

This is the first day I've been out for nearly a week, I also having had quite a spell of bilious. I am thankful to be able to inform you, I have quite recovered. Our country is quite dull at this time, atleast it seems so to me. I visit very little, many of my old friends whom I visited before the war, seem to think strange of me as regards the war I act in not visiting more than I do. I do not feel like it is the only excuse I have; besides the day has come that I must strive to take care, and collect around me something; so that when my days are drawing to a close, I can look back and see the work of my own hands.

Scripture says, to those who are given, if ^{not} properly used, it shall be taken from them. Each one of us are placed here to perform our part in the progress of this grand Universe and if we neglect our duty will be held accountable for our misconduct at the latter day. I often think of that and pray for knowledge that I may always be able to act my part well. I am afraid my shortcomings will be very numerous. Yet I will strive on.

I know you are tired of this very uninteresting letter, I will not tax your patience much longer.

Miss Susie, it was very kind in you to forward me one of your city papers. I was glad to get it, it's the first one I have had for the longest time, and gave me a good deal of very interesting information relative to the city. I did not receive it until yesterday with it also a letter from your Mother.

tell her I was very glad indeed to hear from her and will answer it very soon, provided the chills let me alone.

I was sorry to see from your Mother's letter that Ned had not succeeded in getting as yet a situation I hope success will soon attend him, and he may find it a pleasure as well as profitable. He wrote to me once & that is the last I have heard from him. I hope he will soon answer my last letter. The one I received, I don't think he expressed himself in the familiar way he did before the war but it may be that he wrote in haste. If you write to him present my best wishes and kindest regards, I would like so much to see him, if he & I could meet at your house would it not seem like old times again. I would not wish to enjoy a greater pleasure. I expect Miss Lillie Dubois has forgotten me, give my best respects to both her & her mother and to my other friends in A.