

My dear Mother  
I received your letter of the 11th  
and was glad to hear from you  
and to hear that you were  
well. I am well at present  
and hope these few lines  
will find you all the same.  
I have not much news to write  
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Wakarusa, N.Y.

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Dear Mother and Sister:

My power for  
speedy execution shall be put to the  
test, in order that your "broken heart"  
may not be so afflicted. I should now  
count the unanswered letters that  
lie in my writing-desk - even the  
long ones - and would, at least, discover  
that none had escaped me, and might,  
perhaps, relax from the severity of judg-  
ment you have exercised toward your-  
self. You know, as you brought a  
cherishing and kind thought toward  
you. I did question whether you were  
"desirable" in going from one extreme  
to another; whether it would be exact-

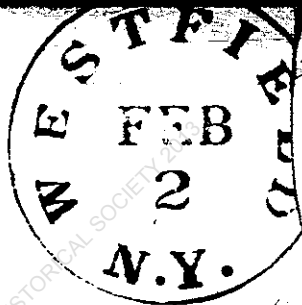
ly kind to leave me in ignorance of  
tidings which would be so much inter-  
est to me, when I only hear direct  
from Abner once in two or three  
months; to abstain from communica-  
tion and thus to concern him unless  
I had heard to a bed every time I wrote  
"What news?" Thus to put an barrier be-  
tween us concerning one who first taught  
me to love such a letter would seem to  
me uncalled for, and not implied in  
the idea of being "more sensible."

Yet it had nothing to do with my  
delusion writing to you. In reference to  
that I should be assured that when I was  
anxious to know any thing more than  
came to me by other sources, that I should  
ask; otherwise I should be as "sensible"  
as you. How can your heart possess itself  
in patience under this new trial? Only be  
trusting in the Lord at all times, I am  
sure. I of the rebels regard the order of Jeff.  
Davis to suspend it is possible that his being

an officer, may be kept in close confine-  
ment any length of time but if they re-  
gard the stipulation between the two ar-  
mies, he will be soon paroled, and you  
may see him any day. As we shall  
fight for the latter good fortune, so let us  
truly hope for it.

I wonder that you should give up  
music and German, and take a district  
school; so true is it "There is a destiny that  
encompasses our ends rough hewn them as  
we are." How perceive I write poetry  
in prose form, after Gail Hamilton's  
style! For the reason however that I do  
not know, positively, how it should be  
written. By the way, have you read "Country  
Living and Country Thinking?" I think  
it is an exceedingly enjoyable book. It was  
most of it very fine I think. Perhaps you  
have read most of the articles in the Atlantic.  
I thank you very, very much, as does my  
sister for interesting yourself in her behalf  
and I very much regret that nothing





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