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11 January 18.

Dear General Nelson:- I have your letter and am answering it before I go to the Bowdoin Free Club Concert to speak for the L. J. C. and other brethren members.

I don't think there is any use of taking the work we did up with Bill. I think as I look back on it we were too much glutted for work, and too little for publicity. I guess we'll have to let it go as it is. Those who were in the work know what our work was, I think the people in our State know too. John B. Nichols and "some fallen" like that could not see anything beyond Boston. Goodman U. S. R. knows what we did. How he will report it when he goes back to Governor's Island, I don't know.

I'll ask "Addie" (Thayer) if you say so. I was wondering about Row Spaulding who is President of Maine Medical Women's Soc. He was very much interested, and wrote Tom Foster (there's a good boy) a long letter, "principally questions" as Tom said, while we were there.

One man whom I was fully misjudged on the trip down, Wilfred H. Hennessey of Bangor ought to be there. When I sized him up

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on the train I sez to my self sez I "Jes grate
big fat stuff, wjer down along wv us?"

And when I saw him in action, I sez
sez I, "Gorry nifty! How I struck a
whirlwind?" I hid fir them a mighty
fool. fo around, and din sure would keep.
And hid be pleased as punch to have
you write and asked him. I dubbed him
my "Secretary". "Secretary to Major
Elliott" he signed. Lincey, proud as a
pea ~~cock~~ cock. I forgot pea hens don't have
no tales to spread. And he sure did a job
of getting down at the bottom of things while
he was there.

I'll write to "oddie" Sunday if I have a line
from you before then.

Din back in the Lancers, tho' so far I get obed
at 10.30 or eleven Steady 12.30 or 1.00. But
din been driving a job, and din had three babies
since I got back, and only cost one of those
three that ought to have come when I
was awa.

Wiv got about 60 men mustered or ready
to muster; expect 10 from Sirbon Falls to-
morrow afternoon Luv. oc' Dok Elyat