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Dear Father

I received a letter from you and one from Edwin & Angelica two or three days ago and was glad to hear again from home. Our mail has been rather irregular lately so when we get a mail we get a large one. The last one I ^{got} three letters (one from Cornwall) and three papers. We have moved some ten miles since I last wrote to the north and now lie about two miles from the village of Hagerstown four or five from the Potomac and about four from the Pennsylvania line. There is reports here of the rebels having crossed into Pennsylvania a few miles of one here and doing damage and some think they will again try to cross the river and advance into the state if so there will be some great fighting here yet. Time I suppose will tell. We have some new recruits came into our regiment lately which will need considerable drilling before they will be fit for service and it is thought we may winter here and have them better prepared before going into the field. But this depends very much upon circumstances. Were it not for putting the war forward and winding it up as soon as possible I should like to winter

here very well. I have just been out into the country
a couple of miles and from its appearance I think
it one of the best and most beautiful I ever saw

It is well timbered well watered is rolling land a
strong limestone soil a more even temperature than
the more northern states is well adapted to fruit and I
think would compare well with any state I have ^{ever} been in.

The weather here is getting cooler we have had two or three
frosts the leaves begin to look yellow corn where it is
standing has been bitten and is dried up and the cattle
running in the meadows make me think of fall at

home. I see that Albert has not got away to California
yet. I am afraid he will have hard work to get the
means if he has not already got them as hard times are
upon us but I hope he may yet go if he wants to and I
would help him if I could. I would like to have him
and his wife write to me before they go and I should
like to see him before he goes if it were possible but
thousands part to meet no more on earth on account of
this terrible war god grant it may be over soon

I am afraid that the coming winter will be hard upon
your health but be careful hire your work done and do
not expose yourself and it may be under the providence
of god it may all turn out well for us yet.

I am sorry to hear that the girls are so unwell
I am afraid they do not enjoy life very well.
Cheer them up and if they conform to the rules and
requirements of health it seems as if they might enjoy
good health yet. Write to me occasionally in regard to
the progress of your work whether you are able to get help
enough to harvest your crops without loss and what
prices you are able to get for them. This will be interesting
to me although I am not able to be there to help you
Write often from your son Carlos Rowe
William Rowe