

gave my
March 18th
in all of it and
it well.
and remarks
were generally
to all my
my friends

Leopold, Feb 15th, 1864

My Dearest Sister

It has been a long long time since I
heard from home in it - you told me of B. being sick
but I hope before this time he is entirely well, I got
a letter from Ma last Thursday saying that brother
leg had to be at last amputated the Dr said the nerve
would not join and the bone had become diseased and
if he had not of amputated it - it would of swung
about in his way O I am so sorry poor Ma said
she had suffered so much mentally that she had
had one of her nervous fits. I do wish she could
have some help I am so afraid she will never get
over the fatigue she now has to undergo for it must be
great but she said she hoped he would get well a great
deal faster, the Dr administered chloroform and she said
he had not gotten over it yet when she wrote it gave
him severe spasms poor fellow this dreadful act was
done last Saturday I hope by the next time I hear from
the brother will be a great deal better. But my dear sister
before I go any further I must ask you to excuse the
many mistakes which must necessarily be in ^{the} ^{little} I am
writing in the schoolroom and the girls are talking
all around me. I must tell you something about my
school I am perfectly satisfied with my school now we
have quite a nice time, last Friday night we had
a sociable at the termination of the five months
session she intends to choose one at the close of
every month several girls were invited and two or
three by cadets Mrs B had every thing fixed so nicely
I will tell you what we wore, I wore my satin
smock and my lace collar and cuffs were made me

