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My dear Rhoda I recieved yours of the 14 yesterday and a package of paper and envelopes and am glad to here that you air well I to enjoy good helth and by gods blessing I hope that we will have good helth tell we shall see each other again I have been on picket for 2 days past and have had very plesent wather the sun shinds warm the citiens here says that this is unusual find wenter here there hath been but a few stormy days farmers could plaw the most of the time this is just the climate I should like to live in. I think that I could stand the summer very well we have a very splended camp now the tents air built in roes each company by its self and ornimented with seder threes on side the streat they air not planted only cut of and stuck in che grown so they look as well for a few month as if they ware growing the last time I wrote i told you to send me a box but i ought to have said that if you could not expres it to Chatanuga that you need not send it the dorection that you put on my letters would not bring it here but if you can send it I think the expres agent will tell you how to send it I have bought a large picture of chatonuga and the battle field for Unkle it cost 2 dollars it shoes Lookout Mountan and Misianary ridge but the grater part of the town air air not shown on acount of the hills it is but a small town not much larger then Westfield tell Unkle that I will make him a fraim for it when I get home it probabely will be there in a few weeaks.

Rhoda I am sory that you have such riotous meetings I think they might stop it in some way the truble is that if a man talks and prays in meeting he is at liberty to do any thing and it is all rite there air a grate many good minestors that doe a great deal of hurt by urgen the mesesaty of speaking and praying in publick some get the idia that if the can make a good prayr and tell that they have been converted so many

years ago that they have the best evidence in the world that they are true Christians I would not say any thing against taking part in meeting but to say that is to take up the cross and follow Christ is the worst delusion a man can be led into

Sunday morning

Rhoda it is a very pleasant morning the sky is smokey so that the sun does not shine bright we are through inspection and we have nothing to do till meeting at 10 o'clock in Camp meeting is over the text was without me you can do nothing

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