Southern Hotel
St. Louis Oct. 24-71

Dear Father

Your letter of recent date was remailed at N. Orleans and transmitted to me here.

News from home is always welcome, and more especially a letter from you. I like the cheerful tone of your letter, am glad to hear that all are well, that the season has been prosperous and that no accident or trouble has come over the household during the past

dear. Don't trouble your-
self about Ladies' ill
health, its cause may undoubtedly be
attributed to natural effects
that dyspepsia has nothing
to do with, and will soon
pass off.

The convention adjourn-
ed yesterday to meet in
Washington next June.
I was agreeably surprised
at the intelligent and
eminently practical char-
acter of the delegates, aver-
aging far better than any
legislative body it has been
my experience to hear deliberate
- Congress excepted.
The fact of meeting and
becoming acquainted, will
alone be of inestimable ben-
efit, but our proceedings
will show that we have
finished a large amount
of valuable work, and
laid the basis for much
more. Today the city
authorities take the dele-
gates on a river excursion.
Tonight Gen. Baldy (my
colleague) and myself start
for Chicago and thence im-
mediately for N. Orleans.
To my extreme regret
I am unable to come
home, limited time will
not permit. My advices
from N.O. represent them
as "going wrong" and de-
mand my return.

You surprise me - a Bach
gen talking about growing
old at sixty; You have my
ayes before you yet.
I will come home to
stay when I make money
enough to return. What
little I have and the little
honor and reputation I
have acquired has been
labored for hard and
patiently, and my army re
cord was made at the can
nons mouth, and at the
risk of my life. I can't quit yet.
Excursionists are gathering
so Good bye.
Your affectionate son
Alymer