

From Edward Fitch to Dear Parents

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Dear Parents[.]

"The War that for a space did fail etc" Scott, The Battle's fought the Victory's won. 'I still live' D. Webster. Peace, Peace! and it was Peace.

We have gained the victory without a battle. The mail starts again tomorrow morning and I have just been discharged from service in the Army this P.M. after standing the siege that we have for two weeks. It cannot be expected that I could write much until I get some rest so I must leave details for next time; suffice it to say we have gained a complete victory without bloodshed. The Gov[.] has come round on to our side and all is right. I would not go through what I have gone through for the last fortnight for considerable.

Wait until I am rested and I will give you particulars. The murdered Soldier will be buried with military honours on Sunday next. I have sold my drum which I gave six dollars for for ten and I got the money today. More anon.

Edward P.

Thank God that we are spared. For if the Lord had not been on our side. May Kansas now say the 124 psalm.

P.S. Mr Legate who perhaps you will remember as the man who taught the centre school when Appleton taught at Lumbre St. is here.

He arrived from Miss. where he has been teaching ever since. He left Hopkinton last week. He says that Appleton will not make out very well the first one or two terms for he will not know their fasions and ways. He has been teaching about 130 miles about Natches. He says they are so different from New Englanders that Appleton, he is afraid, will not do well. I am going to have him write to Appleton as soon as I know how to send to him.

The way I know anything of this is Whitteman wrote a letter that I read a week ago to day in which he said that A. was going to teach a High School in Natches, Miss[.]