

Gettysburg Pa  
August 23 1863

Mrs S. Cady

Dear Madam

I received  
yours of the 16 a few days since  
I would have written sooner but  
I had heard there was a diary of  
Rush at Zigler (the first house we  
stayed in) and I had sent up to  
bring it to me, they mistook it and  
it was not until last night I  
received it, I am very happy  
that it is recovered knowing and  
fully appreciating the interest it  
will have for yourself and family.  
I have thought of keeping it until  
I could go to Rome but I fear it  
would be too long and so send it  
at once. Captain Palmer was here  
and gave me Rush's picture and

a printed account of his funeral.

I was glad to see a recognition of his services as a Patriot Soldier in the military honors of his soldier's grave, when years roll on and this rebellion is a thing of the past there are many who will remember and cherish the memory of him who sacrificed all even his life for the benefit of his fellow men. Captain Palmer left here nearly two weeks since and is I believe now in Washington he was in good health and expected to remain here until he was ordered to the Invalid Corps.

I am not very much advanced yet, for some time after you left here I got on very well and at one time fired a day for my departure, when that day arrived I was not as well and since then I have not improved any. The doctors here say they do not under-

stand what is the matter with the leg and can only recommend  
patience, which is now nearly exhausted, I have  
determined to go on to New York and run the risk, to  
get good surgical treatment, if I do not improve in a  
short time. My cousin has left about a week since  
I am now alone, which contributes to depress my spirits,  
however I am keeping up my courage and hope to see  
my friends sometime.

I will keep Rust's Content until I can send  
it safely or bring it myself, My respect to Mr Cady,  
and hoping your trust in God will support you under your  
great sacrifice,  
I am your sincere friend  
L. J. Downing