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Hospital near Gettysburg Pa July 8.

Hon. A. Hoburns

Dear Sir:

I arrived here in the vicinity of Gettysburg soon after the battle which has been a very severe one indeed; our Maine troops have suffered very much many of our heroic men lay buried beneath the soil on the battle ground which drank their blood our men have done most gallantly. suffering intensely and indeed in some respects are ranked the "heroes" of the day. on the first day the 16th regiment suffered very much reducing the regiment to the number of a company a great many men taken prisoners. The loss of the 19th is over two hundred 32 killed 300 4th also very heavy 17th & 20th regiments each over a hundred & fifty. as all the regiments have moved it is impossible to get at a correct list of the wounded. men who were slightly wounded left on the battle field and jogged on foot to Westminster some twenty eight miles. there took the Cars for Baltimore. others are being continually moved

Squads of 150 are being sent off every day, a great deal of suffering exists here the men are in great want of care and attention. The army moving and expecting to have another engagement demands many more surgeons and nurses to go along than would have been otherwise if an engagement was not momentarily expected. None but convalescents were permitted to remain as attendants and not half enough of them. I shall spend some time here in caring for our Maine men. I have this day dress nearly a hundred wounds all Maine men some who have not had their bandages changed since they were first added some 4 or 5 days since I have been very much engaged laboring from early morn. until late at night. all of the corps hospitals are in the vicinity I am with 1st division 3d Corps hospital we have three regiments here represented. The 19th regiment which is in the second Corps is suffering much a great many deaths have occurred from wounds. I learn that it is not the design to keep these hospitals as corps hospitals but one general hospital will be established near the city mean time a great many of the wounds

will be removed to Baltimore and vicinity.
I shall see that our men are among the
number who are removed that they may
be better cared for, in a few days I shall leave
for Frederick or vicinity & render such
assistance to the wounded as may be required,
Our men bear the suffering from their wounds
with heroic fortitude.

As I have an opportunity of sending this
note to the city by one who is going up, and
as he is waiting it will preclude me from
writing at any further length at this time.

Respectfully Yours
B. B. Hayes

C. C. Hayes

July 16, 1863.

Sanitary matters at Gettysburg

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Letters from
C. C. Hayes.

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