

Lookout Valley Ten
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My dear Roda

I am happy to acknowledge the receipt of 2 letters from you of the 5th and 7th the first containing several pieces of paper the last your likeness I also received one from May Stowell and from Father the same date as your last father sent me a long letter but it contained but little except an account of a sermon that he preached to Mr Parker the same as I might have learnt of years ago I also received 2 pieces of silver tell Phillip that I will remember him when I have time to work at a ring Rhoda you need not pay no such postage on writing paper some time you can get a quire of paper just take and roof it up and tear an envelope open to both ends and then put it round it and put on two two cent stamps and leave it in the post office and say no thing to no body and if that is not enough they will stamp of it so much due and when it comes here it is all the same payed or not as I will get it and the post office may go to gras for there postage I once received a letter which had no stamp on it they stamped 6 on it and sent it on but there is no one here to receive any postage you say that I find so much fault with your letters that you are getting discouraged but I think that you have improved greatly both in writing and spelling since I began to write about it and if you try I think that you can write a very good letter if you should try I will send you a Nashville paper with this letter as I think that you will like to see one there are two papers printed at Nashville one is a union paper and the other a copperhead it is hard to get a copy of the copperhead paper here I had one a few days ago which I intended to send you but I cant find it now I think someone must have destroyed it when I was out

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I will send you two little books that I got from the christian commission they have got little hymn books which is diferent to any of those i sent you I will try to send you one soon

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Dear Rhoda I entended to have sent this yesterday but did not get it don in time for the mail and now I learn that we air to recieve 2 month pay to morow so I think that I will wate and send my check