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Envelope: Miss Emily P. Barnard, Willsboro, Essex County, New York

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Dear Sister

I have your letter of Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> giving an account of the donation & public schools at Willsboro falls - & think - even if Mr. Sheldon succeeds in teaching his scholars all he knows, they will not know any more than they did before they commenced going to school. I wrote home a short time ago that I was going to Knoxville - but things are revised somewhat and I am now in command of Covington [?] Barracks across the river - by order of Col. L \_\_\_\_\_ who is looking up absentees from our Corps & forwarding them to their regiments. I shall probably remain here some time and wish to have all my letters directed to Box 1666 Cincinnati "until further orders".

You can give my address to all the W. people & tell them to write.

I am well & my foot is healed so that it does not trouble me. There is a prospect of our being at N. Y. City before spring. Genl. Burnside has authority to recruit the 9<sup>th</sup> Corps to 50,000 men to go on some expedition - with Hd. Qrs. at N. Y. City & we expect orders every day to go there.

Write me all about the Fair and present my regrets to the Stage Managers (Com'dr in Chief and staff). I am very sorry I cannot be there to assist them with my counsel, suggestions & experience but will recommend Mr. Ferris.

Yours &c,

Wm. A. Barnard