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Letter from Thomas Kirby (Chafins-Bluff, Va.) to his uncle and aunt, Daniel Thew and Betsey (Lobdell) Thew, November 8, 1866

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sends this as the Soldier's messenger to his Home. Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings.

"Behold! now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

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Dear Uncle and Aunt

As it is
Collection day with you at
home and I am not very
businessy I thought I would
rather you once more by
writing you a few lines
altho I am not indebted
to you for a letter I
have written two since I
got any from you
but enough of this now
to business This leaves me
able to eat my allowance
and I could furnish a few
more lines if I could
get them or any thing
that I could get from

Your ~~letter~~ ^{letter} I am as well
as you ever saw me and
hope you and all the rest
of the friends are enjoying
good health

Arise I have
not much to write to
night but I get lonesome
and thought I would
write something if was not
so curing I am the
same old rapence that
I was last spring I
am neither rich nor handsome
but am as good a Soldier
as the average of them
I should like to see
them boys of mine to
night I tell you I
would give one months
pay to have them with
me a few moments but
I cant so I must be

Contest myself by thinking
that perhaps I may sometime
have the pleasure of seeing
them every one that has
not got them to think
of dont know what a
Fathers anxiety is about it
when we are called into a
fight they are all I
think of if I should get
rocked over what would
become of them but
enough of this

Arnt Tell
Keelon I am as handsome
as she is if I dont
know as much she may
write u word or so if
she is a mind to as
well as Kate they need
not be so stiff about
theire writing if they
dont want to write

They can kiss my foot
but I must close for
this time give my
best respects to all
write as often as is
convenient and oblige your

Stephen
J. H. Kirby

P.S. Direct to Fortness
Monroe, V.A.

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