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Love Emma

It has been so
long since I heard from you.
I do not really know where you
are tonight. You did not say you
were going home, yet I suppose
you are there now. I should have
gone to Gainesville last week
but I suppose you must have
left there for home, about Thurs-
day or Friday. I got a furlough
from Thursday morning un-
til Saturday night for the
express purpose of taking a
good bye look at civilization.
The College closed on Wednesday
and as Miss Maria was to go
home that day I took her un-

der my protection as far
as Rochester and when I
arrived there, concluded to ex-
tend my censorship over her
until she arrived at home.

You see I was bound to visit
as many friends as possible
in the few hours I had to
myself and thought I could
see Lizzie and then call at Brock
port and see Nellie. I therefore
went to Wilson with Maria and
and after visiting all the rest
of the town called to see Lizzie.

O! how the dear girl was glad
to see me! She had given up
all thought of seeing me again
until after the war at least and
the surprise was most perfect.
I had a real pleasant visit with
her. Just as I left Webster he
wished to know why I should
tell ~~you~~ you for me. I gave him

some message and he then
wished to know if he should
tell you where I had gone. "Yes,"
said I. "Tell her I could not well
come and see her and as con-
cluded to go and see Lizzie
thinking that would do about
as well." Web was horrified. In
much frankness of expression was
quite horrifying to him. He said
he really would like to have you
know that I said that but did
not think he dare tell you. He did
not know me very well I think.
Do you suppose I could have
dared to say that to you. He had
quite an incident happen to us
or to me, rather. All the folks
thought I had come there to be married
and as I visited the Sunday with
L - in the evening, and then return-
ed to her room and after sit-
ting a few moments put out

the lamp and sat down by the window to enjoy the moon shine, — it did seem suspicious to those who were watching us. We had a good laugh over it & assure you, to think that so unconsciously we had gullied the good people of W. — I was however very kindly and cordially received by all whom I had known there and especially by the school. I got back to Rochester on Friday night, but was unable to come to us to stay at Brockport. I was and am very sorry for it. I fear Nellie will feel slighted and I wished very much to see her. I had a fine visit in R. — All the boys were so glad to see me that it really made me quite home sick to see them again. I had lots of fun for the time I was there and most awfully hated to come back to prison again.

While in Rochester I made arrangements to have the Union sent to your father's address, thinking you would be at home for a time. I should you have been here I want to you at New Jersey or wherever else you may be. I will give you leave to put those letters into a scrap book if you wish for I would like to look them over sometime if the war should not keep me a Southerner. I shall run an article there about twice a week if you go South, and sometimes perhaps more. I should like to hear from you very regularly, you must devote yourself to these. I should any of my friends could win you over to the Union. I should like to see you in the Union.

You will get one from me
with a letter of mine in it before
you receive this. I am left here
with only five men to take care
of the barracks and see to things
in general. I went out upon pa-
rade this morning with only three
men, and had a ludicrous time
of it. It was rather the smallest
Company I ever saw. The Capt.
and men have gone to Rochester to
stay until after the Fourth. The
Capt. told me last night that
we should leave this place on
Saturday next at 9 A.M. for
Washington. I don't know
whether we shall go tomorrow,
but hope we shall. The regi-
ment in the barracks beside us
is going tomorrow morning.
I suppose we shall have out-
rall times until Thursday.

We had divine services yesterday.
Most excellent services too conducted
by our esteemed chaplain Dr.
Buck. Tomorrow night we
have a prayer and conference
meeting, which he has request-
ed me to take charge of, also
another on Thursday evening.
We have a fine Bible Class
connected with the regt, which
meets every Sunday afternoon.

It is now about 10 o'clock
and such a storm. It seems to
rain from mere wantonness,
comes pouring down in an
ceasing torrents. The shanty
roof seems to have no idea
of resisting such constant
attack and I can scarce

Find a dry place to sit in.
You would laugh to see me
sitting with my guard cord
around me, all bundled
up like 'Old Grimes'. My bank
will be lonely tonight and
as it is all still here I shall
have sweet thoughts of my
absent love. How I wish
she were here, not here
but beside me tonight with
the name of wife. Heaven
let thy blessings rest lightly
upon her. Give my love
to all at home &
lovingly remember
A. Brown