

[Sept. 2 - 1861]

My Dear Sister - I will write  
you a line to day as I am writing  
to mother - I rec<sup>d</sup> your letter with  
mother last night. I think G<sup>o</sup>st. R -  
wrote home some pretty big stories. I don't see  
what Barrett sent home for paper &c for  
unless he was short of money - He is a regular  
lunk head any way tho'. I would not say so  
to everyone. Tell Syd I feel very grateful  
to her for her sympathy for me, tho' I don't  
know as she can do anything for me. It  
made me feel very badly to be obliged  
to pass her without having a chance to  
speak to her, nor even to say good bye.  
I knew her by her blue dress, & waved my  
cap at her, that was all I could do.

If I can possibly get a chance I will  
have a picture taken as you wished me  
to, and send it home. I wish you  
to see that it is copied, and send  
one to Lizzy, & give one to Ellen.  
Now if I send one home, be sure  
and do this for my sake will  
you not. Keep one yourself, send  
one to L, & give E - one.