

Brownson, J. J., March 16/54

Mrs. Owens, of '56,  
As I have been very much  
interested in your letter in the notice of  
concluded to write to you and see if I could  
find out if the Miss Bell you allude to  
lived in Nashville I was in the winter  
of 1847-1848 I was taken to that Nashville  
from the fight in front of Nashville the  
Nurses name was Bell her given name  
was Mary I believe she was a single lady  
I would love to know her address so I  
would write to her as I believe it only  
was thought her name and attention that I  
am alive to day. I was only a boy  
of 16 years entirely amongst strangers  
many a day when I would get gloomy  
(or home sick as it was called) she would  
direct my attention to some thing else till  
finally I felt as much. At home there as if  
I had have been with my friends  
of the army Nurses were all like this one  
the certainly are entitled to more than ordinary  
respect from the men that were band for by  
them so also should be punished for life  
for the certainly risked their health as much  
as the man that was at the front  
Your friend  
Address Mrs. Brownson to J. J. Brownson Portland  
Box B 11 and not leave