

Wheatfield Feb. 22nd '63.

Sat. P.M.

Umma dear.

Are you lonely today, or
is your heart ~~is~~ full of hope and trust, and
brought by some unexplainable assurance
of the spirit's presence of your absent loved
one? Have you any belief in the commun-
ion of congenial spirits when apart?
I think it would be a very pleasant belief.

A paper from home yesterday received
information of the ~~other~~ ~~truths~~ of the
captured officers of the 105th, and stated
that Capt. Cornfield was ~~sent~~ ~~to~~
~~military~~ authorities to suffer penalty
as "nigger-stealer," but last night's paper
says the Confederate Congress object

to the execution of Jeff. Davis' brutal order and I trust it is so. If he deserves the censure Rosecrans has bestowed upon him, I want him to suffer at the hands of our government the full penalty of our laws. I pray Heaven that some mediation may bring about their exchange speedily. The same paper mentioned that the wife of the other officer with them had received a letter from him written at Atlanta, so I have been hoping that the same fate brought to you some communication. How thoughtful and kind Mrs. Joe^s was to write you as he did. Tell him that has only added to my former profound admiration of him. I think I like him better than Corn. By the by, is Corn married yet? How strange that Nora is not! I was more delinquent in writing to Anna after my visit with her, than in writing to you, and it being near

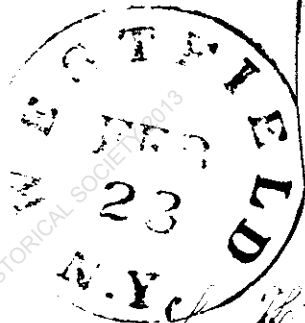
the Holidays, she did not answer very promptly, so that one letter is all I have received from her since we were together; but she wrote so affectionately and promised so well for the future, that I am daily looking for a reply. I want to stop at Astoria when I go home, and have you go up there too. I think Anna will be apt to propose it. Of course I shall not unless she does. I wish very, very much to see you both. School closes next week Saturday - March 6th - but I do not intend now to leave for a week or ten days after. Will let you know of my whereabouts as to catch a glimpse of you if possible, for I know not when I shall come this way again.

To be sure I very much wish for one of your photographs if you succeed in getting good ones. I intend to have some taken next Sat., and I promise

now on. Sketches of pictures reminds
me of the beautiful present Corie & I
had from the finest young man in
town - some folks say the same
who gave me Country Living and
Country Thinking. Our present was
a photograph of each of the Seasons, Murillo's
Madonna, and Gen. Pelissier in love.

I have written to you ^{today} because
I thought possibly a letter would gladden
your heart for the time, and know
it would be impossible to write within
two weeks, as every moment out of
school for the past ^{month} has been given &
for three days to come will be given
to preparations for a festival for the
benefit of suffering soldiers. On that even-
ing Corie and I are to appear in
costume and act as Pastmistresses.
After that my time will be entirely
given to the closing duties of school,
so I shall hardly write another
letter before I go home.

Do write me again soon -
Yours with truest sympathy
and love. Lizzie E. D.



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