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absence unless I am questioned
I hear so much complaining
I hope I can commit him to the Lord
and feel satisfied that it will be
all right We certainly have a great
blessing in our children. Lanie is
a splendid boy He is so kind
and considerate Last Saturday night
I was so sick that I could not
get him any breakfast He went
to the store on his way to the depot
he stopped at Hafners and got some
crackers Friday afternoon Clara
was invited to Mr Eatons to a
party when she came home she
found me so sick I was having a chill
She sat down and cried because
she went away & left me when I was
sick I did not send for Mary because
I knew she had been watching & I wanted
she should sleep she came after the
mail came in & got the children some
dinner I got better before night so that
I got supper Mrs D is so kind to Mary
I do not like to take her away from
her I tell you that it is a God send
to me that she is there You know why



Y Springs July 17

Dear Husband

I have been having
the Cholera morbus since last Friday
Today I have set up part of the day
I thought I would pencil you a
few lines this Sabbath eve Mr More
seems to be prospering finely. The
congregation is quite good. The
Sabbath School is filling up fast
He or she or both are quite popular
with Mrs Lefore Mrs Wharton & Mr
Stewarts family. They visit or ride
together somewhere almost every
day. Mr More has a fine horse &
carriage. The Jewels Appliqued &
things do not come in as they used
to I do not know why I stay at
home as much as possible I am
questioned so much when I go out
that I avoid answering by staying
close

Poor Mrs Mills died very
sudden. She went to Nashville
a few weeks ago. She returned
with her. She was taken sick
soon after she ^{came} home. It was sum-
ed that she had the small pox. It
proved to be Camp fever. Mr Miller
returned on the 4 of July thinking
her out of danger. The next Mon-
morn he got a letter that she
getting better fast & in 20 minutes
after a dispatch that she was
dead. She was buried on Wednes-
on Thursday Kate Garry was
taken with the same disease.
I have not heard from her today.
She has been very sick. Mary as
usual watched with Mrs Mills
corpse & on Friday night she watch-
ed with Kate. I am afraid she
will get the disease. I did not
know that it was Camp fever until

yesterday but it would
have been of no use you know
she would have her own way.
Mary has a good opportunity to
recount with Mrs Gyer. She has
plenty to eat nothing to do, not
even her own sewing. Mrs G-
does it for her on her machine
one month from to-morrow. Say
time will be up if we receive
from the 10th the day he was mis-
terred into the service. I do hope that
Grant & Sherman will be success-
ful before that time. I suppose
you have heard of the dreadful
march they boys had on the 4th
to New Creek & back again. Word
came last week that Eddie Ligon
is very sick. Mrs L was here last
night. She is nearly crazy about him.
There is so much trouble in this
world I say nothing about Lyman's

Moncl 18 Your letter has just
arrived with one for Mary re-
mailed. one from Thomas. one
from Gertie Thomas wants
Mary to come to Oregon James
has the money reserved for to
send for him You see Mr Hig-
ins proposal Mary feels in a
tight place. Gertie is at Guspen-
town bridge enjoying herself well
I sent her \$10 dollars last week
When she wrote she had not got
it I hope she has by this time
I am getting along well do not
send me any money Lacie gets
enough to keep us along. He sells
from Geynours shop and does men-
ding enough to keep us comfort-
able with economy The Lord provide
I have not got a letter from S-
to day If I get any news I will
forward to you You in hast

PO Mary wants you
to write her what she should
do It is done time I want
this to go by noon mail

Greenland Sept 3

Dear Mother

I received your very welcome letter Friday it is well that it came when it did for the very next day the mail was captured by the Bks I have not written to you before because I supposed that you would hear from me through the rest of the family. But the days are slipping swiftly by & if I am prepared I shall soon be home where we can talk face to face oh how happy will I be when that time comes although we have private times here & are surrounded with every blessing yet it is not like

home. Gerlie has left you I hope she
will return before I get home it will
not look natural unless she is there
she will enjoy her journey very much
I have no doubt & I hope she will
succeed with her charts how much
I deplore our fortune when our sister
has to travel for her living I don't
mean by that that labor is degra-
ding but it seems hard that while oth-
ers who are not half so worthy can
roll in ease & luxury others have to
crimp along every day to get along
I see it every day in our own little
camp. Our Quartermaster is getting
rich from the bread coffee & sugar
that he takes out of the mouths
of us men who are working for
\$18 a month. We are expecting quite
a time tomorrow the 4th we have
erected an arbor festooned the trees
cleared the grove of underbrush &
are going to have speaking singing

fasts &c with something good to eat
I hope! the sisters are invited in
from the neighboring camps & I think
they will enjoy it finely for they
say they have never seen a celebration
yet. There is one young man who
lives near camp who has never seen
a train of cars & he lives within
24 miles of the railroad if I was
him I would get up some morn-
ing early & walk to New York & see
them before I was laid away in my
grave. Mr Come has just passed me
& wishes to be very kindly remem-
bered to you all he is improving fine-
ly there was a time when I thought
Mr Come would never again see home
In your last letter you asked me if I
read in my Bible. I answer I do & take
great delight in it. I read 2 chapters
a day. My time is spent & I must close
but I'm again soon & remember me
over your most affectionate son Seymour