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My Dear Brother Willm

Are you aware that in  
the town of Ashtabula you have a  
naughty sister not because she wants  
to be, but simply she is so, and  
for her to give any good expense  
for not working there, and getting  
something <sup>concerning</sup> that you write, would  
be folly, but to the best I have been  
interested & drilled for the last four  
weeks have scarcely thought of any  
thing but war, war. I have given  
my time out of school hours to  
the soldiers and willing at any  
moment to go to care for the sick  
in camp. I know as I was told  
quitting by a lady, "if you go you can  
do very much" but that little which  
I can do I am willing to give

I am given to a sister  
Mary Atwater is the lady  
The lady

Thousands of thousands dear boys  
have gone from happy home  
sides to protect us and our  
firesides. It is with them I would  
rather be in a messenger which would  
not belie the woman. I would watch  
inside the couch of pain and  
sorrow and with the fevered head  
I suppose I shall stay in school  
until this term is out and then  
if I am needed I go. I can  
say very little about the school but  
I have recommended Mr. Brown to the  
Board of Education. They have not  
yet taken any action in securing  
him. I think they will soon.  
The Board said they thought they  
could get some one for about \$1000  
a year. I think if they give Bone  
\$500. to do scarce nothing. They might offer  
the same to one in N. H. would work. I  
could not reach with him an other year

that is I would not if he  
had not resigned. I would, I  
wistake him the more I know him.  
I think his conduct is offensive. The  
only wonder to me is that he has stood  
here so long. I have not decided  
to stay here now as I know that  
it is not the best I rather think I  
will stay.

How you made up your mind  
what you shall do, go to war or to study.  
It is all excitement every where. There is  
one company to go from this place to-  
morrow they and the Morgan Rifle Co.  
have been in camp here two weeks.  
There are one hundred men in each Co.  
and the Co. have a Meth. Minister for  
their Capt. There is always the subject  
with that which we look upon as noble  
and the moment there is a soldier going  
I think he can't walk these streets  
without the time trying to get some

Tobacco in his pot and he being  
so far over the top, lets it fall and  
go along humming "Hail Columbia,  
Hail," I think it very sad that men  
should be so unprincipled as not to  
care for men on his country.

Has Mr. Webster gone to Elmira  
I do since you get much excited about  
the war. By the way, just think of a little  
if you asked about Susie, I don't  
know what she is doing about but certainly  
she looks like a withered rose there does  
not seem to be any thing to her, she is  
as frail as one of these. She always,  
when she speaks of America speaks kindly  
of him and I think he feels that all  
the better, yet it is hard to feel that we  
must never look upon that one whom we have  
cherished as our own, otherwise than a passing  
acquaintance, although they may have a real  
friendship (and yet sadly) I fully see, for a wounded  
heart beats not soon, Dr. Chapin has been there  
a while this Spring, I asked for, if he had  
not some intentions, he only in reply said he did  
not think a great deal of Susie. As to Emma  
I do not know any thing only that her eyes  
have been very bad and that she is now doctoring  
the Dr. in Am. I know but little about  
Haysville. Mr. Heywood's horse has applied in the  
city. The school now Mr. C. scholar. I feel sorry  
for you. Write my love and forgive me  
you are a good brother, I could not break the line  
to you put in since I expect you to write it  
Kind wishes for yourself and Susie, ever  
Your sister friend  
Moss