

dear ones whose
I have never
yesterday
question, so
a brother
A brother

Dear Husband,
Luther, dearest -
But, it is hard
to be calm in
these dark days,
heated to-day
"Thy will be done"
"Be done!"
I have also been
will please for
the dear one's life,
even when you have
that the only out in
the end be as happy
dear! What a saying
wife I am! Oh for
good away, the stars
his quieted by the
instead, were as I
used to feel subdu
and slipping after every
sing on your "Dear dearest"
"Thy will be done!"
it has little more!

Never received
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May open brightly
to our door sunshine, would that it was
as bright within! There are many
years since to day I doubt not, for the
troops leave tomorrow, and ^{they} may encounter
as much danger as any now in the field.
I understand that some expect to go to
Kentucky and perhaps farther.

I heard that Sister Hall was going
and as Henrietta has felt very much for
me, I naturally returned the sympathy
yesterday, however, I met her and Lizzetta
in a store, and thought she did not look
very sad, yet was afraid to ask her the
question, so asked Lizzie, she told me that
a brother of Henrietta's was going as a substitute
A brother could not have made me feel

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a great deal better I confess, still there is much difference, and her brother is not to their family what mine is to ours.

She heard us talking and called out "No, he's not going; but I thought about you yesterday" meaning that she had thought then that he would go, and could fully enter into my feelings.

Davis, my shoemaker, says he is all ready to go, but will equip and send a young man ^{who wishes to go} ~~shoemaker~~ in his shop, if he will be accepted, which he does not think likely as he is not quite eighteen. Suffer says "yes, indeed he's going as that is all he can do for his country!"

I have been hindered by a grand excitement. The boys have been grumbling because Sella was allowed to go to church "all the time" and they kept at home.

Betty sent in word that she would take them, and as she happens to be in a good humor I have consented. Rob wanted to know whether he could go next Sunday

too, but I advised him to wait till after he had tried this time before asking for another day.

Miss Susan Spens is to be married in the church next Tuesday evening, to a Philadelphia gentleman; and leaves in the midnight train for her new home.

I am very anxious to know whether Robert has returned, to hear anything he may know concerning your affairs, but I shall hardly be able to leave home today as Aunt Ann Gardner is coming here.

Immediately after receiving your letter on Friday I sat down and wrote you a short answer, and told you that Mr. Odlin had promised to write to Mr. Stanton and enclose the letter in one to Mr. Chase. I believe he did so yesterday; Uncle John I have not seen since I spoke to him about the matter on Friday.

Sella's letter came last night, as good as the rest, and deeply felt. The pretty little

flowers she put carefully away with those you sent me, saying she meant to keep them as long as she lived. - I hope she may be blessed with many another letter from the same dear Father.

May this call for the National Guard be the precursor of great successes! The men are all good humored, as far as I can hear and see; one can't help laughing at their jokes as they pass each other in the street. The copper heads make merry over their going, but possibly they will raise a howl when the draft is made, which is expected soon.

A year ago today I was sorrowful at my speedy departure for home, leaving you awaiting 'orders', and a perilous trial before me. The expected little one now ten months old lies sleeping in her cradle, and I am safe, yet sorrow still! Yet by another first of May, not only you, but the whole Nation may have passed safely through these perilous times and all be joyful together! No! not all, for many families will keenly feel the loss

Evening — Since writing the above I have been to Robert's. He came home last evening. — He says he fears you have no chance for that place, as it is thought that if any this man gets it, it will be a ~~wounded~~ ~~Colonel~~ I think Conolly is the name. Sherman said he should use his influence for him and not for the person you supposed.

As for the coming battle he thought perhaps two men, Grant and the President, might know when it would take place, possibly Grant only.

George Watton will go down as soon as it is over and is to telegraph some one in Washington, who will telegraph Robert so that we may have the earliest possible tidings from you; I hope it can be done, and we not kept in suspense about you. — David forgot to get the book for you which Robert intended to send in the saddle bags.

all I think that it is just a Sunday matter just now; over the
the day will be. I have said it cannot be done.
But perhaps he can find some way to do it.
Eliza was just going to attend communion
service, she offered to remain at home but
I had only a few minutes to stay and in-
sist upon her going. I stopped at Mr. Brady's
Mrs. B. walked out into the garden with
me, but she walks with difficulty.
Bally goes off tomorrow as a substitute
Went as enjoying herself in Washington.
Little Mary is very fussy this evening
and I shall have to take her. Perhaps
I will find some thing else to tell you before
closing my letter.
The — If that place is otherwise disposed
of we must try to feel unselfish about
it. Perhaps this man has a better right
to it as he is doing to have done well, and
something will yet turn up for us; my great
thought now is to get you out safely, and let
them bring us the needed support. — I did feel
discouraged at first when Robert told me all, but after