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My dear Sister

Yours did not reach me till a short time ago - I should have responded immediately, but have been suffering almost constantly for 2 weeks with a villainous tooth-ache and 'tis only by a strong effort of will that I get the requisite "get" to write you this morning. I'm in a very unamiable mood, for the Doctors have been making excavations in my jaw, but with poor success, the root of the evil still remaining.

We do not hear anything from the prisoners at Atlanta; indeed we have not the opportunity of hearing from them that you have, or at least no better.

You doubtless have heard of the fight our Brigade had with Morgan. You will find a detailed & correct account of it in the Reporter written by Capt. Spalding. It was the worst whipping Johnny ever got - and will doubtless teach him a valuable lesson -

We have been having a succession of

of Reviews for the past two weeks. One that has  
 never seen 50000 men on parade can form no idea of  
 the magnificence of the sight. The long lines  
 of blue stretching as far as our eyes could reach  
 and above all the gleam of polished steel  
 and fluttering of gay banners. & battle-flags  
 & stained shreds that went through the tempestuous  
 and storm of Stones River. all this formed a scene  
 of which Scott would have said

"Irene with ten years of peaceful life  
 One glance at their array" -

Well this  
 of course dont interest you. but was is all we  
 can write. think or speak here. The probable time  
 & direction of our movements are our most fre-  
 quent subjects of conversation. We shall soon be put  
 into shelter tents. Like the mail we must transport our  
 own horses. These tents are about large enough  
 to admit a good sized Newfoundland, and we  
 have to adopt Curle's method of locomotion in order to  
 enter - I should like much to hear from you often  
 It is a positive duty to write to soldiers.

Do you remain at home this summer?  
 Remember me to your people - My tooth jumps  
 & must attend to its antics. Write as before  
 or better to Murfreesboro. Ever your Brother

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