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Friend Lottie:

Knowing that you are fond of long letters I have selected this sheet of paper upon which I intend to write you. The paper is long enough but I don't know as to how long the letter will be for I have none to answer and it is mortal hard work for me to write a letter without the aid of one to help me along.

I see by the McKean Mirror of the 25th ultimo that Miss Juliette Barrett has taken a worser half for life. I must hurry up and get home or all of my old schoolmates will get the start of me. I will be left out in the cold. They have a new Baptist minister in Smethport, fault is found with him already. It is said he lisps. Now I should like to know what business a minister has to lisp. I don't believe they have any right to lisp and the good people of S. have a right to find fault with him.

Mr. Rogers, the minister, Miss Olive Irons, Miss Comforth and Mrs Cowles have gone to Washington to see the Lion [?]. I think they will come back home highly pleased with their visit and say they are fully repaid for their time and trouble.

Smethport is as quiet as ever. I have written to find out how many Sister Donneys there is there at present. I am very anxious to find out as I intend if there

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(anxious to find out as I intend if there) are not too many to make my home there when I get out of the service. If there are more than three I shall only make a short visit to the place of my nativity and then "I'll away to another clime" for who could live in such a place.

The Oil Fever is running high in S. just now. I shouldn't wonder if some of the people there got oil on the Brain, and then perhaps something serious will happen.

I wish you could be here and listen to the talk about going home. You would be sure that I would be home inside of 10 days. Home is the whole theme. Commence a conversation upon any subject you

choose and [?] you have taken three minutes you will hear something about home. Some of the men are making themselves sick they are so sanguine that each succeeding day will bring orders for them to go and the day comes but no orders. No troops but those in hospitals have as yet been discharged from the service at this post. In all probability some organizations will be sent home ere long, whether the 20th Ohio Battery will be one of the lucky ones is yet to be learned.

The 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery, a one year regiment, is here doing duty. They are more anxious to go home than the men that have been in the service since the war commenced. It is really laughable to hear them talk.

I have not yet seen that long promised Photograph of Miss L. [I] Should be much pleased to have it come along soon. My Album is not complete without it. I hope you have one on hand for I want very much to see how

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you look. You know it has been nearly 18 months since I saw you last. Please Lottie send it along. You don't know how anxious I am to see it come.

How does our school get along? "finely." Well I'm glad of that. How do you like boarding "around"[?] not very agreeable eh. Well try and get along. You never told me what you would do with me should I happen into your school and get some of the scholars to break some of your rules. Make me come up on the platform and sit beside the school Ma'am would you? Well I'll come as soon as possible and I want you to be provided with two chairs for surely I half of the scholars breaking the rules of the school in 15 minutes.

How is Sister Mary and family getting along. Give my love to Mary and tell her how I have grown since I used to drive the Deacon's cows home from the pasture. Ask her does she remember the friends I had come to see me while I was there. They are both married now.

Mother is in a great hurry for her soldier boy to get home. She can't imagine that there is a chance of my being kept whilst others are discharged. She seems to think I should be the first, or amongst the first home.

Apples, Peaches, and Pears are coming on. The apples are as large as hens eggs. Peaches about as large as a walnut.

Have you had any green peas yet, "no" Well I have the start of you then. I had green peas nearly two weeks ago. I have an invitation to go out in the country tomorrow and eat new potatoes, string beans and peas, shall certainly go if I can get a horse to ride. Will you go along.

The weather is getting very warm. It is uncomfortable to move about.

This letter is long enough I know. So I will close it up.

Most truly your friend

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