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Friend Baldwin

I seat myself at this time with my old rusty & carroded pen in hand to let you know that I am well & hope this short effusion will find you in the same predicament. I received your letter last eve. I was very glad to hear from you, also to hear that you was in so favorable posish [position]. I guess you must have had a gay time at home. If you did not I think it must have been your fault not the girls for I was at home this fall to vote & you may guess that I wasn’t asleep all of the time. I have been to Washington once since I got back. I come there with a crazy man. I took him to the insane retreat. I don’t know which was the worst the crazy man or myself. I guess we both acted like fools but all the difference their (sic) was I knew enough to know it & he did not. You may guess that I was on my beer some if not more. But I will pass on to the news. John A Parker came to this hospital sick last month he died last saturday. Julian came here & sent his body home by express. He said the boys was all right. I expect we are going to have a great time here next monday it will be like the 4 of July. We are going to have a great concert and if I am not to (sic) drunk I think old morey will be there. I wish you could be here but I suppose you will have a good time where you are. I know I should if I was there goin [with] J. B. anything to pass away 8 months. If I am steady one half of the time I think I am doing well let the squirrell set. But I must draw this epistle to a close for it is most time for the mail to go. I hope you will have the good luck to stay where you are the rest of your time & I hope I shall stay where I am now. I hope we shall live to meet again up in old Mansfield.

So good by (sic) for this time. Give my regards to every body. I hope you will not forget to answer this interesting letter. Please write soon. Yours very respectfully as a friend.

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