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We have such glorious news that I almost tremble at it. You will probably hear it sooner than by my letter but I can not forbear giving you a synopsis. The great Battle of Richmond is now progressing, having commenced last Thursday evening. So far it is in our favor. We are almost certain of complete victory. Only enough uncertainty to keep us praying and hoping and trembling. The result so far is The Yankees driven back at every point, almost completely surrounded thousands of prisoners captured, over six thousand already in Richmond. Over on hundred cannon, when small arms and stones beyond computation almost.

This is certain, probably by this time the fight is over. Our people are jan-quin of capturing the entire Yankee Army.

Capt. Thomas is in Virginia at the salt works. I look for him back tomorrow unless the victory draws him on to Richmond.

I hope to be home on the 12th or 13th inst. I may get news complete of the battle today at one but it will be too late to write to you. Wm. Is down at Knoxville on business but will be back today.

I have to write to Mr. Gibbs before the mail closes.

Kiss the babies for me. Give my love to Jesse our Mother's Mawks and Johnny's people and all the neighbors. Don't forget W.W. Enloe and Sherril. I would like to write to them all but time and paper both being precious I shall have to forego that pleasure.

Write regularly till you see me for fear I am again disappointed.

I stopped here you see writing crowded and went over the river to make a report to Col Eakin. The walk did me good. I now feel quite well.

Your affectionate husband

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