

Since my visit home I have thought  
more about the education of our little  
ones than I had for some time, and  
wish it was in my power to be with  
you to over see it. At this appears im-  
possible at present, I shall have to  
contact myself by doing what I can  
when away from you. I do not  
know whether I shall be able to  
help you any, but I shall try.  
Lella has grown so and improved  
so much that I have thought I  
I might help you some by writing  
letters to her. I shall commence  
doing so as soon as I can. Frank  
at present needs physical education  
more than anything else, but it has  
occurred to me that he might  
be improved by seeing men people.  
Suppose you try taking him out  
with you whenever possible. He  
needs confidence when talking to grown  
folks, tho' he apparently has enough  
when talking to Lella & Rob. Going about  
with you too would probably cure him  
of some of his unpleasant ways.  
Suppose you make the experiment.  
We have very little to break

the monotony of Camp. Life & consequently my letter to write about.  
Lella to all.

Yours  
L. B. W.

Waverille Va  
July 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

My Dear Wife:

Your letter of Sunday  
last reached me on Friday night,  
and right glad I was to hear from  
you once more, altho' so much of its  
contents were saddening. Poor Perrine!  
"Was he Successful?" Whether he was  
in any high sense, or not, - perhaps  
he has done the best he could, &  
accomplished what will be best  
understood and most useful to  
the family he has left behind.  
This is perhaps a more dignified success  
such as ~~at~~  
than ~~more strong ones which~~ attract  
much more attention from cultured  
people, ~~but after all~~  
Our beautiful weather has gone.  
- Last night it rained slightly, - to-  
day it has been smoky with a  
drizzly rain and to-night is rain-  
ing quite briskly, - so I apprehend  
we shall soon have the reign of  
mud.

Guerrillas are quite plenty  
along my line. Our pickets are  
frequently shot at, but so far  
I have had no difficulty at  
my head quarters. A night or  
two <sup>since</sup> I rec'd a notification that  
the Rebel cavalry were ~~at~~  
Hutwood Church and under  
my instructions to give them a  
warm reception should they at-  
tack my camp. They have not  
made their appearance yet  
and I do not think they will.  
I am not certain that they have  
been <sup>on</sup> any force, at ~~the~~ the  
news came to me from the  
Head Quarters of the Army. We  
are vigilant and take every  
precaution against being sur-  
prised. The most of the people  
immediately around here are  
emigrants from New Jersey and  
profess to be loyal. A young

woman came to my office with  
a young man whose mother had  
got a safe-guard the other day.  
Her name was Rube, and she  
wanted a safe-guard too. It  
came out in conversation that  
every body in the room had been  
born in New Jersey, <sup>me (my father & his)</sup> except the  
~~one~~ Surgeon, who is a Virginian  
from Culpepper, but who had  
married a New Jersey girl and  
whose children had been born  
in that State! There ~~was~~ is a large  
Jersey settlement close by here, but  
most of the people have been  
driven away by the war. They  
were invited here I fancy by the  
cheapness of the land, but they  
have found it dear enough by  
this time. They have lost much  
in every thing but negroes, - having  
none, they have lost none, - tho'  
I suspect they are not at all anti-  
slavery in their views.