

Write often -  
God bless  
you -  
Yours -  
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Dear Brother Carl -

I want to write to  
congratulate you, upon your occupation  
of that long-looked for expecting to be taken  
Richmond - We have heard the cry "On to  
Richmond" - so long that it seemed sometimes  
that place must be a death - I conclude  
you were a happy lot of Soldiers when  
you found you could have the place by  
occupying it - I am very glad you did not  
have to charge the works - There must have  
been a terrible slaughter - Henry was so  
sorry that his time was out so soon - He  
would willingly have risked the fight if  
he only could have been there - I was sorry  
he too - but I would not have stayed for  
that - & then be held three years longer - He  
says he would - But what sad news  
to come right after such good news - We heard  
last night of the Assassination of the President

and an attempt to kill Sect. Seware -  
How strange that such terrible things should  
be permitted. It is a heavy blow to fall  
upon us now - at this time of all others -  
It is well that there is an Over-ruling hand  
to guide the affairs of men - It throws the  
whole land into mourning - And yet I presume  
there are hundreds at the North that will  
rejoice -

Henry left us again, last Wed. (the 12<sup>th</sup>)  
for New York - I suppose it is uncertain  
where he will find himself when he finally  
stops - Perhaps in Richmond - and maybe  
before this letter reaches you - I wish you  
would select a House pleasantly located  
near the business part of the city - for me  
and you shall be welcome to the hospitality  
of said mansion - & its inmates -

While Henry was home he & Father went  
over the River a got sixteen beautiful  
Maples - & set them out - commencing  
at the head of the lane - & ending at the  
Grove - If they live it will be quite an oma-  
ment

to the farm - We all visited at Mr  
Bigelow's - & got some Plum & Cherry  
trees - Had a nice visit - & heard Sarah  
sing & play - some more fortunate than  
you - She is the prettiest but of the two -  
Father & Mother went to Sweden today -  
to see Josie - who is not as well as usual -  
Mother thinks she looks badly - worse than  
when you were home - Poor girl I feel sorry  
for her - It seems sad to see her wasting  
away so surely - Last Sunday Henry &  
I rode down to call on the Old Doctor -  
as Henry wanted to see him before he  
went away - We could not get away after  
making the call - & prolonged it into a  
visit - a pleasant one too, if it was Sunday -  
He and Lonie have gone to Montreal this  
week - or at least start tomorrow -

Parson Fouane has taken to himself  
another help-meat - A young lady, Miss  
Boyer - She is a stranger to all this crew -  
Father has commenced Springs work  
with Elisha Bartlett - for \$15 - per month

Commenced plowing today - below the Orchard - for wheat -

Our new neighbors - Mr. & Mrs. Heason have taken possession - We like them very well so far - They have two very pretty girls at home - & one Boy - a young son -

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I had one of my lovely head-aches yesterday, & could not finish this - Mother has rec<sup>d</sup> one letter from you since you took Richmond - The friends are all well - Mother sends love - & says she will write soon -

Harry is at work as hard as ever - He picks up stone - & burns up the old trash - he eats it - Katie helps Grandma in the garden - The Spring is cold - & very windy -

Do you think your Division or Corps I mean - will be left at Richmond? - I hope you will - & Henry get the permit to go there - I rather go there, than farther South - I do not like Charleston - Katie gives me a kiss & says - "put that in your letter" - Good bye - Take care of yourself - remember Uncle Cune's advice - Have you seen much of the City - yet? -