
Dear Mama,

Yesterday I went with Mother, May, James, Clara, & U. Turner to see the Philad. Refresh. Room for Soldiers: a respectable rough eating place, about which great entoosiuosvity is felt. "Much cry & little wind," it seemed to me. Then I walked about the City, & never saw so much extravagance & show in Phil. before. The war is not felt, and the Abolition Pharisees having set the house on fire into their hands & chuckle to see how splendidly it burns, I could not stay here many days, without blowing a blast that would make their ears tingle, and am glad to go this Afternoon. To-night I expect to be at Emily Tuckerman, & spend two days in New York City. After that, no plan. In answer to this, please say just how you all
are, and whether I can stay two or three weeks longer, in case of important business coming up. I may be able to do a great deal for Sanitary use, but cannot now tell. I shall make no plan until I hear at Boston in answer to this. If all are well at home and nothing else very urgent occurs, I will see about it.

Now we go to see one hospital, and compare it mentally with our own.

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