

Camp Griffin Va  
Sunday Feb 2 1862

Dear Parents, This Morn. (Sat. Feb 2) I will  
try my new pen in writing to you. I have just  
been to the Col. & got excused from attendance  
on religious services so that might write to you  
& Maria & I hope I shall now be able to get  
off 2 letters in the morning. I love to partici-  
pate here for in no place have the services  
ever been so solemn & impressive to me.  
& still I cannot say that it is always a  
pleasant duty to me for on such occasions  
I always think of being at home  
& when the services are ended & I look away  
to see that I am yet in Virginia hundreds of  
miles from that dear home away is in  
the feelings that then mine are by no  
means the most agreeable. There is  
the benediction just playing the concluding  
hymn and its solemn notes are resounding  
through our camp bringing to my mind  
of home scenes never to be forgotten by me  
& which I hope may be renewed some time