

No. 8.

Head Quarters 4th Regt. H. Vol.
Camp Kiffin, Fairfax Co. Va. Jan 20th
Dear Sister and Parents,

Tonight I recd. Letter No. 8. which
did me a great deal of good I was
such a good letter full of news &c.
How poor Willie is ever over his Phren^{ia},
it seems worse for such a little Chap
than it would for a person of proper
judgement especially so painful a
Disease. I shall lay awake nights thinking
of the little fellow. I write tonight on
the impulse which your letter gave me
for I was feeling decidedly tough not
homesick that it does trouble me at all
but yesterday morning I went on Pickers
at six and came in this morning at eleven
Pickering in favorable weather is bad enough
but on this occasion it rained all the night
before and all day. which in addition to
wind occasioned by the frost in the ground
caused an amount of mud that would
surprise a hermit. In no case was it less
than ankle deep and from that up to the
tops of our boots. The distance from
Camp to the main Reserve of the Pickers