

Wife. Aug 10th - 64

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City of Madison June 9th
Just after tea

Dear Husband & children

We are now lying at Fox Island to take in wood. We left Milwaukee about this time last eve. We ~~stayed~~ there 9 hours to load. Just before we left the clouds & atmosphere showed signs of rain. a heavy breeze sprung up & chopped the Lake thoroughly that the motion of the vessel was quite unpleasant & almost spoiled my supper. I went right to bed & slept some. Before noon the rain commenced & the boat was on a big crackle. I was not sick to my stomach but I did not want any thing to eat for breakfast or dinner. I went to the table & took a cup of tea & crackers. We could not keep our chairs at the table.

As long as I staid in my berth
& gave myself up to the motion
I could sleep but as soon as
I got on my feet my head was
so giddy that I could not stand
or sit About two ~~to~~ ^{of} day the talk
became calmer We had only felt
the motion of the machinery
To night I enjoyed my supper
It is raining still & so foggy that
they sound the whistle every five
minutes The wind has been
in the right direction so that
the sail has helped our speed
very much

Thursday ~~morning~~ bright & beautiful
We are now in Mackinaw and
just going to have breakfast.
This is a romantic queer looking
town We contended with the
fog all night but it has
now lifted I am well except
a headache Yours A. D. Wood

No newspaper I Aug 5th
the boys get only what you
Dear Husband Your letter was
received this morn I am greatly
surprised at the contents Truly
the Lord provides I have seen
that promise verified so many
times the past few months that
it would be very wicked for me
to distrust the care of God for his
creatures I think the feelings that
prompted so kind a remembrance
of you wants on the part of the
ladies of your congregation speaks
well for them It is the first time
that you have been so kindly re-
membered in so short a time as
four months labor It may be the
finger of God pointing in that di-
rection We truly live in a changing world

Mrs Giver Mary a Miss McMillian
from Troy Lacie Clara and I were
just starting for the glen when your
letter arrived. We went with our
dinners and ^{had} a very pleasant time.
I have not been to the glen before since
I went with Mr Gene & Hellen. I am
very much troubled with my feet this
summer I cannot walk far before
they have that dreadful feeling you
have heard me complain of so often.
My disabilities are getting to be
numerous I have been over to see
Mrs Sefton this eve. She returned
from New Creek yesterday morn.
She has had a fine time thinks
she has been richly paid in the
sights she has seen. They hurried
her away because they expected a
lattle every moment. She went with
the ridgetment from Greenland Gap to
New Creek she rode with the driver
outside of the ambulance or on the
adutants horse all the way.

Yellow Springs Aug 7 /04

Dear Husband

We have had a general excitement here about the fight at New Castle last Thursday you are feeling anxious no doubt as to who the victims are There has been no telegram from our company yet Mrs Leasure got home the same morning that the fight occurred She is feeling very bad that she did not stay until it was over so as to have been there to attend to the wounded The Dr Mr Hopkins and Mr Burch started with some ladies to go to New C-one the noon train yesterday They only went to Kenia & found that they could not get through They came back and will start to-morrow unless we get a telegram that they are all safe Mrs Wilson staid in Kenia all night to be there

when an answer came from Co A There was
a Telegram from Co A & Co B while they
there, that they were all safe I hope we
shall have good news from boys Mrs
Leveque says that Seymour was on picket
in the vicinity of the farm house where
she was staying with Eddie ^{last year} He spent
almost the entire day with her on the
verandah She says he is so anxious to
get home He talks constantly about it
Col Wilson wrote to his wife the 1st that
we might look for them about the 20th
There is no doubt but the boys are in great
danger from the enemies bullets I suppose
you get the news by the papers about as
soon as we do. Lacie brought me the
Times on Friday eve I read of the fight
at New C - just as I was going to put
out the lamp. I could not sleep much
that night I assure you. I shall look for
Gentle by Tuesday Mary went to H on Sat
and had her tooth taken out She has
been suffering with it ever since the time
I was in Dayton to the General Assembly

Mr Busch told me in the eve that
he was well pleased with his
sermon. He did not think he
would ~~do~~ come out as he did.
He was out to hear him this
morn. Mr Jewell & wife were out
to day. They have not seemed to take
very well with Mr Morse. Mr ~~Morse~~
is quite sick to day so that we
have no services at 5 this afternoon.
Washington Throug is getting
better. Flattie Polhemus husband
was buried on Wednesday.

Mr. Moses fast day sermon was
a good one The Subject was the
18 chap of Isaiah I do think it was
a very ingenious interpretation
of the of the chap It took well
with the loyal portion of the
congregation He had a number
of the disloyal to hear him. They
got no comfort you may depend
Mr Jones made a very loyal prayer
after the sermon. I hope it was from
the heart