

Warren Nov. 16th 1861

Dear Aurelia,

I left Allegany as you well know in the rain but it cleared away before Charly(?) left me and I had a fine day to go over the mountain and I had a fine time of it too. I found the top of the Hill covered with log roads and I followed one about 1 mile until I came to a shanty then I knew I was wrong. I then went back to my starting point and followed another for about ½ mile, made up my mind that I was wrong and took another and went to Knopps(?) Creek then came back and took the right one and came out on faster(?) Brooke about 4 O'clock PM. We had a pleasant time to go to Warren. Walked all the way and arrived here about noon on Wednesday found our company all gone to Huntington have not seen Curtiss or Holmes yet. Backus(?) returned last Night (Friday) and we will all start for Camp Crossman on Monday morning.

Backus says that the camp is full of Physicians looking for a chance and one had the impudence to request that our men report to him their sick every morning. But they gave orders to our men to report to Dr. Gould until I came.

A.K. Johnson and D. Kingsbury each gave me the tallest kind of recommend. I have found it quite dull staying here this week but evening I attended church at the Presbyterian House. There is to be a preparatory lecture today and tomorrow the sacraments of the Lord's Supper are to be administered.

I will probably have some 3 hours to stop in Cleveland on Tuesday morning from 6 to ½ past 9 and I will go up and take breakfast with Goodales(?) folks.

Ah! How I wish you were going with me. I mean to try to have them leave me for one or two days at Cleveland so that I can go to Almsted. When I get to camp I shall go immediately to Harrisburg for examination. Yesterday it snowed about 1 inch deep this morning cold and blustering but as I write 1 o'clock P.M. is growing milder.

I think of my dear loved ones at Home every day and long to see you. Tell Ada that I want her to be a good girl and see how well she can behave and how much she can learn and when I come home I will bring her something.

I sent Calvin's order to Randolph with bill of goods last Tuesday. When you write me let me know whether you got the goods or not. You had better not write until you hear from me again as I cannot tell you now how to direct your letter altho I am very anxious to hear from you.

I will write again as soon as I get to camp. Until then believe me your affectionate husband.

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