

Transcript of Letter from Augusta (Lemont?) to Frank L. Lemont, May 3, 1862

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Greene, May 3rd 1862

Dear Cousin

It is with pleasure that I again take my pen to address you. I had been waiting anxiously but not impatiently for a letter. I knew you would answer my letter as soon as you could conveniently. I expect you to be more punctual with your nearer relatives. You are very kind to send me such good letters. when you return home I will thank you for your kindness. I think of you, & how you must sometimes feel. you do not speak of sad, & lonely hours, but I fear you have them - I am glad you look on the bright side as you seem to in your letters.

I dread to hear of another Battle. I cannot help feeling so, when I know it will cause so many aching hearts. I know there is no other way to save our Country, But when it has to be purchased with the blood of her noblest sons, I feel that war is a terrible evil. I do hope it will soon be over, & you can return home - That will be a happy day -

Tues May 6th

Your letter is not finished yet - I have been almost sick for a few days. Yesterday Annie (who seems like a sister to me) started for Minn. I was sorry to have her leave, but we thought it was for the best - She does not intend to stay more than a year or two - I shall be very lonely here this Summer. If my health was good I should do something I dont know what, for I do not like being shut up with a few of the rising generation. Barefooted & dirty faced. I rather leave that for some one that likes it better than myself. even if I was capable - Please tell Capt Daggett there is a sing at Dea. Barrell's tomorrow Eve & ask him if he would not like to go. A few of us Greene folks took a walk May Day had a swing - played ball &c - But what do you care for all this What shall I write to make it worth reading? Then to think you have got to ans. such a foolish letter - I hope you have some letters worth reading.

We had cheering news yesterday that Yorktown had been evacuated by the rebels. & that our troops were pursuing them. I do not think I am what Mrs Partington would call a patriarchal, but I am indeed glad to hear of our success. I hope you will not get discouraged - you know you are in the right, & that is everything. I am away here in one Corner doing nothing, & telling others what is right just like me. I cannot think of anything new to write you - It is my earnest prayer, & ever has been, that you may become a true Christian. There is nothing of so much value as religion. I cannot feel that I am doing right, if I close my letters without saying something about it. I always think it may be the last letter you will forgive me I know, if I have written anything I

ought not to.

I have been out & got some Mayflowers this P.M. I will send you  
one if I can press it. Write often as you can. All send their love  
It is getting to be almost dark & I must close - Goodbye my dear Cousin  
until I hear from you again. From your Cousin

Augusta

Excuse Mistakes (pressed May- flower is in letter)