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One could hardly for a greater enjoyment, on they years day, than a varm fire, and there did not seem to be much pleasure away Dec 21# 1863 from it, your friends, there, are good ones, The do not have very Dear Mr, Mines Yesterday brought good meetings, this winter, Bud us your more than volcome our school I am afraid will not amount to much, The children letter, As I know that Home like thee very much as an associate and Friends, are very dear to (their teacher I means your I am glad that your are Me & Mes. Troffee wish to be respect, & Me so Mes Hays also, permited to enjoy their society and at the same time pursue The girls chave obtained your drawing, and I am sorry that it your favorite studdies, your is so much soiled, I chope it ramble, must have been a very will reach you, safely, pleasant one, and I do not doubt the shall always be glad to you made it very proffitable here from you, whenever you also, no one can enjoy more can space time to vaite, Give my respects to your Mother, of life show a lover of nature, ever sanly thine, If ever you vander so far this way, come and see us, Ro Lynice we shall always be glad to see one we have so much reason We shall want to know whether to think well of, and I am you get your deaving, Please vite and let us know We shall send sure you will never want for fixed,

God has deal of very kindly with byt they tell mes military us, in these times which willy beders must be obey'd, His weing the hearts of many, My chealth is slowly improving, husband had the great affliction and the is allowed to visit to bury his son, after a weeky home about once in three illness at Wickoburg, He died weeks, for the long space of just before the surrender. 24 hours, (generous, is it not?) We all grieve at his early death, I was about from home too His father takes it very thered, weeks, and was ill for several he was thimself, soon after, taken vecks after my return, but siek and sent up to Mound have quite recovered my healthy city hospital, where the weak O. these are times, which try for me to come after him, The faith of every honest man thinking he should never and voman, My patriotion recover if he staid there, is all gone; I am vory to say I went down about the middle it, (and would hardly dave to. of August, and succeeded in before my husbands) I suppose getting a furlough for 20 days, it is wrong to feel as I do someti differ the expiration of which mes, but can't chelp it, he went into the hospital at Too weeks taken Men Gears, and Madison where he still remains It seems cruel that they will Christmas, have passed, and I not let him stay at home chope you have enjoy'd them pleasanty