

I shall expect  
 a letter from  
 you this  
 evening when  
 the mail comes  
 in - I hope  
 for your  
 gain a  
 great  
 joy  
 the  
 with  
 of  
 to  
 your  
 your  
 my  
 my

My dear dear wife  
 Your letter no  
 105<sup>th</sup> came last night - It was  
 written one week ago yesterday - Then  
 I was in Delaware - Aunt Cullin  
 and Mrs Eddy proposed to go to Col-  
 umbus with me - we had a fine  
 time - visited the Penitentiary  
 the Susan Asylum - the blind  
 Asylum - and the State house  
 called on Mrs Rudisil - Mrs  
 Eddy is one of the most charming  
 women I ever saw - If I fulfill  
 no other promise of visiting, I  
 want to visit her with you  
 in Milford New York -  
 This is the Sabbath and I of  
 course have been very busy

I arose this morning before the  
sun and engaged in my  
loved employ. I went into  
every tent and found out  
how many yet lacked Testa-  
ments. Then I went to my  
own tent and wrote the  
name of each man in a  
copy of the Testament - and  
sent it to him - I have  
about 600 testaments of  
a surplus. I will give  
them to other regiments - for  
I intend to abound in the  
work of the Lord - I feel  
a serene enjoyment dear  
now as I prosecute my work.  
Blessed be God that I live  
to labor. This morning I  
attended church and listened  
to a sermon from the  
Chaplain of the 87<sup>th</sup> Regt.

Heard a sermon on our  
National affairs - I was  
quite good - Bro And I  
are to preach alternately  
in the large Episcopal Church  
Yesterday Bro Brook offered  
me his magnificent Church  
for Sabbath afternoons so  
so long as we stay here - I  
was strongly tempted to take  
it - as he has such a fine  
choir - but - it is so far  
for the boys to go - I will  
decide about the matter  
this week - I am going to  
preach my sermon on the  
Angel Ministry this after-  
noon - I hope God will bless  
it - as he did at Putnam  
I number last Sabbath  
morning as one of the most  
triumphant of my whole life

I shall spend the balance of the  
day in the hospital -

In my work I am happy - but  
oh were I not bound here  
by the bonds of duty - how  
would I fly to your embrace  
To lie upon that faithful breast -  
dubbing you - how I love you -

Will you get the money I sent  
you? Rather a dangerous experiment  
was not it? - I sent you in  
all \$60 - I sent ten to your  
father for you - I could get  
no large bills - I could  
not send them all in one  
letter without exciting suspicion  
that they contained money -

I trust they will reach you  
Buy yourself two Lawndresses  
my love - to appear at Conference  
in - I am almost out of  
debt to all mankind now  
except what I owe Uncle -

Love to all - I am your  
eternally -  
celestial one