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Lookout Valley, Tenn.
March 29, 1864

My dearest Lis,

I have just received your kind letter of the 20th mailed on the 23rd inst. and I assure you I was right glad to hear from you and to hear too that you were all well. It had been so long since I have heard from you that I was very apprehensive that some of you were sick and this letter is a relief to me surely.

I received a letter from Dom about three or four days ago dated the 11th and directed to me at Washington which accounts for the time in coming.

It was a real kind, pleasant letter and I was much pleased with it--and pleased to learn that she was doing so well this winter and liked the school and her boarding place. Dr. Day says she "looks rather pale and thin this winter". If she is not well I think she would be better to make a long vacation this spring. Dora is a good girl--and her health should be looked to above all else. The twigs I sent you were peach blossoms--but alas! the fruit prospect is all "up" here. On the 18th (at night) it froze as hard as it has any time this winter and on the 21st the snow was 14 inches deep! The snow and cold weather too are gone now but the blossoms are all dead from the frost and the orchards look brown and dreary enough! So you see the south is not all "Sunny"! There is rumor here--very current in camp that the 11th and 12th Corps are ordered to the Army of the Potomac again. The "boys" are all elated with the idea as it seems so much nearer home there and I fully sympathize with them in that idea, but really I look at the change somewhat with horror! The great bloody Tragedy of this years campaign will open with an awful battle in Virginia and those "Rebs" under Lee fight like devils. The fighting there I think will astonish even General Grant some. Braggs and Johnston's Army don't fight like these chaps and on that account I had much rather the regiment would remain here.

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I fully agree with you that Life is not so long that you and I can afford to spend much more of our lives in the way we have done for the past eighteen months. I mean to come home just as soon as I can--I hope before June.

I have just received a dozen Photos from Manley from my last sitting at Washington and send you six to please your friends. I also send one of Manley and one of Col. Jones. Manley's is a good one and the Colonel's badly done. I hope to have a lot of Photos of friends here to send you in a few days.

Do write often. Kiss the children for me, and I am always your

Henry