

“Sunny Side” Roanoke Island, N.C.
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There is no place like Roanoke. It is the Eden of North Carolina. The dear Lord Jesus comes and wraps the teachers and taught in his great, great love, and the music of heaven rings in these tall pines. Pray for the people of this Island. I shall not be satisfied so long as there is *one* that has not a song of praise in the mouth for my Savior. And I expect that the high walls of sin will fall when the sound is heard above the trees. Hearts are being broken here. Lieut. Luther and another soldier-boy, have just been in to tell us of their great victory, which they obtained after leaving Prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

Several of the soldiers at Head Quarters signed the pledge; and asking Jesus to help them, firmly took their oath that they would not drink intoxicating drinks or smoke, from this time forth and forever. It is wonderful to see what the Lord is doing on this Island. I can do nothing but praise Him. But I must stop, although my heart is so full.

Misses James and Roper are well; so is Mr. Nickerson and wife. We are all in school.

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