

Camp Douglas <sup>the</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 18

Dear Maria

Again it is the Sabbath and again I will attempt to write you a few lines but as nothing has transpired worth telling of since I last wrote my letter will be short and uninteresting I rec<sup>d</sup> your letter containing your and Father's photographs a day or two since and think them both excellent and advise you to have some more of the same taken. Very one I have showed them to think that Father is a very young looking man to be my Father and was astonished to hear that he is over 50 years old I will not tell you what they say about you for fear it will make you feel proud. I don't know what is to be done with our Regiment yet as we have received no orders yet but I presume in long we will be ordered East and if Senator Wilsons Bill passes we will be Consolidated with one of the other W. Regt. as our Regt. is quite small. then there will be a sifting of Officers and now Generally, over