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Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> / 1865

My dear husband

Since the 10<sup>th</sup> was received  
and read with much  
pleasure, as it always  
gives me great pleasure  
to hear from you, especially  
to hear that you are well  
and happy. Your letter  
about Edna and myself  
in good health.

I think you will have  
to get dismissed from  
the service a day to read  
all the letters that I

have written you. That  
is if they should reach  
you. And I think they  
will when you get to  
the Reg. So I directed  
them to follow the 47th  
Reg. Father's folks  
are all well except Mother  
and she is quite feeble.  
Martha and Jenny are  
down today. Nancy  
Hayslip is lying at the  
point of death, and John  
is still dissipated.  
We are cleaning house  
and making garden.  
I have not been able  
to make much garden  
I think I shall not  
make much. I have  
planted some onions

and intend to plant  
what peas Laura  
and I will eat.

I want to go to Oak Hill  
as soon as I have an  
opportunity to see about  
getting someone to stay  
with me this summer.  
I don't know of any  
body that I can get  
here. Girls are so scarce.  
If I can't get any  
body there, don't you  
think I had better go  
and stay with Mrs. <sup>Wheeler</sup> <sup>Wheeler</sup>  
if she lives there yet?  
Write as soon as you  
get this and let me  
know what you think  
about it. I shall be  
sorry if you have to

into battle, but if you  
do I trust that the  
Lord will bring you  
through safely.

~~So~~ Mary got a letter  
from one of John's  
brothers the other day.  
He lives in this state in  
Shelby County. I have not  
time to write much now  
but when you get all of  
my letters I will write you  
a good long one. Still pray  
for me. I do not forget  
you at a Throne of Grace  
for a day even in my  
and be faithful and  
remember your loving  
wife and child  
Olivia