

careful about telling — Mary Las written
to thee — Paulina Las had a most
beautiful letter from Hulda Stearns — her
eldest son Las gone to the war — she speaks
of it most feelingly, she says tell Rachel
I did not know it was so like death —
& then "dear mother, ask for his soul the
uniform of the saints, that he may become
a soldier of the Cross of Christ."

We have not had scarce any frost
till within a few days — it has been pretty
cool & some of the hills east have looked a
little white — the boys have not quite done
husking — have 400 bushels of ears — very good.
our garden vegetables are all very nice —
we have succotash most of the time.

Aunt Rhoda & Laura Lane visited us today
Charley Templeton is first corporal in
the ~~1st~~ co. F. of the 6th Reg. — Thankful
says they are intending to send a box of
edibles to Isaac — Please tell if thee would
like to have us do so — I have feared that
the freight would be more than the value.

God bless my dear boy — I pray that the
Lord may preserve & bless thee — Give my love
to Henry — I suppose you are now separated — R. B. G.

Letter - Love from
dear boy - 1/19
Dear Mother - I send
love from
East Montpelier 25th of 10th mo.

My dear boy

I have just received thy let-
ter & am surprised & sorry that mine do
not reach thee — I have got three from
thee & have written as many — I wrote
immediately after receiving thine
dated the 9th when thee was sick — I
also wrote last first day in one of Thos

I am glad if thee has got the place
the wishes — but think its duties will
be arduous — do hope thee will try to
take care of thyself — am glad thee
has a more substantial shelter
& hope thee will do well & satisfy thy
self & others — does thee get any extra
pay? am very glad of Henry's success —

If thee writes for Walton's — I wish
to know thy initials — There are
letters signed J. but I hope they are not —

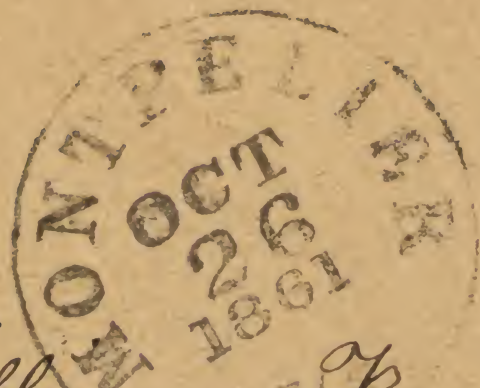
things—perhaps they are A.D.A. — Timothy
has not got letters from home regularly
of late—every thing is deranged & every
thing looks sad— I had a letter from J.
also from Ann this week— He is well
& pretty well suited with his business
on the farm with uncle John at \$20
per month— Ann had just received
several letters from the army & also
from Morrisville— one from Susan—
she spoke of thee in terms of much kind-
ness & Ann thinks James bid fair to get
a warm place in her kind heart—

I told thee in my last that Philip and
Ellen are married— I have been
to Florace's this week & staid two nights—
had a pleasant time— I have come home
with me & Charles went with her to the
village where she still is— she wished
to go into the house & to see the monu-
ment— which is indeed a great work of
art— beyond any thing which it has been my
lot to see— I think it unfortunate for the

young artist that it was completed at
a time when the attention of the legis-
lature is so much absorbed with affairs
of ~~public~~ ^{grave} ~~glorious~~ ^{grave} moments— that I fear
he will hardly receive the pecuniary re-
ward that he so richly merits— I under-
stand that the \$2000 that have been
appropriated, only give him common
day wages, after paying for his block, which
cost \$400—

I am now expect-
ing to go to Ferrisburgh next 2nd day, to
be at monthly & quarterly meeting— but do
not think thee had better direct letters
these as I fear I should miss of them
continue to write as often as thee can, &
our folks will keep me informed—

I went yesterday to J. G. P.'s— his wife was
feeling very thankful for her short visit
from Jacob— her last letter from Isaac
informed he had been quite sick— I wish
thee had been more explicit in rela-
tion to the co. as I feel very great inter-
est in it— so do we all— we will be



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