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Dear Friends

Since I wrote you last (for 10) I have received two letters from you the first dated Dec 31 and the last which I received right before last No date, but mailed Jan 7<sup>th</sup> by which I heard that you had forwarded the box, for which I was well satisfied but shall be better when I get it, and think I shall soon; when I last wrote I was feeling quite miserable and had been for some days but I have got well cheered out and am now feeling like myself again and doing my full duty I was weighed

yesterday and found that I  
had sustained a loss of 9 lbs.  
but I feel now that a week or two  
with plenty of hard tack I shall  
gain it all back. I can please  
~~myself~~ for my own comfort for  
this change. As also I am to  
inform you I intended to  
have wrote yesterday but I could  
not possibly find time there  
is always something for me to  
see too between drill hours  
we have candles once in a while  
and when we do I improve the time  
in writing I have bought them  
and paid ten cts each. I should  
call that rather steep in VT but  
it is nothing here

It made me feel sad to learn  
that you were afflicted with  
sickness at Home and wish  
that I might be there to

lend a helping hand but  
as it is I can only wait for this  
Cursed Rebellion

I do hope I will be careful this  
winter with his health I was  
feeling rejoiced at the harm of  
his good health when he first  
came Home and was in hope  
hope it would be a blessing  
to him through the winter  
I don't think myself that troubled  
as he is he has any business to  
to go out to Prayer, or any other  
Meeting, every evening and all  
weathers after staying in a  
hot School Room all day  
do you We are all liable to  
to be sick any time, some  
more than others and those  
who are ought to be the more  
careful of themselves, for their  
own happiness as well as those

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around them

Tell Him to keep a stiff upper lip and get well so as to visit me I hope he will be better when he is next from Home

I have no news of importance except that it is now time to get a little dinner and that the wind blows a hard as I ever saw it - but it is quite warm and sunny like April the ground is quite dry and our tents with every thing there is completely covered with dust - I believe I never saw the like I have to blow it off this paper every two words I write in order to know that I have got any paper here

One thing you never spoke of receiving a paper with a hard tack enclosed I sent so you might get it for thanksgiving I will write again soon hoping to hear from you again soon  
your as ever

Chad W Wilcox

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