

me & you. My
health has been
better this summer
than usual. I had
a severe attack of gonorrhea
which lasted one several
weeks, & kept the children
from me. My best love
to your Mother, I am
glad to hear Lee is
so delicate & so bright
so often as possible
so we are always
anxious & delighted
to hear from you.
May God bless you
is the prayer of your
Attached and true E. F.

Among you, Selina's account of
them was equally as bad as yours,
& I fear from the "Signs of the Times"
now you will have the wretches
with you again this winter.
They have not gotten down in this
Country yet, tho we are very much
afraid they will succeed this
winter, I never dreaded a winter
so much, there will be so much
suffering among our poor soldiers
too. Our town is full of wounded
soldiers now from the battle of
Corinth, we have two staying with
us & I believe every house has
some, there are a great many refugees
here also from Memphis & other places,
we have had two very nice ladies
staying with us for the last three
months, besides one of the Col.
Rices & her husband, so you
see we have a house full, &
oh! everything is so high & scarce

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You have to give Donation prices
for every article of food you get &
everything else in proportion.
Coarse Calicoes 18 ¢ a drop, shoes
the same price, how are people
to get along if this horrid war
lasts much longer, but Oh! how
thankful we ought to be that
our homes have not been polluted
by the presence of the hateful Yankee.
It makes my heart ache when I
think that my dear old father has
to work in his old age, we regret
so much they had not come out
here with Cousin Stephen when
we were so anxious for them to
come, there is no telling when we
may all meet again, as it would
be running too much risk to go
while the war lasts, & the wisest
can form no idea when it will
end, our trust must be in the
good one who doeth all things ^{well}.

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I got a letter from Ane a few weeks
since. She & Cousin Ellen
were boarding near Charlotte
St. House, had no idea where
they would land this winter.
We were down to see Bro Frank
& family a short time ago, all well
poor Mollie's sister died about
three months ago in giving pre-
mature birth to a child, she
left two little boys - I was surprised
to hear of Minnie's conduct, I had formed
so good an opinion of her, & we
treated her so kindly while she was
here, the Col is well & sends much
love to you & the little boys, how I
would love to see you all, Col says
he would send you a present if he
thought there was any chance of you
getting it, but I fear the Federals
will be in Culpeper before this
reaches you, Cousin Stephen is
as well as usual is with us a great
deal. Did ^{you know} I tell you that Selina
had lost all of her servants, every
one, even old Nyma, poor child
I don't know what she will do,
but we may all be in the same
fix before this war is over, as
old Abe has set them all free