



S. L. S.

Salem June 14<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Miss Cook:

Your packages for the  
Dancers boys were promptly delivered  
by Mr Shackley - Our space being  
limited we were obliged to open  
some of the bundles to repack  
them with our own here - We have  
written to our son (Capt A. J. Devery)  
so, when the articles are distributed  
the Dancers members of the S. L. S.  
will have their own goods -  
Every member has been provided  
with two pairs of excellent

English hose marked with his  
own initials by some of our young  
ladies. We were obliged to withhold  
the woolen sock which you sent -  
which I should <sup>have</sup> sent you had  
they not been begged from me  
for the "Guards" who are in a  
most destitute condition in Warhusten  
being <sup>very</sup> ragged and dirty - some of  
them not having had a change  
of under clothing since they left  
Salen - Some ladies had interested  
themselves to get up some articles  
and hearing we had some matters  
left from our boys - came to me  
entreaty <sup>to</sup> relieve the distress  
of the Co - I gave them some shirts  
& drawers wh. we had left - and

three woolen socks - The boxes  
were sent on Thursday afternoon  
in care of Mr Fowler who goes  
out to join the Locomotives.

We hear no particular news  
from the boys excepting their general  
good health and spirits -

We feel much gratified with  
the interest shown by your ladies  
in enabling us to carry out our  
plans so expeditiously -

Let us trust "our boys" however  
to that Providence which never  
fails to protect and establish  
the <sup>right</sup> and under His  
guardianship let us hope to welcome  
them all home again at the  
expiration of their three months.

If there should be any difficulty  
about the disposition which I  
have made of these socks I must  
beg you to let me know and we  
will replace them -

With respect &c.

C. S. Devereux.

Mrs H. Cook

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