

I so press any willing man to have you return as a Major. The return but all insignificant.

My affection for you is  
admirable. You &  
every formation is  
steadily welcome to a  
welcome.

I wish you could see  
our sweet-Baby as  
she is sleeping before  
me. She is the life  
of the home wherever  
she goes. - Much love  
to a great cow and  
I shall soon begin to  
feel "Wag a dog, but  
will not man."

See you shortly and  
me. Should like to  
see you, please let me know  
how we will be situated  
so that I can tell what  
to do with the children.

They will take care of them  
well here, but I should  
think Mother is right, and  
perhaps one ought to go  
with me. I hope you  
never received

full of anxiety for you, and Howard,  
another Sunday I was sure would not  
pass without tidings, but here it is  
and yet there is nothing. With a  
glad expect<sup>ation</sup> anything for some time; and  
some of us thought of such fighting,  
wonderful in its fierceness and long duration!  
I trust the end, the glorious end  
near, and that you and Howard will  
rejoice with us at that blessed moment  
also, your rejoicings will be swallowed  
up in bitter grief.

You are both engaged in the most  
eventful of all the campaigns, if you  
survive it, you will always feel proud  
of it, and so will I; but now the glory  
will end as mourning however, only not to be prepared for any emergency.

sinks into insignificance while you are  
so surrounded with danger.

I started to Mr. Brady's to see whether they  
had had a late letter from Mart, and met  
Robert coming to see if I had any news.

He had nothing for me, but I concluded  
to go on down. Both of your sisters are  
very anxious about you, and they are all  
kind and attentive to me; I did feel  
rather neglected at one time, but suppose  
they could not very well help it.

Robert and Eliza concluded not to go  
away last week on account of the battle.

Robert goes to Columbus tomorrow

There are a great many kind inquiries  
made both for you and me, by  
different persons. Father said Doctor Thomas  
asked him whether you had been heard  
from.

Joe Crane has just gone back, Lib  
said Sallie was grieving over their separation,  
but said that when she thought of me,

she felt that she ought not to say one  
word. — Joe's arm is crooked and never  
entirely free from pain; although he has  
the use of it.

I've asked Mary to go out home  
with him on Friday; she thought she  
ought not to go because she had "done  
nothing" this week. He said neither  
had he and didn't expect to till this  
contest was decided. — It is as all over  
town, and no wonder, for the issue is  
of momentous interest to all; to those  
who have dear ones in it; Oh how terribly  
interesting! — One account spoke of our  
troops having their <sup>evening</sup> meal cooked and eaten  
and then sleeping sweetly; it was I think  
the evening before Hancock made his  
brilliant assault on the rear of the  
enemy; were you there eating sweetly & dining?  
Or were you too weary and worn? Worse than  
that I will not believe, though the fear  
sometimes falls darkly and drearily upon

me; -- But this letter will not cheer you  
much, neither do I know of any thing very  
interesting to send you. The papers are  
full of the war news, so I have sent none  
lately. -- Will Howard was <sup>day before</sup> yesterday ad-  
mitted to the bar.

I brought home with me, that miniature of  
you taken when you were about 21; and  
mean to tell Mrs. Brady that she must  
never give it to any one but me, for if  
I mistake not, Frank will resemble it closely.

The General Assembly meets here this week  
very much to the disgust of many of Mr. Speer's  
church members. Several who have large houses  
will entertain none of the preachers; the husbands  
won't have them. -- I had a letter from Mary Van  
Dyke this week; she had heard from some  
officer that you were a Brigadier General, and  
sent her congratulations to you; said she had  
told you to reach that notch before your return  
and was glad you had taken her advice! I suppose  
she would say "that is just like Mrs. Brown" if

Monday Morning 7 O'clock -  
Augusta left her letter unsealed - I called  
at her room found her asleep and sleeping  
the children - all well - And all of us anxious  
to learn your fate - You have seem to have  
been in many terrible conflicts - God grant  
to you may return us safely - Wife is quite  
unwell but up and busy as usual.

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