

swelled - My heart died within me but I hoped
it was from being so closely confined ~~at home~~
in travelling - I think it might pass off -
The joy of having him by my side once again
was so great I could not think of any thing
else - but as he reached home I sat by
him through the day I saw each hour new
signs of feebleness which made me tremble
He had his usual chile in the evening &
a ^{very} deep sleep entered lasting till after mid-
night - This breathing was so labored so
different from any thing I had ever heard
before that my eyes did not close - I knew
his fatigue must be excessive & I thought he
would rally after a few days rest - but we
did not see him rest, as we should could
we have realized his feebleness - Monday morning
brought many friends to see him & he conversed
with all his usual brightness & cheerfulness.
They could not realize he was sick or weary
He was so happy to see them & entered into
all the interests of the neighborhood it was
hard to believe he was so sick -
He took a short drive that evening at my request
I wanted him to take the air as much as
possible - The weather was warm & no doubt
the atmosphere was very heavy to him & a most
trying change from what he had experienced only
the week before -
The affectionate but sad looks of the negroes when

Dear Son I cannot
stay to write you
my but I can tell you
her letter and
little Fanny's
from the city on wild
Lemon and I
should like to
to know the cor-
sents as he
knows all these
situation and
location but
hardly think
it worth
while to send
the letter to
him as it is
an expensive
of his own feel-
ings with the
discovery on
walk or turn
when I can
I have promised little & yet you know full well
how hard it is to bring one's self to pen those
events which are tearing our hearts in sunder
I long to write to you & yet I know not how to
say what I would, or where to begin -
You know that our house is left unto us desolate
I have not been able to realize it - It was so
sudden so unexpected. We had just gained our
treasure in his dear earthly home when he is
summoned to his rest Oh! yes! a glorious rest
from all his sufferings & why will our hearts
grieve Oh! we do not grieve for him, but our
loss is unspeakable - The kindness & love of
Husband & the most devoted Father - a loving
son - true & firm in friendship, noble in all his
principles & conduct, for why do I praise one you
know & valued so well. Words are powerless
The long headed flood has come - the long year of

your letter
has just
been read
and as
you have
a lot to
do from
the day
this will
interest
you?
I presume
he has
made
will
arrange
every
thing as
he then
thought best
but with
view to
the
rest of
the
house
he could
not have
done
more
for
you
I
do
not
know
it
was
for
the
best
What
we
know
now
we
shall
know
hereafter
I do
know, I
trust, with
meekness
to
my
Father's
chastisement
but
then
recalls
with
pleasure
- you
have
felt
it
all
dear
Mother
&
though
so
many
years
have
passed
since
you
were
left
a
lone
&
desolate
widow
I
still
remember
your
sorrow
-

I did not write you after I heard from John
his decision to leave Minnesota because
Lillian was taken with measles the week of
dear Mr. Bullen's death - & I was obliged to make
two or three journeys up & down to Park Grove
to see her & attend to matters at home - I have
been at home very little ever since my return
from Minnesota - I brought all the children home

as soon as I heard their dear Father was
really coming - of course I expected they would
bring the measles on to the plantation -
I received a telegram from Chicago saying they
had arrived there safely - I did feel so thankful
for that for I knew the terrible journey it would
be - my heart aches to think what he suffered
in those four days - & all that he might reach
his loved ones here - my second telegram
was received on Sunday day from Memphis
saying that they would reach Sunday morning
I went in on Saturday night - I stood at
young Mr. Broughton's which is very near the
landing - I had been awake but a few minutes
before day when the sound of a whistle warned
me of a boat landing - I got up quickly & had a
fire made & after a long time it seemed to me
heard Henry come for the carriage with the news
that his Master was there - I went down in
the carriage to the river bank & there sitting
on the trunk was our loved precious wanderer
home again - It was not ^{day} light then - He
consented to go up to Mr. Broughton's & have
a cup of coffee before he would go out
home - He enjoyed it - but - said he could
eat - nothing - He told me his feet were

By mightier than mortal Intercessor -
Immanuel pleads! - but this is not the prayer
For an extension of this transient-breath;
He pleads for life immortal as His own
"Father, I will this dying sufferer
I have redeemed, be with me, where I am,
To share the glory, Thou hast given me
The prayer is heard! Omnipotence responds
"Son, Thou art ever with me, all I have is ^{Thine}
Thine" To execute the embassy
Engage a glorious retinue attend.
Go, Angels, speed ye to the dying pillow
And waft the spirit into Abraham's bosom!
Joy, Mortals, wouldst thou have preferred
That heard had been the prayer of Earth,
or Heaven? - Couldst thou outeat
The righteous Intercessor to revoke
His wondrous "Yield" & at the gate of Heaven
When victory was busting on his lips
Recall the fainting Pilgrim to resume
The din of battle & the bale of tears" 2

Does it not express all we would say, dear
Mother, we would not bring him back, deary
& tedious as our journey must be without our
stay & our prop - we are indeed defenceless
& weak, but if the Lord is our shepherd we shall
not want - "Thy Maker is thy Husband, The
Lord of Hosts is his name" -
What a family we are - four widows & fifteen
orphans in these three households - we know
not what is before us in these dark & portentous
times - God give us faith - to put all our trust in Thee,
& to be ready when we are called -

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when they came with their kind enquiries.
brought a gloom over his countenance. He said
what they felt that he was not to be long
with us - It was like meeting so many children
& feeling "I can do nothing for you!" - He
did not even see the Cochranda regains
at all - 'as I wanted him to rest I thought
he would be able to ride down then & speak
to them at home - poor things they were so
distressed - how many have said "If I could
have seen my master just once & spoken to
him!" - It would indeed have been such a
gratification to them - He has always paid
the most ^{at home} attention to that place as it was
the largest & needed most care. has instructed
them always on Sabbath for several years
past when at home & has been repaid by their
moral improvement & true gratitude & affection -
He saw a good deal of company again on
Sunday & that evening was attacked very sud-
denly with great distress of breathing - He would
pass off but return again with the least
change of position so that we did not even
dare to remove him to the bed for several
hours - An anodyne quieted him & he seemed
bright again the next morning & wanted to go up

I was so fearful of a recurrence of the attack
that I urged him to remain quiet that
day & he consented - He saw Dr. Williams
& Robert Mendlack but no one else -

Willie & I sat up with him the next night
& I could not but see that his strength was
diminishing - coughing was difficult & the least
change of position brought on one of those
distressing & painful turns - I gave him
morphine once - Dr. & Mr. Breckinridge called
next morning & I asked him if he would
not like to see the Doctor - Oh oh! I did not
dream it would be his last visit to him
He was scarcely able to talk to him but it
seemed to gratify him. He expressed some of
his doubts but at the same time his trust in
a Saviour & his confidence in his own righteousness
To one of the Doctor's remarks he responded
so fully & feelingly that Jesus was a great
rock in a lovely land - It was his last &
only connected conversation with any one -

His dear spirit left that poor frail suffering
tenement just at dusk that evening - we
were all around him but oh we could not
save him through that dark valley - His

Savior met him then, I know, & every doubt
every fear was pushed in his arms - such
a sweet expression came upon his face after
the struggle was over - I must copy some
sweet words which were sent to me by dear
Mrs. Lanneau who has passed through many
& bitter afflictions - "Thou God of Love! -

Touchsafe us grace to bore beneath thy rod
And breathe, although it be through burning tears
And half choked utterance "Thy will be done"
Even so Father for it seemeth good to Thee
And oh! forbid that whatsoever thy wisdom doth
~~doth~~ appoint should from our hearts
Draw one repining or rebellious sigh -
"I will be dumb & open not my mouth
Because Thou didst it - " & it must be well
"Although Thou slay me, yet - I'll trust in Thee

Often methinks
Upon the striking contrast - in the way
That Earth & Heaven the closing scene of death regard
On Earth a spectacle of tears! -
Bedewed each cheek & swollen every eye -
In speechless agony each knee is bent
Round the saint's couch, importunate for life
While still life's pulses beat, In Heaven
Prayer is uttered also for the dying one

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Dr. Breckinridge made a most feeling & appropriate
prayer at the funeral which was not until
Monday & followed it by earnestly recommending
that spirit whom he had found a great sinner
in a weary land to all present - would I
could recall & repeat many things he said, they
were so true & beautiful -
many things more I want to tell you but I
have taken long to write all this - I fear we
may soon be deprived of letters from you as
so doubt they will cut off the mail arrangements
in the seceding states - my poor Johnnie, I know
not whether to bring him home or not but I begin
to think I must - if I cannot hear from him. I
fear his cold may prove serious. indeed I am all
the time uneasy about him in that cold region
I heard from him last night - but his letter was
sixteen days in coming - He does not speak of
his cold - Willie takes hold of business with
much energy & is anxious to do all he can. I fear
I may have to send him to this College but it
was not his Father's wish & the boys are so unruly.
He has gone over the river for the first time. poor
boy! he little realizes all the annoyances that will
beset him on every side. May the God of the Fatherless
be his God - He has learned much by being with his

his dear Parents so long - I trust he will be led
in right paths & become useful & an honor to his
Parents -

I have sent a draft for you to Mr
Anshute for one hundred dollars - I do not
know whether you may be in need or not
but presume it won't come amiss & hope you
will use it freely as you need - I could have
sent the draft direct to you but was not certain
whether I had the power to draw or not -
It is my wish that you would wear mourning for
this dear son & I am sure you will wish to do so
Fanny wrote you a few days since -

Will you write a note to Mr. Yeatman express-
ing my deep sense of her kindness to
my absent boy - She has indeed been exceedingly
kind & I know not how to thank ^{her} for it - Nothing
touches our hearts so much as kindness shown to
our absent children in a strange land -

God must love to all the household - & to
the children - love to Henrietta -

Your letter of sympathy for dear Mary's affliction
was recd. early this week. I sent it to her. She
is always gratified to see your letters - Annie Chaplain
also received - Your loving daughter
Fanny -

What a serious time. I believe has had but - I am glad to hear he is better - I hope he will be able to leave the hospital soon. I am glad to hear he is better - I hope he will be able to leave the hospital soon. I am glad to hear he is better - I hope he will be able to leave the hospital soon.

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received to night. What do you mean by George B. Brackets? Where abouts, ben? dis covered. Did you ever see Mr. "Treller" B. Brackets? Contains some of the most beautiful & consoling thoughts I ever read. Truly I think many pray your letters do much - when you feel able count - you write to the

I thought that I am hard written you more lately than I find she has - You will think me very forgetful of you to be so long silent - but my pen shrinks from the self infliction of writing when I know how much I must suffer. It is true however I roused myself to return some of the many kind letters I have received - They have indeed been very grateful to me & I hope I shall soon have courage to answer them - It is certainly a great comfort to receive these kind words of consolation & to believe we are not left entirely to the mercies of a cold & heartless world. But how much these dear children will miss the many

Oh! how many has death claimed
this year for his own. May his
land be steepled, & may he not seem
forth his terrible destroyer war to
claim still more victims -
So many have gone from here &
from our state of the just-
respectability, unused to hardship
or labor but ready & anxious to
maintain their rights - Mr. ^{W. H.} ~~W. H.~~
company marched 45 miles on foot
& one youth of 16 who was made
to go on the wagon because he
was so young, cried because they
would not let him march & keep up
with the rest - I mention it to show
their enthusiasm - There have gone
to Pensacola - Wilkins company are
all devoted to him - near Fort Gibson many deeds of
families are going -
I left Fanny & the little ones with
Anne - Mr. Cullen was so happy to
be with - Anne that they will not
miss me - The little ones include
Grandma in their prayers every night.
We only wish we had you here -
old Mrs. Sealey the mother of Mr.
Ellett who died last summer

New Orleans
May 2. 1864.

Dearest Mother,
You will not be
very much surprised to hear from
me at this place - as I believe I
have mentioned in one or two letters
my intention to come here in order
if possible to secure a Teacher
for the children during the summer.
Of course every body will stay
at home this summer & my plan
of going to North Carolina leaving
a part of the family & then running
on to see you my dear Mother -
is entirely out of the question.
I do pray that a step may soon
be put to this bloody prospect
which is before the country. It
seems to us that Lincoln will
come to his senses - you will see

by our President's message what are
his sentiments - & you will candidly
acknowledge the superior tone of his
messages to Lincoln - indeed I
do not see where the north - can
expect with - such a man as this
Belam - It is amazing that the
Republicans do not confess their
error & rebel against such a leader.
The South - is limited & her men
will fight for their lives & never
submit - It is in vain to think
of it - The feeling has increased
a hundred fold the last two
weeks since the exasperated tone
the north - has assumed. I had
never dreamed such feelings could
exist - at the north - & I was almost
sick with alarm for Johnson's
safety as yet I saw the accounts
of the excitement - in Philadelphia
but once decided to telegraph to
Johnson & I am most happy to
learn that he is on his way.
This I have only learned since I arrived

here this evening. Mr. C. Rodney
yesterday before one o'clock &
reached here & day after 12 o'clock.

Mr. Fish & Belle came down with
us (they had been in Port-Eben &
Lew days) & we are staying with
Mr. L. Ellen Perkins accompanied
me & I also brought Lillian as her
Dyspepsia seems to condemn the
same & the medicines given to her by
the physicians there did her no
good. She looks very well & no one
would suppose she could be sick.

You know I was anxious to be away
from Commencement which takes
place to day. There will however
be a very small attendance & I
magnify - The state of the
country keeps people at home -
Mr. Daniell was buried last
Sunday, & Mr. McGill on the other
side of College on Tuesday. Both
these gentlemen called to visit
John while in New Orleans just
before he sailed & both probably
thought themselves in fair health

I who had never stepped her foot out
of her house after her return there
has come out - to live with her
grand children. I wish we only
had you here -

I received William's letter
of the 18th ~~fr~~ on Monday of this
week - I have no doubt - he meant
to give me the best advice he could
but instead of withdrawing my money
from here I would prefer it - should
all be here - perhaps it may be
safer than there but then I
do not like its being used against
us - as I see some of the N. B.

banks have lent money for
that purpose -

I am sorry to find in our President's
message just delivered as I do
not think you know the views of
our side or how they fairly
represented in your papers. It is
a calm & dignified document.
I hope you will read it -

I must mention that Mr. Connolly
heard from John from Louisville

We hoped to be at home yesterday
but I left word for him to telegraph
to me from Rodney of his arrival
The poor boy will feel quite sad
to find no one at home - & I feel
so impatient to see him that ~~if~~ I
can scarcely be willing to wait
^{this} ~~the~~ week before I see him - I do
hope I may be able to succeed in
accomplishing the object of my visit
with much love to all

I am dearer than
your ever devoted daughter
Fanny.

Says it - is a question of Revenue -
The North men will spend her thousands
& tens of thousands for it is in the prospect
of losing millions. The will pour out
trails of blood & waste millions of
treasure & after all gain nothing but
involve the whole in common ruin
with a hatred & strife engendered that
will never change -

With not a horrible dispiece to us.
How few are the north - men who ties at
the South - what an example for
the world to see a Christian nation thus
delaying itself in blood - How will it
lighten the reins of all despotic govern-
ments - who have looked with - blind
& jealous eyes on Republican America
Oh it is a fearful responsibility to
plunge such a country into civil war.
That we have done, many times I do not
doubt I would acknowledge Especially
I think that the South - has exulted
in her wealth - & done so little for the
spread of the Gospel, especially that
she has not instructed her slaves
more generally - so many have left
them in ignorance of their way of salvation

ask long ago.
Lore to Mrs
Daguerre, to
Mrs Whitney
of the London
Mission -
much love to
Percy & the
children. John
knowing he was at-
tending school & is ready
to go to Mr. Caplan
if his mother
wishes she could
study mathematics
I did spare you
some letters to you
which I find was quite unnecessary.
We had received so few letters of
late that I supposed there was inter-
ruption indeed Mr. Connolly had told
me the mails were liable to be opened.
Yours which were sent H. B. O'Leary
were also forwarded by a friend
who saw them advertised so that
altogether I had a rich treat - though
I was truly sorry to find your senti-
ments so entirely with the north-
American this is what we must all
expect. We had a splendid sermon
from Mr. Wall yesterday setting forth
our sins as a nation, poor man he

He is so feeble in body but he has returned
to us (he has been in Florida ever since
December, most eager to do all for his
Master's glory & for the ^{good} of this
poor feeble Church - He seems to
direct his attention especially to the
young who he feels must take the
places of those who have been
taken away. His prayers for our
armies & for our success were most
 fervent but he told us if Christians
would not pray there was no hope for us.

Our sins as a nation were foremost
that one executive government, men such
as principled men, literally a government
of infidels ignoring God & God's laws
especially in breaking & entirely disregard-
ing the Sabbath-day. He did not
choose the north - but he abused us by
squandering our money at the north - when
we might be so much better off at home
& for sending our children to the north -
leaving our own institutions to languish
& die.

The prospect before us is terrible
& nothing to be gained by it - on the
part of the north - even if they fight

& fight till they overcome as they will
run themselves in the struggle as
well as us & in the end what will they
gain - They must know they cannot
subjugate us. Then what can they
gain - To return to such a govern-
ment would be impossible - They say
they have violated no compact but then
can they say it when have enacted laws
in so many states in entire violation of
the Constitution - Then they say we made
the attack - we are the aggressors. Ay,
but did we not warn Lincoln that if
he re-imposed Sumpter we would
consider it a declaration of war that we
would consider it means for our subju-
gation - so it was - it was not an
attempt to provision them but to re-
inforce - He did it in the face of
our declaration & it was virtually
an act of war - on his part - we
waited most patiently & have done
so all the time - It is a question
of money entirely with the north
She now turns round & says it is
a question of principle merely to
make it popular - Lincoln has
made no such declaration. The party

of which I am so ignorant - I am still
dearful I may not be able to write to
either him or Mr Bliss before the mails
close - I presume however, our good wishes
have made arrangements & that they will
soon be carried on -

I returned from New Orleans a week ago
on Saturday as I wrote to William. The
Cady I secured as a teacher arrived on
last Saturday - She is one that is broken
up by the times & also by her husband's
imprudent business arrangements. She tells
me she once had quite a successful school
in New Orleans & was doing well. While absent
in Virginia, during the summer, he sold out
every thing she had to go on to New York
& get into a patent inkstand which he imagined
was going to bring him a fortune - So it has
been over & over again she has struggled to
educate her children & has done so herself
except a year or so instruction in music
from masters - She was now obliged to send
all her family to an Uncle to support in
Ohio. ^{3 daughters, her husband 65 years old & one child}
She was willing to come for 30 a
month as even less - She seems entirely
capable to carry them on in English
& feels competent to teach Fanny in music
in the present -

The boys have to day gone to Mr David
Hunt's funeral - (the old gentleman) -
so one after another of our good men, our
substantial men passing away. The boys

long been ^{entirely incapable of attending to business} ~~very~~ improving. The son George
who married Miss Watson, who was
immensely stout, the picture of health
was ill for three months with typhoid
pneumonia & is now looking very badly.
His friend Leach he will go into a decline
out of four sons to inherit his very large
estate there is only one with a prospect of
life & health -

Anna was down to spend Saturday
& Sunday with Theodora, Blanche, Chaplain
& Clarence - The children considered it
a great treat to be all together. I am
paying the penalty by a severe head-ache
Her dyspepsia continued about the
same. She has been taking a French
preparation of Pepsin but it does
no good - I thought her head-aches were
better until to day she is suffering so much
It is probably also the hot weather &
the beginning of study again -

I suppose you will be glad to hear
my pork arrived safely. & now I hope
I have enough to last until December
next for all the plantations -

Chaplain has returned from Louisiana
where he was surveying with John -
He does not look very strong -

The College (Oakland) has taken up
the boys taking it into their own hands
& going home of their own accord, because

that - the bond was received safely -
Mr. Connelly let it be done it did go
through - but we felt sure of nothing
Our hearts sink indeed within us
& though we have the prospect of hope
some cause is a righteous & just
one we do not deny that the
north can overpower us in numbers,
we do not expect any mercy
from them they have already
shown the most ruthless, bitter
family stopping at nothing to
accomplish their purposes - You are
amused if you suppose these were
my feelings. I sent you the President's
message in my letter from New
Haven. did you receive it? -
God grant that some power may
interpose to save us for we expect
nothing from the north - It does
seem to me they must yet
come to their senses that they
will see nothing is to be accom-
plished but entire ruin to both
sections & an enduring hate -
The ladies are busy at work supplying
what the government does not supply

I have such a sick head-ache this
morning. I can scarcely write
I get this letter much so to day
or not at all - I returned day
before yesterday from a trip to the
places over the river. Mary Butler
accompanied me - The weather
was pretty warm but we had a
pleasant visit - made the negroes
happy. all looked well. On the
whole sin that could rouse them
to rebel against their best interests
their only real friends - what awful
blindness it does seem to us to view
it in any other light than this -
William will be obliged to stay over
there a good deal - I hate it very
much but there seems no alternative
John is our only protection here -
The college is broken up entirely -
for the present -
The teacher I secured in New
Haven Mrs. Copland is a very
nice lady & the children are
fond of her already. She has a
large family all of whom are
obliged to go to Ohio to be supported
by one Uncle as they are entirely
out of funds. She has educated
her children herself & I am told they
are very well educated -

Friendest & especially for my darling mother

she would & give up the attempt
to force us. It is perfectly impos-
sible to bring us back & what is
fixed. However we may all
lament the beginnings yet the
universal sentiment of the South
is that ~~we~~ ^{our} cause is right
& just. Our fast takes place
next Thursday - God grant we
may indeed make it a day of
fasting & prayer - If he does not
hear our cry we are lost for we
expect no mercy

William Fish's company has been ordered to Virginia from Pensacola, Mr. Copland (the new governor) has a son in his company. It is Company A. Crescent Rifles has means. Gen. Davis said he had never seen better drilled men, any where than those under Gen. Bay at Pensacola. —

I have no time to write more but
 hope this will find my dear Mother
 well - I wish William to be sure if
 his draft ^{on} ~~from~~ Baskett is received
 to William but cannot remember. I sent
 it about 16th May but as the Express
 was opened about that time I do not
 expect it was ever received.
 It was on N. H. Bank for 209. dollars

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with great care & attention & I hope
her dyspepsia may be relieved
by it. The Dr. is of opinion this
may be the case -

She has fallen off considerably
in flesh but does not look badly
in the face - She had commenced
school vigorously & was studying
Mr. Copland says she will
make a fine scholar. dear little
Geri is going to school for about
half an hour at a time & already learned
first - She learns on the piano
by herself. I was perfectly
astonished to hear her this morning
studying out a tune to a hymn
which we sing very often. She was
playing it so well that I thought
some one was teaching it to her.
She has quite a remarkable ear
for music.

I wrote you last week that I
had been to Dr. Woodsett & had left
Wilie then to remain some time.
Jillie was so sick, I sent for him -
He came home to day. Leaving
all well & myraes all doing well.
I was pleased to hear him say he
read the Bible & explained it to the
myraes & quite surprised them by
asking them questions. What a privilege

to have had a good example in a parent
& how it descends from generation
to generation - God's blessing is
certain & his promise sure -

John is a stay at home boy &
very kind in offer to help me.
He seems to feel I have a great
load - He is studying History &
I hope will take up Rhetoric &
Logic with - Mr. Copland - He
will possibly study with - Mr. Calin
with - one of the Professors -

We continue quiet here but our
minds are dreadfully excited by
the horrible prospect before us.
Even if the war never reaches us
the idea of such carnage as must
occur is enough to stir the soul
& make the cheek blanche -
The ladies in Port Liban are most busily
engaged in societies for making
up clothing for the army, we
shall assist them here - all
in our power - Money is very
hard to get but we have fine crops
in prospect & can live on what
we make at home. Lincoln
cannot starve us out - I feel
all the time as if the north
would come to her senses & she

Should be sent to Louisville by Express

by Seward & his false sentiments that
Seward the north - he may pursue
the war the both sections are ruined.

The cry for government & constitution
may do very well for the north -
but what use is it - to us who are sure
it does not serve our purpose & that
the constitution has been violated
over & over again. Dr. Robert Breck-
enridge who was violently opposed
to secession yet estimates the amount
lost to the south - in actual property
by the violation of the fugitive slave
law ^{alone} - at ten millions of dollars.
It amuses me to hear of Anna Ropes
talking of Mr. Ropes being in the Home
Guard & Albert also at Rochester -
just as if we were going north - to
disturb them - all we want is to
be left alone - as we have told the
north over & over again - The foolish
threat that our play should be
some Faneuil Hall I am sure was
never held as a scheme - by any
sensible person -

I have a very long letter ^{on political}
from Anna Ropes - no one seems
to write on any thing else - even
Fanny's friend Dr. Lewis writes
her ten & ten pages on the same

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Friday Evg.
June 22nd
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Dearest Mother,

Nearly 3 weeks have
passed since my last opportunity
of writing occurred - I then mentioned
that I should send my letter by
Dr. Williams to Lewisville but as he
procured a substitute I presume he
sent my letter by the same &
therefore hope it has reached you -

In that I mentioned how much
John Saline was. The next day I went
to church but was summoned home
I had left her feeling very well & no
apparent necessity of any one staying.

She was reading & even said she
felt able to read alone to one of
the servants - She was attacked
suddenly with very severe pain
in the right side under the ribs.
From 12 until 3 we tried every thing
but with no relief. She suffered
greatly - I finally sent for Dr.
Williams & he arrived before dark
pronounced it enlargement of
the liver from which no relief

could be gained until Calomel
should take effect - In about an
hour she began to experience the
good effects of the medicine & by
the aid of constant purgatives she
was much better before morning.

D. Williams staid all night & came
out twice a day from Rodney for
some days - so you may be
sure he thought her pretty sick.
She was out in the park on Sunday
& now is going every where but does
not attempt school as yet. Her
complexion is much better than
before her sickness & her dyspepsia
has not returned as yet. I am
careful to give her plain food & so
far she seems to have no return of
the nausea - Now if we could not for
this horrid war we might so &
get a little mountain air - The
children will all feel strong in two
summers in the south very much.
For myself I have been looking as
yellow as saffron but have resorted to
three masts for the first time in years
& feel better - I did not have very
much fatigue in nursing Nellie, for

The servants could assist - one very much
 & when medicine was to be given every
 some Mrs Copland sat up part of the
 night - The weather here been very
 warm & the excitement - of the war
 keeps up to fever heat - Though we
 do not look for it here, at present
 yet we feel most anxious for our
 poor soldiers - The ladies all over
 the country are hard at work
 for them - sending fresh supplies of
 clothing to those who have gone &
 been in camp any time - We have
 very interesting letters from Liba Butler
 a nephew of Mr. Butler who is
 one of the Claiborne Guards, ^{at Union City on the border} of
 Tennessee. He is of course a Pennsylvanian but he has
 adopted our country & fights on our
 side -

We cling to the hope that
reason may come to the north -
& that something may be done
when Congress meets but I rather
think it is a very false hope.

The position that Henry Missouri
is taking to the prospect of Maryland
opening her real sentiments on
coming over again to the South -
may lead Lincoln to pause before
he proceeds further but he is
an obstinate fellow & pushed on

down his fire upon their defenceless
heads - If you have ever received
an letter mentioning Willie's location
you have been in great anxiety no
doubt for your dear boy Willie. I
am so thankful I can relate your
heart by telling you he has passed
through the most dreadful battle
of the war & by the merciful hand
of God was spared to us unhurt.
He was in the thick of the fight
on the left wing on the 31st Dec.
I was close to his troop Colonel
when he fell - The shells & balls
flew so thick & fast that nearly all
the regiment were on their faces to
avoid them but W. says as his Col.
did not flinch he would not either.
One was taken & the other left - poor
W^{illie} & his heart bleed for her
knowing what an idol he was.
He was shot through the lungs from
shoulder to shoulder. He turned to
Willie & said William tell my Mother
I die a good son. He repeated it
& then gasped as they thought his last.
The physician left him for dead & at that
moment the brigade being ordered to fall
back, W. was obliged to leave too. See

affluents arrived however & lived a part of
the night. W. was much attached to him &
his influence has been just what I need
it would be pure & noble - W. is much
grieved. He says he had shown him
all the kindness of a Father - These early
trials & hardships these wonderful scenes may
ask I think harden his young heart, but lead
him to look upon life's stern realities as
he should & may God state space him
for a life of usefulness -

I wrote you by the Steamer from Mobile
some two months since but as I had
only a moment's notice it must have
been a very unsatisfactory letter - But
as Henry C. wrote at the same time
to his sister I am in hopes he gave
you much more news - One thing
has troubled ~~xxx~~ ^{me} much & that is
that you or any of the family should
have put yourself to trouble to get
information ^{of the} from such a person as
Mrs. G. I knew her very slightly &
never did like her but her sentiments
now would enthrall her from ^{all} that is
Southern I had almost said "Human -"
for how could any heart but be polluted
that could for one instant tolerate the
iniquities put upon our devoted South.
Our Capital. How can it but fill our
hearts with - eternal hate when we
see such a man, if man he could be
called, receiving the thanks of his
constituents & the plaudits of the
people as he passes thro' their cities.

had some sympathy & that you do begin
to deprecate Lincoln & his horrid war.
But alas he is an obstinate old fellow &
nothing is going to satisfy him but total ruin
north & south - This is disastrous but you
are all upholding him & rushing on to your
own destruction - It does grieve me so
my dear Mother to think that you all you
all can defend the north in the course
they are taking - The idea of subjugating
us is so absurd - so impossible -

What freedom do you yourselves boast of when
those who have sympathy with us dare
not express a word lest they should be
denounced as traitors - What foul demons
can have taken possession of the hearts of
the ministers of Christ - that can prompt them
to utter such sentiments - as Dr. Lym. uttered
recently - He could scarcely believe there
was one word of truth - in it till I see by
the paper to night he is censured by the
Bible Society - for his speech -

I hear not the paper but he says "he does
not believe there are 500 Bibles in the
Confederate Army & that the Bible would
scathe & burn in their polluted hands" - more
than this he says but this is enough - Will you
any longer have faith in any minister of the

gospel that could thus speak of any human
being on the face of the earth - much
less of his own Countrymen -

Willie has been home for rather some time
last Saturday being afflicted with some
sickness - Now he comes out to Dr.
Bernie's every little while. The overseer
Dr. Brewster took it into his head to go to
his war so I had to look up another
which is a very unfortunate thing at this
time of the year it being extremely difficult
to get me who is good for any thing -

This requires Willie's presence on this side
worries me very much. He came home full
of joining the Texas Cavalry Company
which is to leave very soon - but I told
him I did not think it was his duty
that my cares would break me down
eventually if I had not some help - He has
yielded & has not said a word but I think
is teasing most impudently - Moreover
he is too young & I cannot think of letting
him go - The only danger is that they
may draft them hereafter when they would
go with unpicked companies - This country
has however sent a large number of men &
there is scarcely danger of drafting later than

and Society. The ladies have been hundred
& fifty penitents to make beside drawers
shirts & stockings to knit. It will call out
the industry of our **M** people most amazingly
& their hands do not flag under the burden.

Sallie is improving much & beginning to look
more like herself. She goes into school
& attends to some of her lessons daily.

Little Epie is a fine scholar out of 376
words to day she only missed seven -
pretty well for a little girl who only
knew her ba & he's three months ago -
She is very much delighted with her knowledge.

Mr. Copland has been learning Geography
orally - but you must not think she stays
in school long at a time - I believe she
will be able to write a letter to Grandma

before this war is over if we are spared -

Little Dora is beautiful - her ringlets shaking
in the breeze & her little feet running off
to catch every shadow of fun that can be
painted up. She rides the pony quite

fearlessly while Eddie screams if she
he begins to walk with her on his back -
They are very different but still very
fond of each very much of the other
Dora is proud of Epie's learning & Eddie of
Dora's bravery & beauty - Dora is timid

with-strangers & does not make this friendly
that Epic wife - Your boy Willie I think you
have reason to be proud of - He is so respectful
& so much more of a gentleman than
those about here - I trust he will be a
great comfort to me & I cannot but think
their dear Father's earnest & long continued
prayers for them will be answered -
Fannie united herself to this church
a week ago on Sunday - She is endued
with the spirit of God, I cannot doubt,
& though she is far from being perfect we
know that the Spirit worketh in us to will
to do & by the help of God she may overcome
them sins. She is so very capable that it
would be dreadful if she allowed these faults
to trouble her & thus do away with all
her usefulness - She will be an earnest
worker too in her Master's vineyard, I
do not doubt - I will send along with
this a paper as no doubt you have the
same curiosity to see ours that we have
to see yours - The weather is pleasant
good health - & fine crops every where -
a most abundant corn crop is expected &
we are already having new wheat from
Texas. All in P. Gibson are pretty well - Rose
improves somewhat but not as much as they hoped
from the hot weather - She is full of aches & pains,