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Dayton O. May 19th,  
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Dear Husband

Last evening yours of the 13th, written before you were wounded, came to hand, and this evening the note, written after you had received the wound.

The first would have made me very sad, if I had not already heard of your arrival at Washington.

The last, I fear, was written while you were in pain; but it was comforting to know that you were not entirely disabled, and could write a few lines.

I have great faith in Arnica, and wish you would ask your surgeon how it will do to keep your bandages saturated with it either strong or diluted with water. It can be poured on at any time without removing the

bandage and is very cooling. Aunt Ann  
once saw an artery near the lower joint  
of her little finger and <sup>at the same time</sup> cut the  
inside of her thumb, with glass; ~~she~~  
~~she~~ she kept it wet with strong ammonia  
the wound did not suppurate and  
she says the Doctor said it healed in  
an unusually short time.

You will be careful, now won't you?  
I am afraid you need me to watch  
you, and wish you were at home, yet  
do not wish you to risk anything by  
making too great haste to come.

I am going to fix up our "quarters"  
and will get new matting; I have  
patched till I can patch no longer,  
and now that I am going to have  
so grand a visitor won't put up with  
the rags.

If you cannot go up and down stairs  
we will put you in the parlor as we  
did poor Howard last summer - Sprague's

brigade was in the battle at Resaca  
but Father thinks the 63rd was not the  
part engaged. The Colonel had command  
of three regiments when Howard lost a part  
of it. - It would be a relief to have  
Howard out even if in your situation;

Oh how thankful I am that you are  
not in these last battles; yet I suppose  
soldiers like to be in at the glorious  
end, and feel repaid for their toil  
when the victory is won. But the  
risk is too great, and the suspense  
hard to bear; may our suffering country  
men and women, soon rejoice in glad  
reunions, the Rebellion being forever  
put down!

I don't think I told you of the  
death of Wilson Drake; he died a  
few days ago of consumption.

The "Empire" died out to night -  
the hands would not work for it as  
the other establishments gave much higher

wages; I understand the funds were  
not sufficient, which is a healthy sign.  
Sophronia Swett told me today that  
she read an account of some New Church  
proceedings in which Willard Day voted  
against some ~~dis~~loyal resolutions  
introduced by Giles Richards. She says  
they were very moderate in tone and  
any one only half loyal would have  
subscribed to them. — I don't care about  
seeing any of that family again!

Morning — all well — write soon and  
Goodbye Dearest —  
Augusta