

Syracuse Feby 6th, 62

Dear Sister

Yours of yesterday is just received & I could not understand what the notice meant but on repairing to the Post Office the mystery was soon cleared up. It seems Corrie mailed your letter with an old fashioned stamp & as they are not "legal" tender just now the letter was not sent. I return your stamp as we are still able to pay our own postage. Mr Q Lee was here yesterday on his way to Washington I only had a moment with him at the depot but he inquired particularly about you & Lanning & remarked that a perusal of some of Lanning's letters would afford them much pleasure. I rec^d yesterday a very pleasant letter from Dr Nelson

of St Louis in which he says
"We hear that Bro L Porter is Captain
of a Company in the 95th N Y Regt.
We have a number of friends in
that Regt. May God preserve them
if it be his will & may He prepare
them & us for whatever sacrifice
our country needs" He speaks
of very serious embarrassment
(financially) in his Society, the
Catholic Bishop holding a mort-
gage of several thousands on
their church. I fear Dr W
will hardly be able to remain
in St Louis long. We are
all quite well except Nellie
who is slightly indisposed. C
writes with love in love to all
the family

Yours affectionately
J. H. Hough

Feb 8th / 1862.

Dear Lansing:

Before this I hope you have received the mail, boxes &c, that we sent by Mrs. Fitch. I spent Monday P.M. in the city helping Willie pack his box. Did the butter get there safely? Did the mustard taste good? Do you have any vinegar to wet it with? Was the fruit in good order? Did not it taste like home? I hope to hear by Charlie Fitch of something you want us to send you for there must soon be opportunities to send. We want to hear how these things went viz they are what you want. I hope you have before this received all the letters I have written. The children say, "has not Father received but three letters I should think he would have had thirty." You cannot guess how many I have written to you. If they come in a batch, you may find them telling the same story.

Very many of the boys write that they
have not heard a word from home.
This is true of those on the Potomac
as well as here in your far away
island. Do you get the papers sent?
You see this is the blank page of Timothy's
letter. I fear they have not written
you & thought you would like to see it.
You see the Syracuse P.M. sent me a
printed form saying a letter to my
address was detained there. I inquired
to J. & this is his reply. Come's letter is
full, but I will put it in if there
is room. Ann has written me once
from Washington & they write often
from Bloomfield. I will inclose
one I received from Grandpa today.
You don't know how pleased he has
been, that I have sent him some
of your letters. He keeps me well
supplied with stamps & says he will
soon write to you. You see how kindly
they write & when I send you the next
box I shall remember to let them know.
I don't know of any special news.
I have been so thankful that our
little ones have had the measles.
We thought it hard at the time but
have never been sorry yet. They are
so well & so happy. You do not know
what a comfort they are to me this
lonely winter. As I write I hear their
voices, for they are not yet asleep. I am
sitting the South side of the Parlor Stove with
the corner of your table drawn up. A nice place.