

E. Plainfield June 20th /62

My dear Emily,

In refering to your last I find it was written the 18th ult Now I did'nt intend so long a time should elapse before answering it, but so it is but I hope you will not serve me thus But I think you would excuse me if ^{^YOU} knew just how busy I am all the time Yes and I write some too, This is the fourth I have written this week, since Monday after washing, You may think why do'nt my turn come oftener, so I will tell you one season, I want to write to my Soldier boys as often as I can hoping to hear from them in return, I rec'd one from L shortly after receiving yours, he said he had written ^{^to me} ^{^several} which I have not rec'd, but I am glad to get one once in a while, I rec'd one from Josy about two weeks ago, We rec'd three by one mail from him about four weeks ago I wrote to Julia about it perhaps you have heard about it, he was feeling so bad to think he did'nt get any letters from his friends that I ^{^have} written to him the oftener since then, hoping he will get some of them. He is or was well said he was enjoying himself better than he expected, They are very comfortably situated. I had a letter from Elmer last week he is still where he has been, & says there is no prospect of his leaving there, which is a relief to my mind, But then we do'nt know what is for the best.

Now permit me to make a few remarks upon what you have written concerning the poetry you sent You ask have'nt all believers in future retributian got to believe just what this says? then adds I should'nt want a better argument against it, Now allow me to say, I am truly astonished at the conclusion you have ^{^come} to. Now if he or any one teaches what is not written in the Bible you are under no obligation to believe it. But I entreat of you as one who loves your soul to search that word for yourself and see what it teaches, and do'nt rest, No do'nt get sleepy over it and excuse yourself on that ground because it is'nt interesting, Eternal consequences hang on you decision Let future punishment rest with Him who knows just how to deal with his creatures, but O seek a shelter in the Rock of Ages, then you need not fear, Now do'nt wisdom teach such a course.? But I'll forbear, I feel as though I must leave you to take your own course unless you will go to the right source for help. But I will say in conclusion that future retribution does not trouble me at all, God has provided a Rest for his people and I want to secure it This is my aim & object and shall be henceforth, Yes and it is, & shall be my daily prayer that my children, every one may do the same. Hope you will write again soon and let me know what news you get from L

Much love to all from

Your Mother