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My dear Wife,

I received your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> last evening. Thank you for your kind wishes for my welfare. I regretted very much to leave the 10<sup>th</sup> U. but my rights were obtained by the circumstances in which I left that regiment. The congratulations that I received from all my friends were very flattering to me. No one has left the 6<sup>th</sup> Corps with more friends than I did, and I feel proud that my intercourse with the officers of the 6<sup>th</sup> Division particularly was such as to win their respect. It is a rare thing for a person situated as I was (and particularly a Surgeon) that been with them so long years with without an enjoy. Respect has always been shown me for my age, experience, and skill, a remarkable thing in our profession which is proverbial for its jealousy of each other. Whether I deserved all this <sup>or not</sup> is another question.

The Medical Director of the Corps expressed much regret that I should leave, but congratulated me upon my promotion, which he thought I richly deserved. These things are hardly worth telling of