

Hampstead June 29th/63

Darling Husband,

As I was all entirely alone I thought I would answer your last letter which I received last Friday. I was very glad to hear from you because I had begun to feel concerned about you, you see it has been over a fortnight since I had a letter before. It is Monday morning and it don't seem hardly right for me to be sitting down writing, but father thought I had better put off washing until my arm got a little better

It is getting b well fast but is lame now, I cannot get it out quite straight yet. I didn't get time to write yesterday. Sunday is a busy day with me if I go to church. It is no small job to fix the children, and I usually take one or both, and then we have a sing Sunday evenings in our school-house which I enjoy ever so much, and don't miss of going if I can avoid it.

Henry is down. He has been here and took dinner with us. And I tell you he is a second Leander, only a good deal taller. He looks just as you used to with the exception of his forehead, which isn't near as broad and don't look as intellectual, And he appears ever so much like you only he is not so quick to think and understand. but on the whole he reminds me of you every time I look at him, and especially when he speaks

He has a peculiar voice, like yours very soft and wining, when he chooses to make it so. And I can see in him many of the attractions that made me love you so. But now I think of it, it seemes as though I ought not to say me. It seemes as though you and I were not the same that we were then, it seems as though we were somebody else we love each other so different. But we are wiser now and I love you in a more rational way.

I was going to say wiser and better, but I doubt that for what is better than an inocent child? And I love you now more than everything else on earth but I now~~t~~ that love is divided which was once all yours. I had not a thought for anything else. Do you wonder I was sometimes jealous? But it is better that it should be as it is, for it is impossible for any one to be happy in this world and have their whole affections centered upon one idol as I did then

But I guess you will think I am getting sentimental

I must tell you before I forget it that your little Annie studies Colburn's Arithmetic and reads in the Testament

She told me to tell you a good while ago but if forgot it. Josie don't seem to learn a bit at school this Summer Annie hasn't asked to stay away from school a day this Summer.

The "Banner" stated last week that the 4th & 7th N.H. Reg^{ts} were coming north. I suppose it meant into the northern army. If so I don't know as I am very much pleased about it Because I think you will be likely to be in more battles. But no doubt it will be for the best. At anyrate I am willing to trust it with One who can see farther than I can and has guarded and protected you thus far.

Is the sick man of whom you spoke a private? I asked because I thought he had more priveledges then some soldiers if he could have whom he chose to take care of him.

Tell me all about your place, what you have to do, and if you will have to go into the ranks when in a battle and what pay you have, and how you happened to get the place and all about it

Henry & Nelson were here yesterday they want me to tell you that [^]they do want to see you very much

Hattie's baby is almost a year old and bright as a dollar and quite pretty but not so handsome featured as Isabel. But is more sociable and loving to every one.

I shouldn't wonder if ~~it~~ we could remedy that difficulty you spoke of I dreamed you were here last night wont that do just as well?

Speaking of one of our correspondants not being very interesting, I like him just as much as though he was ever so well educated. And beside my letter [^]from him was interesting and I thought more of it because it cost an effort to write it.

I read that part of your letter concerning Josie to her and sometime after she asked me how you knew she was a naughty girl. I told her you didn't say you did but she says "yes he did he said he shouldn't have any good little girl when he got home". I suppose she misunderstood me when I told her that you said you wouldn't have any ba[^]by because she would be grown a great girl

Well I must close my precious husband I will send you some stamps.

Good bye for this time. ~~Yours as~~

Yours as ever Emmy