



Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1863

I received this letter on  
the battle field of Chancellorsville  
Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1863. In one half hour  
after reading it, I was under fire.

I cannot say that its words  
made my heart lighter or my soul  
stronger in that fearful struggle.

To have done all that I can to  
remove the feelings which Angie  
seems to entertain, I cannot  
understand her. If she looks  
for still <sup>farther</sup> efforts at conciliation from  
me — she will look long and  
in vain. A cold rebuff is no fit  
answer to the acknowledgement  
of error. Does she expect that I  
will come and risk to be considered  
worthy of her consideration? Never —  
never — if she was my last earthly  
friend. The world is large  
or the grave is deep —

A. W. Archer, Surgeon  
Lt. Col. Co. E. 1st Regt.

Recd on the 24th. - 1871  
Chautauque Sept - 19th 1871

Miss A. C. Wilborn

Friend  
Friend  
Friend

Dear Miss A. C. Wilborn  
I have just received  
your kind letter of the 15th  
and am glad to hear from  
you. I am well and hope  
these few lines will find  
you the same. I have not  
time to write you more  
at present but will write  
again soon.  
Yours truly,  
A. C. Wilborn

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