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Friend[?] Mayo,

Henry is sitting out in the sun near the tent writing and I will add a word in reply to yours[.] I cannot tell you news for doubtless you have been kept posted as far as concerns us here, but I wish to thank you for writing me in person. I have much to be indebted for in the thoughtfulness of friends, for I have received 62 letters since arriving at this camp, and I assure you it is all duly appreciated. My thoughts often turn from these scenes of [?], to those quiet hours at home, and to the sabbaths in quiet Old Orange, and I trust we may soon witness more peaceful times, for I can see that the neare[r] we appro[a]ch to the scene of Conflict the more hidious [sic] and repulsive it is, and altho' I do not regret coming, I shall be glad to feel *our duty* done, and peace established on some permanent [sic] basis. It is a deep problem and nothing short of the wisest councils among men, and the favoring guidance of a good Prov[i]dence can deliver us all of which[?] I believe [sic] will finally [?]. Am glad to hear of the life at *S School*[.] remember me to them[.] tell them to figh[t] the good fight at home, while we do something here for the same great cause tho' in a different way for had this section, and that farther south been favored with the churches and Sunday schools of N England we should never have been called from our peaceful homes. It sounds pleasant of evenings to hear some of our familier [sic] [?] "Homeward bound" and other, sung here as we do[.] I trust the coming—yes the *present* Autumn[--]be pleasent [sic] and bountiful of *good things*, and may you have health to enjoy it all. It was very cold here last night, tho' the [sic] in the day time it is warm and lovely evenings. Remember me to your family each and all, and shall always be glad to hear from you. Very truly yours.

Jerome Peirce

PS Received a letter from my brother [?] last eve from *Suffolk, Va* where he is stationed in the Old Sixth Mass reg[.] a large force is collecting in the vicinity South of *Richmond* so I trust when we get ready to strike here it will find the rebels between two fires so that they will be finished next