

My dear dear Milton -
I am in such a fidget to know what is go-
ing to be done with the "Army of the Cumberland" I cannot find
anything in the papers at all reliable or satisfactory. Govern-
ment has taken the Rail Roads for some time to come - and
for whom or for what I'd like to know. I shouldn't wonder
if you'd be stopped some here some of these mornings
(with ^{only} the last warning) - & cheat us out of the pleasure
of anticipation. I felt so unsettled and fidgety yes-
terday I couldn't settle myself down to read to any profit.
Every one seems so set on the soldiers getting home right away
that it would be a great disappointment if anything should
now turn up to delay their coming. I have almost got
counting the time until Sept 1st - now - Grandpa says
Mr McFarland & Mr Barnes will be home the last of this
week or the first of next. There are stirring times. My love -

who are hardly ever to be seen if it is at the club
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Dear Mother - Dear my Congregational Dutch born dear folks
great-grand-children to be proud of - I don't see
who have kept the fire at home burning brightly -
who have waited - longed - hoped - & tried to encour-
age our absent ones by letters full of pure loving counsel -
& dearful prayers - Sometimes trembling with fear - again
rejoicing with grateful hearts - Shall we too not in
a more humble way deserve a place in tradition
in memory - if not in history - beside the heroines
of the Revolution - I haven't we too been brave & true -
even just a little - Love us much - & praise us a little
& we shall be better satisfied than those who have won
so gallantly many laurel wreaths on many bloody fields -

Well my dear in the midst of so much to make us
glad & hopeful - we still have some heart stings - every
thing went some all right just at once you know -

Through the influence of the Copperheads with Gen
Adams at their head - Presbytery has been influenced to send
Milligan back again - so they may just carry on - I
have given them up - I am like the swearing driver
when potatoes all rolled out of his wagon down the
hill - "I can't pretend to do justice to the subject," so I
won't say any more - Fiza looked kind of pleased and
kind of cute, when I read to her what you said about