

A to L May 19th

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Dayton O. May 19th,

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Dear Husband

Last evening yours of the 18th, written before you were wounded, came to hand, and this evening the note, written after you had received the wound.

The first would have made me very sad, if I had not already heard of your arrival at Washington.

The last, I fear, was written while you were in pain; but it was comforting to know that you were not entirely disabled, and could write a few lines.

I have great faith in Arnica, and wish you would ask your surgeon how it will do to keep your bandages saturated with it either strong or diluted with water. It can be poured on at any time without removing the

bandage and is very cooling. Aunt Ann
once saved an artery near the lower joint-
of her little finger and ^{at the same time} cut the
inside of her thumb, with glass; ~~she~~
~~says~~ she kept it wet with strong ammonia
the wound did not suppurate and
she says the Doctor said it healed in
an unusually short time.

You will be careful, now won't you?
I am afraid you need me to watch
you, and wish you were at home, yet
do not wish you to risk anything by
making too great haste to come.

I am going to fix up our "quarters"
and will get new matting; I have
patched till I can patch no longer,
and now that I am going to have
so grand a visitor won't put up with
the rags.

If you cannot go up and down stairs
we will put you in the parlor as we
did poor Howard last summer - Sprague's

brigade was in the battle at Resaca
but Father thinks the 63rd was not the
part engaged. The Colonel had command
of three regiments when Howard lost sight
of it. - It would be a relief to have

Howard out even if in your situation;
Oh how thankful I am that you are
not in these last battles; yet I suppose
soldiers like to be in at the glorious
end, and feel repaid for their toil
when the victory is won. But the
risk is too great, and the suspense
hard to bear; May our suffering country
men and women, soon rejoice in glad
reunions, the Rebellion being forever
put down!

I don't think I told you of the
death of Wilson Drake; he died a
few days ago of consumption.

The "Empire" died out to night -
the hands could not work for it as
the other establishments gave much higher

wages; I understand the funds were
not sufficient, which is a healthy sign.
Sophronia Sweet told me today that
she read an account of some New Church
proceedings in which Willard Day voted
against some ~~dis~~loyal resolutions
introduced by Giles Richards. She says
they were very moderate in tone and
any one only half loyal could have
subscribed to them. — I don't care about
seeing any of that family again!

Morning — all well — write soon and
Goodbye Dearest —
Augusta