thinks that men would volunteer so
much faster when they could see the end of their term of service always before
them; and depending on their own valor
for as soon as they succeeded in taking
the city, the term of their service would expire.

If I were not in the army, nothing would
suit me better than to engage in such an enterprise. I suppose the draft has taken
place before this, and I should like to
know which of his nephews Uncle Dan has
honored with a position in his glorious
Army. Thanking my lucky star there is
no danger of it being me. I hope you
have had a good time Christmas and
New Year’s. I have heard that it was very
cold there. It was the same here. The
thermometer shrank to 20 degrees below zero
on the morning of the first of January, and it
has been rather cold ever since until
within a day or two. It is a little warmer
now. I do not anticipate a great deal more
cold weather this winter. We are to far
south for it. Last I have been having
the neuralgia in my face with a rather
extensive swelling in my head. At every
touch, it would break out at once. How
your Brother C. D. D.?