

Bradford Aug 10th 1862

Dear Brother Leander

I have been waiting very ~~unpatite~~ impatiently for an answer to my last letter but I have received one as yet and thinking perhaps you didn't receive my last I have concluded to wait no longer but write again I wrote sometime ago intending to send it in a letter that Jane Colby was going to write to George Huckings but she never has written and the letter still remains in my drawer. I supposed I directed my letter wrong and thought I would send it in his letter I thought by something Emmie wrote that you had left the Hosptl and that was the reason of your not getting my letter. I found out by William yesterday how to direct my letter and I improve the first opportunity I have to write hoping to get and answer soon. Warren Bickum has enlisted he and Harris Boynton they are going join the 14th Reg^t and are going in the same company with Elmer. I have written to Josy today I havn't heard from him since he left Fort Jefferson I want to hear from him very much I should like to hear how he is getting along I hope he will come home on a furlough this summer I don't think of saying the same to you for I take it for granted that you will come and I shall be very much disappointed if you dont you have been gone almost a year and I think you ought to come home on a short furlough although I suppose it would be harder for you to go back and I know it would be harder for us to have you but still I want to see you most [greffully*] I hope they will have an army large enough to close this war up soon I think they have been a long time about it much longer than I supposed they would be at first and I think it would have been ended sooner if our people had been as determined as the southerners have been. But the folks up north are getting aroused up and seem to act as though they meant to do something. Haverhill and Bradford have their first quota already filled and more stand ready to enlist on the next if they continue the bounty the same which they think of doing. Haverhill has paid each volunteer \$100 and Bradford \$150 Newburyport pays \$200 Methuen \$300 this is quite a little sum when you come to add the state bounty with it. Perhaps you will think there isn't much patriotism about it, it is the bounty they are after in some cases I think it is but business is better now than it has been for a great many years, and fellows are leaving places where they are getting good pay and there are a great many rich mens sons enlisted where the bounty would be no object to them. There one man here that is in the grocery business that has enlisted as private and pays \$30 a moth for some one to take his place in the store They think they will be able to fill the next quota in Massachusetts without resorting to a draft The Boston Journal says that Haverhill has already sent 1400 men and with the number already raised and what they will have to raise on the next three hundred thousand will make it 424 more and there are 1400 voters in Haverhill I think they have set it rather high but with what they have already sent and with what they have got to send will make ten or twelve hundred I think that is doing pretty well Bradford has between three and four hundred voters and with what they have sent and are going to send will be eighty nine the young men will be pretty well thined out Warren Bickum was married last week he leaves for Washington tomorrow I suppose I was up to Julia's and spent the fourth the children had a picnic in the woods Emmie was there with Annie and Josy had a very good time would like to have had you with us I meant to have gone over and seen Emmie the next day but I waited for Julia to go with me and it was so late before she could get ready that I couldn't go I mean to go up again soon I shall have to

leave off writing and get ready to go to meeting for Neddie is waiting very impatiently to be going Edward would send his love if he were here so I will send it for him Write as soon as you can

In Haste from Your Sister

Margarette