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My own Beloved Brother
I have forbore to write to you
because I had no words of com-
fort that could reach your
sorrow. but time God's blessed
messengers, has I trust brought
healing on its wings, and enabled
you to resign yourself to His
holy will. The comfortable assurance
that you will recover all that
is left of your darling Son's
earthly remains. that you may
visit his lowly bed, in holy
ground, and lift your eyes to
heaven, in thankfulness for
the precious ^{gift} He gave. and
hath taken away. "Takea care
and undefiled of this world

honored & beloved by all
who knew him in his short
pilgrimage - and blessed to all
eternity in presence of his
creator. My beloved brother,
my soul longs to commune
with, to pray with & for you.
The dear and affectionate
family you have left are
around you, and claim the
privilege of sharing your
sympathy. Ann has been
very kind to me, in writing
so frequently. I know she
suffers much anxiety about
her son, I hope he will escape
unhurt through this desperate
conflict, and that your own
dear home, may not be dis-
turbed by the conflict the

rebels are trying to carry
on in loyal Kentucky.
political excitement is near
to my experience. but it now
engages all ages & sexes. for good
or for evil. unfortunately women
can do very little good - but a
great deal of evil in public
affairs, in and about Wash.^h
and scattered about through the
cities, there are many females
disloyal & traitorous to the govern-
ment, whose influence has led
many astray & are themselves
spies in league with the enemy -

our niece Sally Hays, is quite
ill with her bronchial disease.
Edward & Sam Etting in wretched
health - The Mordecais have taken
a small house - the girls opened
a school on Monday with but
two pupils, but there is great
interest expressed for them, and
we hope they will succeed

The Major has many sympathies
- Jews, he keeps quiet, teaches
his two younger sons, but is
very broken spirited. I remember
it is quite affecting to witness
the noble efforts the girls make to
keep up the spirit of their parents.
Laura has great powers. Alfred
has been appointed Assistant
Professor of Mathematics at West
Point. he was at the battle of Bull
Run, and would have preferred to
remain in active service.

Horace sends you a great deal
of love. he has an appointment
in the Home guards. which work
I hope will not draw him far
from the city. I should not know
how to get on without him.

Frank Etting is Paymaster in
the new army during the war.

May God Bless you my ever dear
brother, give my love to all your
family and believe me decidedly
your affectionate
sister P. S. H. B.