

Lookout Valley, Tenn.  
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My dearest Lis,

Yours of the 11th inst. was received last evening. I was right glad to hear that you were all well. Accept my thanks for your kindly consideration in sending the inclosures. Items of local news are very interesting to me here.

Poor Wallace! I shall always have some self accusations on account of remissness of duty and friendly regard for his welfare. I feel as if I were somewhat accessory to his untimely death!

I will write Mr. Demy tomorrow thanking him for his kindly offices in behalf of that poor boy.

You can say to Dr. Walker if you please that of course I can have no objection to his settling in Franklinville and doing what business he can before and after my return. I could not of course bind myself or promise to engage in a partnership with any stranger. When I return if I practice at all (I really do not intend to practice (private)) I shall do all the business that comes to me if my health will permit. I am confident I shall fully recover my health when I return home, but if I do not improve from my present condition I could not do a very extensive business and might deem it a matter of policy to accept a partner to relieve myself from business during bad weather. I am tolerably well now with the exception of a slight diarrhea and a bad sore on the back of my right hand--the sore is improving.

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I think the war will be "played out" this season--and if my health permits I am somewhat anxious to remain to the end--but I am not so anxious to do so as to blind me to my own safety. If remaining is too great a tax on my health I shall endeavor to resign when I first see I am running down. I really expect to be home to stay by June or July at farthest.

*Pavilion, N.Y.*  
I inclose an account of Lookout Mountain and the view from it. It is really a good account. Back from the point or nose as it is called of the mountain about a mile and a half is a village--built up for a summer resort--with Hotel accommodations for about a thousand guests. It's glory is departed now of course. Write often and ask the children to do so. With kisses for self and children, I am always your affectionate

Henry

P.S. I was not at all surprised to hear of Benedicts death. Harry Wade and Fay will be fortunate if they do not share the same fate, and many of those young boys will likely be inmates of Hospital soon. The Government should detail Surgeons from the field to make these examinations. It would be much better for the Government and certainly better for the poor fellows who lack the physical strength and capacity and endurance necessary for field service. It would save a world of unnecessary misery and sorrow.