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Description: Letter from Ira Getchell to Ellen Forbes, a Civil War nurse, about the war.

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Miss Forbes

Dear Friend

I have been delaying writing you for some time untill I should have an opportunity of sending something for Maine's needy sons in W. but I have not been able to do so for sufficient reasons and remembering that I have a letter to acknowledge containing a Photograph which I shall prize very highly altho without it I should not have forgotten the original who I hope to retain as Friend and correspondant and not again in our own State ---- I find my Ideas in regard to the War changed somewhat since my visit to W. before I was only anxious to have the army increased indefinitely expend all the resources of the North for the crushing out of the Rebellion but seeing the cost in life and treasure. Seeing the dark side finding a Brother offered a sacrafice makes me to realize the cost of Liberty the worth of our Institutions the danger of haste (almost sometimes a conservative) and now I have said it I feel ashaimed

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But to see how much is expected of our army the work to be done and how little has been accomplished I fear that nothing short of Divine Interposition can save our country from ruin but I'm blue excuse me. We have a grand army a new Commander an ----honest President (in whom I put great confiden[ce]) wealth, an Inteligent People, and a just How is your health & have you as much cause.. to do as ever, are the number of disabled soldiers decreasing: I am glad to hear you speak in so high praise of Mr Hathaway he is in a position to do a great deal of good tell him to appeal to the people of his state for a daily now you have done a great deal in the field and no doubt are doing, dont let him usurp any of your Laurells Dear Friend excuse me for writing as much as I have and what I have also while about it please excuse my former note and pencil written in cars and depots while trains were starting then finished with pencil, and if excusable please me all the gossip in W. how does W. take the removal of McClellan &c all right of course. how does the army & but enough Ever Remaining

Ira E. Getchell