

I have lost it some way.

I thought Bush would have commenced the front porch last week. Possibly George Preford the brick layer could not get lime to build the pillars for it. He told me so ~~last week~~ week before last.

I attended early Mass at the Cathedral yesterday & read the beads in the evening alone. I collected \$13 at 100¢.

I read prayers & all at home.

Enclose you a bill of fare at this Hotel.

I think it would be well to send to Mr Hall the Plasterer (his business place near Jackson's shop on Beard's alley) & get him to come or send & plaster nicely the kitchen & the 2 rooms in brick quarters, before severe frost so as it would be dried in good order.

Do try & get a cook & washer if only temporarily - I am afraid you will be worn out with work.

I wrote to you the day I arrived here & will write soon again.

Love to children & mother

Your aff. husband
John M. Clap

Maxwell House Nashville
Monday evening 3^d Oct. 1870.

My Dear Wife,

Your welcome letter of the 30th ultimo came to hand at 1 o'clock to-day.

I am glad to hear so good an account of things at home, and do hope that there will be no more fires lighted any how.

The burning stable still haunts me & I should not be surprised if it drives me away from my home, I cannot get over it. Even if the incendiary ^{or} were caught I believe, I should be for life disgusted with the place for a residence.

I am stopping at a very extravagant Hotel - \$4 a day, but have a first floor front room and so far am well treated.

However it is just 2 miles from Sanctor and if it were not for the miserable