

Greensboro N.C.

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My Darling Wife:

Your letter of the 21st reached me when I came home last night - God bless you for your words of loving cheer. I hope you are right but I fear you may be too sanguine - God grant that you are not - Yet I will try not to murmur whatever the result - The joint-cancers cloud at Graham last yesterday - There seems to be everything to encourage me, but I cannot tell - It may be all I take - It does seem as if God's hand were in it all and yet I have not deserved it - I do not know - I cannot tell - Pray for me - Only God can help me - I feel as like a child in his hands but such a weak and unprofitful child withal - You will probably not hear from

me again until after the election -
I speak 11 more times before the election -
You will probably know the result
about as soon as I. If the news is
good I will send you a telegram -
If it should be bad, God only knows
what I may do - I will strive and
pray to be kept from evil - Oh my
darling, I did not know how much I
have really set my heart on this until
the time it is to be decided draws so
near. Perhaps God has work for me to
do - If so, I will do it. If not I will
try to bow to his will, without complaint
I feel very weak - I am tired too - I shall
be glad to go to all on the elec-
tion day - I shall stay at home and
wait for the result -

The future, in case of defeat, is
a terrible question to me - God give me
grace to endure humiliation and
contumely - There is one thing I am
very glad of - God has uncovered me

prayer and so strengthened me
that I have been able to go through
the campaign without making a single
democrat angry. I determined to do
that and prayed for strength to do it
and it came - I think no one dis-
likes me more for my work I have
spoken - I hope I may continue it - I have
sometimes wondered if it might not be that I was
wrong. And then too, it may be that God will
punish me by some disappointment for
my coldness, unfaithfulness, and pride of
opinion - I do not know - I can only wait
and bow to what comes - Do not look
for any other letter until this cruel war
is over - I wish I could see you
yet it does not seem that I can -
You are so far away - so remote -
There is no future - no locality - no an-
ticipation which I can fix - I shall
fight as bravely - as you wish - They are
lying terribly but I feel that all is in God's
hands and know that he will do right
Yours - Albert

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