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"Sabbath Eve"

Transcript

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his party well, running around
through the department & I expect
Dorcas being our friend and
what surprises was to be said
Grand Mother stayed with me and
myself while Aunt was here.

He looks very well and
says his health is good.
He about two o'clock on Monday
was and it is perfect health.
He is undoubtedly well and said
quite first before long for
myself and said he is this
with the young D. S. I
say & Spectator to the paper
Charles H. Jones

Send me some Saturday Evening

Murphy's
May 20th 1863
Dear Aunt
Dear Aunt

of the dear one at home are very
proud of this point from party
down a few lines to me and
write to me to go to the
the first part and I have
said in that meeting as long
as I can see the full, narrow strong
along to send through the dark
circle and that the next to
with that same light there is
me and to make myself some one
my try (smiled) as hard as I
to show some a relief. I
am alone with my own thoughts
and my God. I am not alone
I have to try to enjoy the pleasure
of life by the name of God and

either again and my all peace
 in the Old Church, ^{Worship} ~~Worship~~
 long for you all; But their
 will be done, then I left home
 I was hoped in expected to
 return but things have brighten-
 ed for me since then and
 my prayer is that I
 may be allowed to meet you
 all ~~so~~ more. May God in
 his mercy protect you from sin
 and allow me to see at home
 once more. I took tea
 with Don and Nell to night
 they had quite a heart comfort
 with my simple talk. Agg's
 Maria Brad's letter with my
 prayer and Fleming's that will
 read me his box that box
 at last arrived. My things are
 all done but my ~~box~~ ^{box} of books
 stand is arrived. One of the ^{two}
 was broken and the ^{other}

was not when I tryed, it
 was not at least in rich in
 length. Last week was ^{the}
 last week. He stayed two nights
 with me. He failed to see ^{me}
 as he had. I had now no ^{other}
 but ^{the} ^{same} ^{man} ^{and} ^{the}
 road there would be ^{the}
^{same} ^{as} ^{the} ^{other} ^{one}
 a good try ^{and} ^{with} ^{them}.
 I was on ^{the} ^{road} ^{last} ^{night} ^{and}
 spent at last my old ^{time}
 making ^{my} ^{plans}. It seems ^{to}
 my ^{mind} as ^{if} ^{it} ^{will}
^{be} ^{done}. My ^{concentration} is, that a
 man without ^{any} ^{other} ^{aid}, ^{will}
^{be} ^{able} ^{to} ^{do} ^{it}.
 The ^{same} ^{as} ^{the} ^{other} ^{one},
^{but} ^{it} ^{is} ^{not} ^{the} ^{same}
 it is one of the ^{same} ^{as} ^{the} ^{other}
 they ^{are} ^{not} ^{the} ^{same}, ^{but} ^{the} ^{same}
 I ^{am} ^{not} ^{the} ^{same} ^{as} ^{the} ^{other}
 they ^{are} ^{not} ^{the} ^{same}, ^{but} ^{the} ^{same}
 they ^{are} ^{not} ^{the} ^{same}, ^{but} ^{the} ^{same}

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Murfreesboro Tenn
May 3rd 1863
"Sabbath Eve"

Dear Amie

Dare say that some of the dear ones at home are engaged at this same hour putting down a few lines to me and it wont do for me to go to bed knowing that I have neglected them during the past week and let this day pass without sending a single line. Through my tent door I can see the full moon STRUGGLING to come through the dark clouds and bless the earth with her dim light. There is no one to interrupt me as my boy (Smoke) is laid out on the floor sound a sleep. I am alone with my own thoughts and my God. You don't know how I long to enjoy the pleasure of entering the house of God and

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sitting again in my old place in the old church. How I long to see you all! But God's will be done. When I left home I never hoped or expected to

return but things have brightened for me since then and now my prayers is that I may be allowed to meet you all once more. May God in his mercy protect you from evil and allow us to me (be) at home once more.

I took tea with Lou (?) and _____ to night. They had quite a feast compared with my simple table. Egg's onions Bread & Butter with some preserved plums that _____ recd in his box. That box at least arrived. My things are all here but my sword scabbard is ruined. One of the _____ was broken and the leather

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was wet. When it dried it shrank at least one inch in length. Nate Reed was here last week. He stayed two nights with me. He failed to see _____ as the _____ O.V.I was in Alabama via Tennessee river and the road there would be rather impracticable unless there was a good _____ force with them. I am in good health and _____ at my old trick of

making Enemies it seems to be my font as I do it unintentionally. My consolation is that a man without enemies isn't a man. I must be a man. the Brigade had a very nice time at last week they say it is one of the pleasantist trips they ever made. Unfortunately I was detained here but the Maj, Moore and I put the time

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in pretty well. moving around through the different Com's and Divisions seeing our frineds and what ever (yone) else was to be seen. Frank Wheeler stayed with me one night(s) while Reed was here. He looks very well and says his health is good. It's about two o'clock on Monday morn and its awful hot. Its thundering and will rain pitch forks before long. I must close and get this into the mail

Very affectionately your Bro
Charles H. Jones

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