

Transcription  
"When he dressed up in his Uniform"

Lynchburg May 2nd / 61

My Dear Cousin,

It has been my intention to write to you for some time. But have been delayed from so doing by various things, so I concluded to write this evening. I would have written last week but was busily engaged, sewing for the Southern Guard. Among them I saw Clarence & Johny. They didn't come to see us, but I suppose they didn't visit any one. Callie, I wish you could have seen Johnie when he dressed up in his Uniform. I was around at the Hall sewing when he came in, & all the girls fell in love with him. He looked just as handsome as could be. I was very sorry for you & Emelia for I know how sad you must be since parting with your brothers. But you must console each other the best you can. Three companies left here last Tuesday week for Richmond & are there still. The Home Guard, Rifle, Greys, & the Artillery. We didn't go to the Depot with them, & I was very glad afterwards that I didn't for I heard a great many persons say it was the most affecting scene they ever witnessed. We expect 10,000, Soldiers here this week. I wish you could come down to see them. Sister has received several letters from her friends among the Home Guard, & the all seem in fine spirits, but complain a great deal about the fare. How is Aunt Emily & Emelia give my love to them. Poor Aunt Emily I know she must be so sad. I suppose Mark has'nt gone yet, I hope he will not go, for they will be so lonely. Mr Simpson was gone North after his goods, when the companies left. He belongs to the H.G. & he left this week to join his company in Richmond. I never saw any one so distressed as Cousin Sallie is my my life. She expects to go down next week herself to stay with Mr Charles Simpson who lives in Richmond. Callie I am very lonesome here & long for the time to come when I can get a good chance & come up to see you-all. I am going to stay all the Summer when I do get there. How is Cousin Jennie & the children give my love to them & kiss them for me. Ma, Sister, & all the children join me in love to you all, kiss Uncle Charles & Aunt Martha for me. Tell Aunt Emily sister intends writing to her soon. Ask Emelia whe she saw Grand Daddy long legs? Tell her I saw him on the Street the other day but was'nt near enough to speak to him. When did you see Dr. Haley? & does he spout out as many big words as ever. Tell Cousin Jennie to give my best respects to Mr Brandon when she writes. My love to Ben. Write soon to your devoted Cousin

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