

Washington July 27. 1863

Mrs. Henry Cook,  
South Danvers,  
Mass.

My Dear Friend,

I thank you for your expressions of sympathy in your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. They touched the hearts of myself and husband deeply. But I feel now that I must work harder and do more for the living than I have ever done, and to this end I go daily 6, 8, 10 or 12 miles to the distant camps, forts, and hospitals where a female is seldom seen, and furnish the sick and suffering boys with all such things as you good ladies are sending me from time to time. I wish I could do more.

The box from your place did not arrive until Monday and yesterday I commenced the distribution amongst the Mass. boys in Virginia. To some I gave a whole package with a request that they would write to the school acknowledging the receipt of it, and they must distribute among their comrades. In all this visits I carry a large amount of religious reading furnished me by the two great Tract Societies of New York and Boston, and I think a great good is accom-

plished as the soldiers crowd around me every where and beg  
for more.

I shall be please to receive your photograph in exchange for  
the enclosed. Glad to hear that your husband is convalescent,  
Mr. Fales joins in kind regards to both,

Yours truly

Mrs. J. T. Fales,

413 C. St.