

Lynchburg May 2<sup>d</sup>/61.  
My Dear Cousin.  
It has been my intention to write to you for some time. But have been delayed from so doing by various things, so I concluded to write this evening. I would have written last week but was busily engaged, sewing for the Southern Guard. Among them I saw Clarence & John. They did<sup>nt</sup> come to see us, but I suppose they did<sup>nt</sup> visit any one. Callie I wish you could have seen John when he <sup>was</sup> dressed up in his Uniform. I was around <sup>at</sup> the Hall sewing when he came in, & all the girls fell in love with him. He looked just as handsome as could be. I was very sorry for you & Emelia for I know how sad you must be since parting with your brothers. But you must console each other the



best you can. Three companies left  
here last Tuesday week for Richmond  
& are there still. The Home Guard,  
Rifle Greys, & the Artillery. We didn't  
go to the Depot with them, I was very  
glad afterwards that I didn't for  
I heard a great many persons say  
it was the most affecting scene they  
ever witnessed. We expect 10,000 sol-  
diers here this week. I wish you could  
come down to see them. Sister has  
received several letters from her  
friends among the Home Guard, &  
they all seem in fine spirits, but  
complain a great deal about the  
fare. How is Aunt Emily & Emelia  
give my love <sup>to</sup> them. Poor Aunt  
Emily I know she must be so sad.  
I suppose Mark hasn't gone yet I  
hope he will not go, for they will  
be so lonely. Mr Simpson was gone



North after his goods, when the compa-  
nies left. He belongs to the H. Y. & he  
left this week to join his company  
in Richmond. I never saw any  
one so distressed as Cousin Sallie  
is my my life. She expects to go  
down next week herself to stay  
with Mr. Charles Simpson who  
lives in Richmond. Sallie I am  
very lonesome here & long for the  
time to come when I can get a  
good chance & come up to see you  
all. I am going to stay all the  
Summer when I do get there.  
How is Cousin Jennie & all the  
children give my love to them  
& kiss them for me. Ma, Sister & all  
the children join me in love to  
you all, kiss Uncle Charles &  
Aunt Martha for me. Tell Aunt  
Emily sister intends writing to

her soon. Ask Emelia whe she  
saw Grand Daddy Long legs? Tell  
her I saw him on the street the  
other day but was'nt near enough  
to speak to him. When did you  
see Mr Haley? Does he spout out  
as many big words as ever. Tell  
cousin Jennie to give my best respects  
to Mr Brandon when she writes.  
My love to Ben. Write some  
to your devoted cousin  
Nannie B. Anthony