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Waterloo Arsenal Mar. 13. 55

Thursday evening

My dear Mother

I received your letter bringing the sad news of Grandmother's death a few days ago - and I confess I could hardly pluck up the fortitude to answer it. I almost wondered how you could write me so much with the sorrow so fresh upon you - but you must feel as I do when I reason upon it. She has lived to a good old age. she has done her work well - and gone to the rest prepared for such as she was known to have been. She has children & grandchildren who loved her while she remained with them and who <sup>now</sup> have only virtues & goodness to invest her memory with, but if Christians they must feel a joy in the midst of their grief - that she was able to go to the Saviour she loved so well before life became at all burdensome, and in such a happy & peaceful frame of mind. I ought to have visited her. I feel it. It is my only regret - that my dear Grandmother could not again have thrown her arms around my neck & kissed me & commended to the keeping of her Heavenly Father.

I often think of you now - that I ought to write you - to console you if I can - but I know that the Faith that you cherish is your stay & your support. I have received a letter from

Rowland since I got yours. He told me he had been  
home & returned. Mrs Nail's saw Rowland at the  
Bath junction and wrote about it to me. Her health  
is very good she writes. She has gone to Lewiston.  
After I returned to Portland, or rather the day before  
we were to leave, we sold the property to John M. Wood  
and took payment in stock in the St Lawrence  
Rail Road. This stock as father knows pays six  
percent. Mrs Nail was well satisfied with the sale.  
I am now drawing a plan of the Arsenal grounds &  
buildings for Major G. I intend to give you a sketch  
or as they call it a rough draft as soon as I can.  
Lizzie has had already quite a number of callers -  
and she will have many more as soon as Lent is over, as  
a great many of my friends are strict in the observance of  
this ordinance of the Episcopal Church. We were invited to  
Maj Symingtons to a dinner, given to welcome the bride to  
Waterloo. Dr Wheaton's daughter of the Army - Miss Worth, the  
daughter of Gen<sup>l</sup> Worth (deceased), now up from Albany and  
a few others were there besides those of us on the Post.  
But it takes Lizzie to describe dinners & tell the number  
of courses &c. I never could, though you can find some  
that can excel more in eating them. Occasionally we step in  
of the evening at the Majors and spend a ~~pleasant evening~~  
few pleasant hours, but we generally stay at home. I spend