Rest yo' head upon ma breast while mammy hums
a tune.

The sandman is callin' where shadows are fallin',
While the soft breezes sigh, as in days long gone by,
'Way down in Missouri, where I heard this melody,
When I was a pickaninny on ma mammy's knee,
The darkies were hummin', their banjoes were strummin', so sweet and low.

36 PICK ME UP AND LAY ME DOWN IN DEAR OLD DIXIELAND

One day I watched a flock of Whip-poor-wills, As they flew to their homes across the hills; They were merrily flying, To the South I knew And I couldn't help crying; "Take me there with you!"

Chorus:

Pick me up and lay me down in dear old Dixieland,
The sun shines there each morn—
That's where the sun was born.
My heart's been all wrapped up in that land of magic
charms—

Carry me back to some one's empty arms.
Keep those darkies singing, till I get back;
To that ivy-clinging ram-shackle shack.
Pick me up just like my mammy; lead me by the hand,
And lay me down in dear old Dixieland.

37 TOMORROW

Say, did you ever stray, from the ones you love for quite a while?

Then start back home again, never thinking of each lonely mile.

Why I'm bound for Dixieland; so before another day, I'll be on my merry way. And say

Chorus

Tomorrow, tomorrow, how happy I will be,
Tomorrow, tomorrow, back on my mammy's knee,
Lawdy me! What a great delight,
When I get a familiar sight,
Of the fuzzy old cat sneakin' from the stable,
Lickin' up milk on the kitchen table.
I know, tomorrow, a pair of loving arms,
Will hold me, enfold me as of yore.
Some how I just can't wait for a choo-choo train,
I'll hop right in an aerophlane,
And be in my Dixie home again, tomorrow.

38 OPEN YOUR ARMS, MY

Whe. I was a kid so high, I kissed my folks "Good-

That was in Alabamy, then I had a Dad and Mammy, Now I pray upon my knees to live those memories.

Chorus

Open your arms my Alabamy, please take me to your heart

And rock-a-bye me just like a mammy, Bundle me up in all you, sunshine, it's been a long

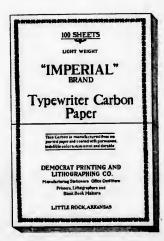
Since I have closed my eyes beneath your sunny skies

Tell every little Posy to make it nice and cozy
Things haven't been so rosy, since I've been alone,

Open your arms my Alabamy
Please take me back to your heart and welcome me
home.

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SMILES

There are smiles that make us happy,
There are smiles that make us blue,
There are smiles that steal away the tear-drops
As the sunbeams steal away the dew.
There are smiles that have a tender meaning
That the eyes of love alone may see,
But the smiles that fill my life with sunshine
Are the smiles that you give to me.

40 I WANT A GIRL

I want a girl, just like the girl that married dear old Dad;
She was a pearl and the only girl that Daddy ever had. A good old-fashioned girl with heart so true,
One who loves nobedy else but you.
I want a girl, just like the girl that married dear old dad.

41 /

KATY

K-K-K-Katy, beautiful Katy, You're the only g-g-g-girl that I adore. When the m-m-m moon shines Over the cowshed, I'll be waiting at the k-k-k-kitchen door.

42 PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES IN YOUR OLD KIT BAG

Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag And smile, smile, smile. While you've a lucifer to light your fag, Smile, boys, that's the style. What's the use of worrying? It never was worth while, so Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag And smile, smile, smile.

43 PEGGY O'NEIL

Peggy O'Neil is a girl who could steal Any heart, any where, any time, And I'll put you wise how you'll recognize, This wonderful girl of mine.

Chorus:

If her eyes are blue as skies, that's Peggy O'Neil, If she's smiling all the while, that's Peggy O'Neil, If she walks like a sly little rogue If she talks with a cute little brogue, Sweet personality, full of rascality, That's Peggy O'Neil.

44 CALL ME BACK, PAL O' MINE

I am thinking today of a pal far away
That I left in the days long ago,
I am longing to hear just a voice ringing clear,
Oh! how I miss you so.

Chorus

Call me back Pal O' mine, let me dream once again, Call me back to your heart Pal O' Mine,
Let me roam once again down in old lover's lane
As I did in the days gone by,
Let me live in your arms, let me thrill with your charms,

Let me kiss those sweet lips so divine, Let me gaze in your eyes and I'll find paradise Call me back to your heart Pal O' Mine.

45 SWANEE RIVER MOON

Swanee River moon, Swanee River moon, Shining on my cabin door, I'm forever dreaming While you're brightly beaming Every night I need you more, I'm lonely; Shine out bright tonight, with your silvery light, For my love is coming soon.
On the Swanee shore we'll stroll once more, Dreamy Swanee River moon.

46 WHEN THE LEAVES COME TUMBLING DOWN

Autumn, Autumn, look what you've done, You've made a baby of me, Autumn, Autumn, your setting sun Pictures a sad memory. Whenever leaves begin to fall, Home again I seem to be. Chorus: I get so blue thru and thru When the leaves come a-tumbling down From the trees, down through the breeze, I always sigh and I cry When the sun says "Good-bye" To the birds and the bees Their sweet melodies. I never shed a tear When the summer days are here, But when its autumn time. Every thought of mine. Seems so dark and drear, I always sing that lonesome spring song melody Because vou sec. It makes me think of some one In a gingham gown in my home town, I hear my old girl say a pray'r Besides my mother's vacant chair, I get so blue thru and thru

When the leaves come a tumbling down.

47 TILL WE MEET AGAIN

Smile the while you kiss me sad adieu When the clouds roll by, I'll come to you Then the skies will seem more blue Down in lover's lane my dearie. Wedding bells will ring so merrily Ev'ry tear will be a memory So wait and pray each night for me Till we meet again.

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48 YOUR EYES HAVE TOLD ME SO

I know my lips have never met your lips in sweet caress,

Your hand has never touch'd my hand with thrilling tenderness.

You never spoke of love to me and still somehow I know,

For love has made me wondrous wise, your eyes have told me so.

I saw your eyes, your wonderful eyes
With love-light and tenderness beaming
They thrilled me thru, they fill'd me, too,
With wonderful dreams I am dreaming
No need to speak, no more shall I seek
For my heart has taught me their meaning
And love has come at last I know
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49 LET THE REST OF THE WORLD GO BY

With some one like you, a pal good and true, I'd like to leave it all behind and go and find Some place that's known to God alone, Just a spot to call our own.

We'll find perfect peace,
Where joys never cease,
Out there beneath a kindly sky,
We'll build a sweet little nest somewhere in the West,
And let the rest of the world go by.

50 BLOWING BUBBLES

CHORUS

I'm forever blowing bubbles—
Pretty bubbles in the air—
They fly so high, nearly reach the sky,
Then like my dreams they fade and die.
Fortune's always hiding—
I've looked everywhere—
I'm forever blowing bubbles—
Pretty bubbles in the air.

51 I USED TO LOVE YOU, BUT IT'S ALL OVER NOW

I used to bless the day I first met you, I planned so many things for just us two
But now it's plain to see that you have never cared for me
You can't deny you fooled me from the start
It's best we part, before you break my heart

Chorus

I use to love you, but it's all over, all over now,
You know it's all over town that you threw me down
But you shouldn't let that kind of story go 'round
For you've had your chance, and now it's all over,
I'll get along somehow—now there are things you did,
I use to forgive—but you'll never change as long as
you live—
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52 APRIL SHOWERS

Life is not a highway strewn with flowers, Still it holds a goodly share of bliss, When the sun gives way to April showers, Here's the point that you should never miss.

Refrain

Though April showers may come your way,
They bring the flowers that bloom in May
So if it's raining, have no regrets
Because it isn't raining rain you know, (It's raining
violets,)
And where you see clouds upon the hills,
You soon will see crowds of daffodils,
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When ever April showers come along.

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53 WHY SHOULD I CRY OVER YOU?

You said good bye, I wonder why, And our romance was through, You didn't care what sorrows I'd bear, 'Twas all in fun with you.

Chorus

I don't know why I should cry over you,
Sigh over you, even be blue,
I should have known that you'd leave me alone,
And break my heart in two;
Although you have left me alone to pine,
And all of my love was a waste of time,
Some day your heart may be broken like mine,
So why should I cry over you?

IV. STUNT SONGS

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55 ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream; Merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream.

56 JINGLE BELLS

Jingle bells! Jingle bells!
Jingle all the way!
Oh! what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells! Jingle bells!
Jingle all the way!
Oh! what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh!

57 REUBEN AND RACHEL

Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking What a queer world this would be, If the men were all transported Far beyond the Northern Sea! Rachel, Rachel, I've been thinking What a queer world this would be, If the girls were all transported Far beyond the Northern Sea.

Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking Life woud be so easy then; What a lovely world this would be If there were no tiresome men! Rachel, Rachel, I've been thinking Life woud be so easy then; What a lovely world this would be If you'd leave it to the men!

Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking If we went beyond the seas, All the men would follow after Like a swarm of bumble-bees! Rachel, Rachel, I've been thinking. If we went beyond the seas. All the girls would follow after Like a swarm of honey-bees.

58 OLD McDONALD HAD A FARM

Old MacDonald had a farm,
Ee-igh, ee-igh, oh!
And on this farm he had some chicks,
Ee-igh, ee-igh, oh!
With a chick-chick here, a chick-chick there, here a
chick, there a chick,
Everywhere a chick-chick,
Old MacDonald had a farm,
Ee-igh, ee-igh, oh!
Continue with ducks (quack-quack), turkeys
(gobble-gobble), Ford (rattle-rattle), etc.

59 HOWDY DO HEN

Refrain

How-dy do, Hen, How-dy do, Jen, How-dy do, Brother Hugh, How-dy do, Sister Prue, How-dy do, Bill, How-dy do, Lil, How-dy do, Lew and Sue, How-dy do.

60 GUEST SONG

Howdy do, Mr. ______, howdy do, Is there anything that we can do for you? We'll do anything we can We are with you to a man, Howdy do, Mr. ______, howdy do.

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QUESTION. Who made this world you live in?

QUEST. Who made you?

ANS. God.

QUEST. Who made all things?

ANS, God.

QUEST. What does this teach you?

ANS. God is great.

QUEST. Who feeds you, clothes you, gives you friends and home?

ANS. God.

QUEST. Who would save you in heaven at last?

ANS. God.

QUEST. What does this teach you?

ANS. God is good.

QUEST. Repeat a Bible verse about it.

Ans. "God is love." (1 John iv. 8.)

QUEST. What book tells of God?

Axs. The Bible.

QUEST. Which is the best book, then, of all books?

ANS. The Bible.

QUEST. What other name is given to the Bible?

Ans. The Scriptures.

QUEST. Repeat a verse about the Bible.

Axs. "Search the Scriptures." (John v. 39.)

QUEST. How many persons in the God-head?

Ans. Three.

QUEST. Name them.

Ans. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

QUEST. Does this make three Gods?

Ans. Only one.

QUEST. Where is God?

Axs. In heaven.

QUEST. Where besides?

Axs. Everywhere.

QUEST. Can you see God?

Ans. I cannot.

QUEST. Why?
Ans. "God is a Spirit." (John iv. 24.)

QUEST. Does God see you all the time?

Ans. He does.

QUEST. How should this make you feel about doing wrong?

ANS, Afraid.

QUEST. If you should be tempted to tell a lie, or to steal, and no one on earth know it, who would see and know it all?

ANS. God.

QUEST. Repeat a Bible verse on the subject,

Ans. "Thou, God, seest me." (Gen. xvi. 13.)

QUEST. What is your body made of?

Ans. Dust.

Quest. What must your body turn to at death?

Ans. Dust.

QUEST. Will the body rise from the dust?

Ans. It will.

QUEST. When?

Ans. At the resurrection.

QUEST. What does that means

Ans. Rising again.

Ans. My spirit.

QUEST. What becomes of the spirit when the body dies?

ANS. It goes to God.

QUEST. Where, if the spirit loved God?

Ans. To heaven.

QUEST. Where, if the spirit did not love God?

ANS. To hell.

QUEST. What kind of nature have you? ANS. Sinful.

QUEST. Has the little baby a sinful nature? ANS. It has.

QUEST. Are all people sinful by nature?

Ans. They are.

Ovest. What is our sinful nature called? Ans. An evil heart.

QUEST. What is all evil called?

ANS. Sin.

QUEST. How came sin into our crowlet?

Ans. Through our first parents.

QUEST. Who were our first parents?

Ans. Adam and Eve.

QUEST. Who tempted them to sin?

ANS. Satan.

QUEST. Who tempts you and every one now to min ?

ANS. Satan.

QUEST. Can you see this evil one, Satan?

ANS. I cannot.

QUEST. How do you know of his being?

Ans. I feel evil in my heart.

QUEST. And do you not often do wrong?

ANS. I do.

QUEST. When you are naughty do your parents love you?

Ans. They love me and care for me all the time.

QUEST. Yes, you are right; but when you are raughty, is their love to you mixed with pleasure? Ave It is not.

QUEST. What is that love mixed with then?

ANS. Pitv.

QUEST. So with God: does He love you all the time, whether you are good or bad?

ANS. He does.

QUEST. What were we when Christ died for us?

ANS. Sinners.

QUEST. What does the Bible compare Satan to? ANS. A roaring lion.

QUEST. Seeking to do what?

ANS. To destroy.

QUEST. What did sin and Satan bring into the aporld?

Ans. Trouble, pain and death.

QUEST. What led God to save man?

ANS. Love.

QUEST. How? Ans. Through Jesus Christ.

QUEST. How could Jesus suve sinners?

ANS. By dying.

QUEST. Who are sinners?

ANS. Everybody.

QUEST. Are you a sinner?

ANS. I am.

QUEST. Tell me then again whom God sent into

the world to die for sinners.

Ans. Jesus, the Son of God. QUEST. Repeat a Scripture verse.

Ans. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Tim. i. 15.)

QUEST. Jesus came?

ANS He did OHEST. Hour?

ANS. Born as a little child

QUEST. Who was His mother?

Ans. Mary.

OUEST. What did Christ lead?

Ans. A holy life.

QUEST. What did Jesus die?

Ans. A cruel death.

QUEST, What kind of a death?

Ans. Nailed to the cross.

QUEST. Was Jesus buried?

ANS. He was

QUEST. For how long?

Ans. Three days. QUEST. Then what?

Ans. He rose from the grave. QUEST. What saves us?

Ans. The blood of Christ.

QUEST. What cleanseth us from sin?

Ans. The blood of Christ.

QUEST. Who applies to us the blood of Christ?

Ans. The Holy Spirit.

QUEST. If you wish to be a child of God, who forms that wish in you?

Ans. The Holy Spirit.

QUEST. Will God save all who come to Him.

led of the Spirit? ANS. He will.

QUEST. What is this called?

Ans. Believing.

QUEST. Believing in whom?

Ans. In Jesus Christ. QUEST. What else?

Ans. Looking to Christ,

QUEST. What else?

Ans. Following after Christ.

QUEST. What else? Ang. Faith.

QUEST. What else?

Ans. A new heart.

QUEST. Who gives this new heart?

ANS. God.

QUEST. How is it now?

Ans. By nature I am sinful,

QUEST. That is your evil heart, is it not?

Ans. It is.

QUEST. By nature you do not love God?

Ans. No.

QUEST. But when the Holy Spirit moves upon your heart, you begin to love God?

ANS. Yes.

QUEST. And is not this truly a new heart?

ANS. It is.

QUEST. Can little children believe in Christ?

Ans. Oh! yes.

QUEST. For what is it simply?

Ans. Loving God.

QUEST. And what else?

Ans. Serving God.

QUEST. To whom must little children look that

hey may love and serve God?

Ans. To God, through the Holy Spirit.

QUEST. What does God say in His Word?

Ans. "I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me." (Prov. viii. 17.)

QUEST. Does Jesus love little children?

Ans. He does.

QUEST. How do you know this?

Ans. He took them up in His arms and blessed them.

QUEST. Tell me the verse about that.

Ans. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God," (Mark x. 14.)

QUEST. If any one loves God, what will he try to do?

Ans. Keep the commandments of God.

QUEST. For what did Jesus say?

Ans. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John xiv. 15.)

QUEST. Do you pray to God?

Ans. Every night and morning.

QUEST. But God will hear prayer at any time, will He not?

Ans. Oh! yes.

QUEST. What may prayer be called?

Ans. Talking to God.

QUEST. Repeat your little nightly prayer.

Ans. "Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take;
And this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen."

QUEST. Repeat your little morning prayer.

Ans. "Now I wake from pleasant sleep, I pray Thee, Lord, Thy child to keep; To lead my steps through all this day For Jesus' blessed sake alway. Amen." QUEST. What prayer did Christ give us?

Ans. The Lord's prayer.

QUEST. Repeat the beginning of the Lord's prayer.

Ans. Our Father, who art in heaven.

QUEST. What do we pray for first in the Lord's prayer?

Ans. Hallowed be Thy name.

QUEST. Secondly?

Ans. Thy kingdom come.

QUEST. Thirdly?

Ans. Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

QUEST. Fourthly?

Ans. Give us this day our daily bread.

QUEST. Fifthly?

Ans. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

QUEET. Sixtily?

Ans. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

QUEST. What is the end of the Lord's prayer?

ANS. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

Quest. How are we saved, again I ask?

Ans. Jesus died: His blood saves us.

QUEST And the Holy Spirit, sent of God,

forms Christ in our hearts and leads us to believe on Him, to love and serve Him—is it not so?

ANS. It is.

QUEST. If we truly love God, what will we try hard against?

Ans. All sin.

QUEST. And try hand toward what?

Ans. All duty.

QUEST. What is duty?

Ans. Any right thing to be done.

QUEST. Are there not some commandments in

Ans Yes, ten.

QUEST. Who gave them?

ANS. God.

QUEST. Into whose hands?

Ans. Moses'.

Ourst. Written how?

Ans. On two tables of stone.

QUEST. In what part of the Bible do you find them?

Ans. The Old Testament.

Here they are, shortened for you, and put in serse: learn and repeat them.

I. No God before me shalt thou own.

II. Place not an idol ou my throne.

III. Speak not God's name in careless way.
IV. Remember: keep God's holy day.

V. Honor and heed thy parents' will.
VI. Bear this in mind: thou shalt not kill.
VII. Let all thy words and ways be clean.
VIII. Steal not: all things by God are seen.
IX. Tell not a lie, or act untrue.

X. And want no more than God gives you.

QUEST. What did Jesus give?

Ans. A new commandment.

QUEST. Where do you find it?

QUEST. What is it?

Ans. To love one another.

Ans. In heaven.

QUEST. What is He doing?

Ans. Interceding.

QUEST. What does that mean?

Ans. Praying.

QUEST. For whom?

QUEST. What else is Christ doing!

Ans. Preparing a place.

Ans. For those that love him.

QUEST. Repeat a Bible verse about this.

Ans. "I go to prepare a place for you."
(John xiv. 2.)

QUEST. Will not Jesus come here again?

ANS. He will. QUEST. When?

Ans. We do not know.

QUEST. What did Jesus say?

Ans. "I will come again." (John xiv. 3.)

QUEST. What ought you to be doing for Jesus here on earth?

Ans. Serving Him.

QUEST. Can you, a little child, serve God?

Ans. I can.

Ans. In many ways.

QUEST. But tell me some.

Ans. By minding my parents and being kind to all.

QUEST. And how else?

Ans. By denying myself.

QUEST. What do you mean by that?

Ans. Doing what is right when I had rather do some other thing.

QUEST. For instance?

Ans. Rock baby's cradle or do something else in the house when I would like to go out to play.

QUEST. Tell me another way.

Ans. Instead of spending my penny for candy, give it to the heathen.

QUEST. Who are the heathen?

Ans. Those across the sea who know not God. Quest. How would your penny help them?

Ans. It would buy a tract or something to tell them of God.

QUEST. What are those called who go over there to teach the heathen?

Ans. Missionaries.

QUEST. And it is our duty to take care of those missionaries, is it not?

ANS. Yes.

QUEST. And for this money is needed?

ANS. It is.

QUEST. When Jesus has that place ready what will He do?

Ans. Send for His people.

QUEST. For what?

Ans. To come and live with Him.

QUEST. Where?

Ans. In heaven.

QUEST. Do you want to go and live with Christ in heaven some day?

ANS. Oh! yes.

God grant you may, and to this end may Jesus bless and keep you alway.

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