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Plantsville, Conn.

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Convalescent Camp
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My Dear Wife,

Yours of the 24th by Mr. Griffin was brought yesterday P.M. You let me into your feelings a year ago – Why did you not at the time disclose yourself & save me a month of tormenting hesitation - Such seasons of wavering, besides being full of discomfort, often result in detriment – Perhaps it did not in my case – But from the first fall of Sumter up to the time I enlisted my sense of obligation was divided between my family & the country – The best chance I ever had to strike a blow was at that meeting in Southington when efforts were making to raise a company of three months men – You remember the situation of things at our house – My wife detained me – I had (Pg. 2) of course to make a speech – But words were of no effect unless they were strengthened by acts – I have no doubt the company might have been raised – The thing needed was a prominent & striking example – However I came not to spend any time now on those days – You remember what hard work it was to push through the company a year since – Looking back over that & the two elections in which my interest & efforts were so much engaged I seem to myself to have labored very hard & very cheaply – But the fruits of exertion in a public way don't always come immediately – I may yet gather a harvest, though the prospect is not encouraging.

I am glad to hear that you are in better health than before the visit this way – It seemed (Pg. 3) to me you would find benefit to mind & body by the relaxation & joys attendant upon such a jaunt & now it rejoices me greatly to learn the fact –

My trip west has fallen through - The orders to send the men were countermanded – C. Hotchkiss & Lewis Hitchcock are at camp distribution near by – They expect to rejoin the regiment – But may not be sent for a week or two –

Thank you for “Among the Pines” – Nearly read it through last night – Those geranium leaves were fragrant & looked quite fresh – I gave all the boys a sniff of the odor –

Intend to go to Millard's tonight & stay till Monday – Have not heard from them since your departure – (Pg. 4) Don't see why father should suppose I caught disease – Am not aware of any thing like it – No vermin either – We had some rain yesterday & this morning it is misty – You must excuse this hasty note – Since beginning it I have been detailed for fatigue party today & have no time for more – You need not fear about my breaking the parole – We officers are exchanged – So if the rebs come this way I shall be able to fight – But there is no prospect of that here - Here let me renew the youthful vow –

My Dear, I love you – & am yours, A. Upson