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My Dear Brother

I have only one excuse to offer for not writing to you and that is after you left Etowah I did not know where to direct. Some six weeks ago I wrote Susan and begged her to tell me where you were so that I might hear from you.

I got here last Saturday and learned from Sarah Mann that you were at home and had been badly hurt. I am very sorry to hear that the injury may be a very long affliction - I wish I could see you often I will try very hard to see you this week. It may be that I shall get there. I have thought more of you than of my own cousins who were in battle

They have returned well  
and are to go again in the  
Continental Regt. Brooklyn.

Tuesday Morning  
I was called to school yesterday  
Morning and so I must lay  
aside my writing. School began  
yesterday Morning but not with  
the Mr. I had hoped to see. I  
am sorry the Board did not  
take Seneca for I know he would  
have done them a much better  
service than they now can have.  
Mr. Bonner is no doubt a splendid  
scholar but I do not know how  
a man in school or who has  
charge of a school can well keep  
up interest in school and in  
Church. I have nothing in the  
world against Mr. Bonner think  
I can get along with him  
very well, but I would have been

so much better pleased if  
Seneca could have come, I know  
he would have put life in the  
school which it needs. I tell you  
"it is as dead as a door nail" as  
far as life and determination  
is concerned to stand as a first  
rate school. They really think they  
have done just the thing to  
ruin the school but take my word  
they have just thrown water on

I was told that they were doing  
nicely in Kingsville I am very glad  
for I have a warm feeling for  
that school. The associations there  
are of a pure and happy nature  
I don't believe I shall ever love  
friends as dearly as those I made  
in K. I wish I could come  
and make you a good visit by  
dear brother and do all I can  
to cheer you. Keep the bright

side before you ever. I know that this may be hard, and for me to write may seem heartless when I know how little you are suffering but you will know how deeply I sympathize with you and would do all I could and can to make you happy.

I have had a pleasant visit at home found them all well and happy. Spent most of my vacation with my Mother. Helena is not at home this summer, did not see her. Father is very anxious to go to war I think he is a little beside himself on that point if he were twenty years younger I think he would do better. He will go if he is accepted he went to see some friends. The day I came away to see if he would be accepted. I was sorry I had not gone as nurse, for it has always been my conviction that it was my duty and is to this day.

Hoping to see you this week I will not prolong my stay, I will do what I can to get there. Much love to you my own dear brother, and with best wishes for your speedy recovery, bid you good morning. Ever your loving  
Sister, Rosa