
Kentucky Military Institute

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Dear Sister

Your letter which was recd on yesterday, was very consoling indeed. I will have to see, and express my opinion on that sweet young lady you are going to give me for a sweetheart. I am coming over to see you in a few weeks, I will take you on surprise. You must not get homesick; how can you, with all of those pretty girls. I am judging you by myself now, for I know I would not be the least if I were in your place!! I think Ma enjoyed her trip to see me very much; I took her all around and showed her the curiosities; she was very sick at the stomach one time while here, riding on the cars made her sick. I recd a letter from home last week, all were well. I recd a letter from Dick Huston a few days ago, he is in Middleton, Ky, says he is trading in mules. I recd a letter from Dot a few days past, he still sticks to Linnie I believe. He told me that Mann Turpin had been turned off from the Durmont, and that he has gone down the river as a flat boat hand.

You asked me what has become of that handsome young man whose picture I sent you in my last letter. He is still within the walls of the K. M. I. I send you one in this letter, of a very nice young man. You must not lose or soil my photographs. You must send me one of your soon; also one of that young ladies'. I recd a long letter from Horace Means today; says he has been suffering very much with the "belly ache" in the last week. Cant you sympathize with the poor fellow? When you write you must give me your bill of fare. We had four of our Cadets expelled from the Insatiate last Monday morning for playing cards. We came very near having a rebellion in the school on their account. I was very sorry that you did not have time to stop with Ma, I have so many things to tell you. I forgot to thank you for the nice box you sent me; my slippers are nice, they feel so much more comfortable than the brogans we have to wear.

Well you must excuse this letter for I have nothing more to say – than – write soon to your true and loving brother

R.B.Gex

[*Written on the envelope:*] Received while running upstairs to get my hat to go walking with Sallie Anderson

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