The Place a very handsome one - it very pleasantly located on the Mississippi River - I expect find it quite consome - then being no young office here with my Maj. Boll has been very kind to me -

I inclose herewith a letter from Farrall, which I should have done previous to leaving - but as it came only the day or two previous to the sad news which summons me long I neglected -

I hope to hear from you often - though I will not have the pleasure of seeing you as I had anticipated, while I bid you give my love to Mrs. H. also to the two little girls Grace - I hope they have not forgotten me. Remember to write Prof. health ox a. My blessings on you all for my love - most truly. Moll [illegible]

My dear Friend:

I will not fill this page with gloomy sayings, nor portray a dark future for myself, sudden as has been my heart, since last I met you, in the full enjoyment of the blessings of this life, it saddened by pleasant anticipation of the future. I will only mention with a grateful spirit, that the heaviest of afflictions has fallen upon me, my dear Brother -

The loss of a devoted, loving, Christian Father, can only be fully appreciated, by those, whose lot is has been, to realize the same misfortune - in easter days, our
Sweeter Mother was called to her long home, away from the sorrows & sin of this world, below, to a Heaven beyond the Skies—Bow— at a later day, our dear Father has been taken. That noble deed in the full triumphs of a saving faith, is such consolation as if offset by a happy reunion a hope. Redemption such as would vie us, wife away the sea of sorrow; But we would not forget their true names, nor cease to cherish the warmest love & affection for their holy characters. We would not be the less if their kind remembrances, nor forget their tender watchings over us, all through our lives. He would listen to their gentle calling, offer war to their wise counsels. But can we, can we feel otherwise than sad though? We would cheerfully say—‘all is well, All that Thou doest is for our good.’ But we hear not the true morning Salutation, nor receive the happy ‘good-night.’ ‘The Lord bless you,’ as we leave the family room to sink next for our weary bodies.

At morn, the eye is dimmed with tears—At night, no joyful laugh betakes the gladness of our hearts. But we will not murmur, for we do have a hope in Christ. We know that our Redeemer liveth, that our dear Parents, in happy rest, are here in Heaven.

You may have noticed my transfer to this station. Having been put out a little time, I cannot say how I will be pleased. I find the
Mr. President, Office September 28th,

My dear Sir: Your note of the 12th day received. The article which you enclosed was not altogether declined, but I had other business to press of matter which we had no need regarding more immediately. On looking it over again, I find it to have more exclusively local interest on the Western Coast than I supposed. I as few of my papers reach there, I conclude to return it to you with our thanks for your kindness in forwarding it.

Looking upon the interest in the cause of religion especially by the Army which your letters express, I take the liberty of saying to you, that in a few days hence a communication from a correspondent at the South stating that we have a circle with which he was connected there had been a discussion of the influence of a military education upon the religious character. Making inquiry whether any unusual had occurred at any of our Military Academies, or whether any of the graduates of the institutions had entered the religious Ministry. I found that while the present excellent Bishop McElraine of Ohio was Chaplain and not so there was some very special religious interest among the cadets I deemed helpful concerning...
I have too that Rev. Mr. A. E. W. of the Academy's, is now a mission to convert the Indians, but I had not the means of giving specific information. If it is in your power to gather any facts of such interest in connection with Bishop McLaughlin, or any other connection which would interest those connected with the army, as well as all others who love the cause of Christ, I should be obliged to you if you would communicate them to me for publication, if consistent with your views.

I am, respectfully yours,

[Handwritten signature]

E. H. Prime

Ed. Mt. Arena

I have prepared a short editorial article giving the substance of the letter from your friend in the Pacific Christian Advocate to reading an extract from this letter which will be in the next Arena.
My dear Brother,

Charles must wait his turn. His letter came last I will write him next.

I preached here to-morrow & return to Bangor Monday. I was away Thur. Mo. 7 hours on a visit to Brother Keelwel. My audience here was small last Sabbath but the notice was imperfect. The hall will be full to-morrow. I may the Lord help me to declare his Truth with faithfulness. I am going around among the people to-morrow but I don’t want them to feel their hearts upon me at Providence seems to favor me coming here. This is one of the beautiful & picturesque villages I can saw to the terminus of the R.R. & a very thriving place.
We have a little church here who are very poor generally but good. I have a nice boarding place at Ton, Sea, Ely, Judge Belle, etc. is by no means to formidable a man as his little moish indicati, being a little good natured unoffensive lawyer. The family are all fine. I found Ella at home & in better health than lease. Albert had just returned from Sea. He had a terrible passage from Tampa to Philadelphia. He starts for his trip at 12 again Monday. He is a stout, stern looking fellow but has very affectionate tender feeling. He made since the last voyage 18. She is near 1½ more of the "Nineteen Square." Lizzie is still in Portland at the U. S. Hotel lying to be tortured with rheumatic by Dr. Griffin. Ella is going Monday to stay a week with  


her. She has been alone for some time. I found Mother at Lena River. She is not very well this Winter. They expect to get home next week. Her is no hopes to obtain the girl from N.F. Who was with Mrs. Sayers last Summer. Mrs. Witten has Henry I. Hattem are as usual Amos, Elizina us ever & Laura as kind & thoughtful. Mother enjoyed her visit to Bath & Bennawich very much. Vaughan is quite feeble. I drove him out to Augusta & back. He is willing to listen & to talk about his fear of a future state. But cannot bear his indifference in view of the truth. Let us pray for the Spirit. That alone can show him the need of Christ. I said all I could. He seems to hope that there is no hell. Mrs. Lindsayfield is
Very attentive to Agent- Eliza will Grant be an appointee of the letter to some Wests will.

Arizona: 2 or the troops are concentrating there he hopes to make money. We think of leaving Nome for good. At Bath I gave a lecture for Mr. Fisher and New York circle 2 at 8. I enjoyed one of our well prepared meetings in that old place. I wish that John and I have complained with your letter.

You are certainly under obligation to your family to demand the good security. I think he needs better sell his farm, if it is sufficient. Take care in how to cross the - it would be better if you were in the Falcon but for her good health. Perhaps I do wish poor Laura could be left to reside at the enjoyment of her own.
Simple pleasures 2 presents =

Bunyip - Nov. 20

...have not seen an opportunity...I now to finish my letter.

...returned Mon. night...enjoyed unusual liberty...

...Sunday afternoon & there is

...manifest a tender, prayerful spirit in the little Church...

...see revolver...I have been ministering affection.

...letters have just been

...renewed & once more for you kindly.

...Mabel is sick...he wishes

...me to preach for them some...

...may when my present

...engagements are closed...

...have already preached there...Firs - Intimations

...have been given me that they...would like to have me in

...Bremer - but nothing official...

...would be pleasant to be...

...to wear Bunyip or Clancy...
The letter begins with a greeting, expressing hope. The writer mentions a trip to Maine and seems to be mentioning a place called "Lincoln Neck," referring to Sabbath visiting and going to Ten Mile Islands Falls by change. The writer also refers to spending three Sabbaths at Great Head at St. Stephen's N.B. The letter discusses the writer's plans and the writer's interest in hearing about the writer's experiences, meetings, and the progress of the work. The letter ends with a note about the day of judgment and remembering all and never forgetting. There is a mention of a question regarding a person named Oliver and an experience at West Point.
You to resign? Charles thinks it is if he would stay like you for a while. It would be a great comfort for Mother to have him here, but his new highest good is to be consulted first. Of course — Tel e Gary that lad. Wilmont is very sorry to hear that he was sick. He wishes like to see those “tools” he hears so much about. Give him a kick with them if he would be willing to come and live a while with Uncle N. T. Mumie Ella by the way — Rev Dr. Tappan & Mr. Webb inquire particularly for you when I was at Augusta — Mrs. Blaine has her third child a few days old. Cousin Lydia is still quite unwell. They are to move to Milton 12 miles above as soon as she is able. The A.R.R. is more embarrassed.
Dear Sir: The Bath Movement has aroused the Portland people, and the present management is bankrupt, and the "Carpenters" unpaid.

May love help with the hands of the Boundless Love. May Father get nothing.

Give my best love to the ladies of the family. Miss Lizzie and Grace and you & Charles. May take all that left.

Your loving brother

P.S. Direct to Murray as usual. Chris Chapmato.

Law King is teaching at Kennedy's Mills. Assistant in a boarding school. I saw Dellie at Bruce. He looks pretty thin & pale but said he was well.
Manchester, Mass.
March 24, 1860

Dear Friend Howard,

Your most excellent letter reached me yesterday. Your kindness is apparent in every line, and I know you will be glad to hear that my health is so much restored that I will apply for orders to join my company the 1st of next month when I intend returning. If so, and if possible I shall spend the following Sabbath at West Point, being most

Yours, etc.

[Signature]
I fear not for time when he can see the hand that dealt the blow. You know my ideas of using life and nothing now keeps me where I am but a sense of indebtedness to the government, although my heart shinks from the prospect before me.

My health, promotion and all seem to say you are out of the path of duty; yet I am unwilling to leave with my health impaired and will go to my company and do my best. One must remember me to Mrs. Ross and Clara with an expression of my love and esteem.

You shall see me & then we will commune as of old.
Clifton Springs,
Ontario Co. No. 4.
March 27th 1860.

My dear Friend:

Without apology or circum-
cision I proceed to open the way for a com-
poundence which I fully believe may, like
God's assistance, prove mutually benefi-
cial in strengthening us in running the race
that is set before us. You have for some
years been fighting under the banner of the Lord's
army and are now in the midst of the enemy's
camp. There your home has to combat tri-
umphly, and perhaps still more. You have
stood up for Israel among the hosts and the
kingdoms have endured against it, rejoice
that you have this day to labor effectively
in the Lord's vineyard.

Sincere kind regards to your wife and believe
me your sincere friend -
O. A. Clark.
labor at West Point, and of their then efficient and fruitful life. I have often wondered about you, and the glorious cause in which you are engaged, with your wife, and the high interest you take in your welfare, and often expressed a desire to have had your footsteps. There are so many fine officers of the Army, who labor openly for the Christian cause, that the truths they need the special interest of our friends in Christ to sustain and encourage them in the good work. She has read of Vicars, Hammond, Young, in the English Service, and the knowledge of the eminent party a long time. If you have convinced them that there are really no intractable obstacles in the profession of duty to a truly Christian life, and have encouraged them to hope that some of our men may, with bright and shining lights, be encouraged in the Christian cause.

You know I was anxious to be placed on duty at the Naval Academy at the time I went there. I have had occasion to thank God since, that I was not, for besides the problems of my health, which I have always found, would not have permitted me to follow that kind of life. I was placed in a column of duty surrounded by influences of such a nature that I was rapidly brought to closer contemplation of the Divine Father and Saviour, and to feel a deeper love for my Redeemer, and a stronger desire to lay hold of His precious promises, and make my calling and election sure. I had already been confirmed in the Episcopalian Church, and eager to be of young men in the Sunday School of my Church; and very soon became very much interested in their welfare, spiritual prospects. We had a large and intelligent Bible Class in our Church also, and I became an active member of it, and devoted much time to the study of the Scriptures, and I think much time to the study of the Scriptures, in the spring of last year my health was so poor that I was induced to try the Water Cure treat.
Portland, March 30, 1860

Lt. O. W. Howard

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 24th enclosing coupons for interest on Rail Road Bonds, is receiv'd, I will attend to collecting and forward the amount also dividend on Bank stock all of which will be due next week - shall then also get certificate of four Shares Bank Stock.

I am aware that Rail Road Stock give more interest at present than Bonds - but Shares are precarious & may fail - while the Bonds in a few years will be worth five times Value -

On the subject of Religion there is no new interest with us but good attention is still manifested on the subject.
we are all enjoying comfortable health — Sue & her husband are with us. All join in sending much love to yourself & family.

Your affectionate,

[Signature: E. Watts]

4th
Mar. 31st

Dear Howard,

Your kind letter was received some time ago, and one thing and another has caused me to put off answering it until the present time. We are all quite well, and send our love to you, and yours. Little Annie is getting to be quite a large girl now, and the little Eula is progressing quite rapidly. I have not written to Aunt Roberts for the Board of Directors have not given me any specific directions to write, and I am waiting to hear from them. The two vacant chairs of which I spoke, have been filled, but
next October in all probability we shall want another to fill the chair of Engineering, and for this seat Roberts is most unreasonably fitted, having filled such a place as an Engineer officer in the U.S. service for three years. I like my post very well, though as Commandant I have rather more to do than most, and some of the discipline is unpleasant at times. Everything for the last two months has gone on quite smoothly, and I hope and believe we are succeeding to raise the moral tone of the Corps much higher than it usually is even in Military Institutions, and therefore we hope we shall have little difficulty in the future. But as the Maj. (Maj. Hill) says, 

are the most uncertain things in the world, and there is no telling how long we may remain successful. Give our love to Mrs. D. & children. Charlotte is quite pleasantly situated, though the want of a stream of any size near at hand seems like a defect in the original selection of the site. We have now about 130 Cadets, of whom 105 are boarders in the Institute, the rest day scholars. All are subject to Military discipline. Excuse me as to your parade time.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Bell
My dear friend,

I write in the course of these weeks to send you two capital articles by Dr. V. in the "Lag. Ministry of the Word." They will I am sure please lervice your heart. Meanwhile he affairs in the end 2, in the power of His might—God bless you, Mrs. Howard, and the dear children. So all I send love from attached from Blanche Bernard.
with, concerning any work of this nature. I have not yet procured a copy of Orser's Drunkards in Society, but I will try to send her to do so. If you have time, will you write me a little about Nancy's death? Dear Child! It was a sad and sudden piece of intelligence to me. If, as I finally think, she felt acutely in Jesus, it will be no longer sad. Was she able to speak with you? And did she give any evidence of love to the Saviour? She was a dear attentive child in her class and perhaps, having a retiring reserved disposition may have had a deeper sense of Jesus than we know of. Will you express to Mrs. Rose my sympathy and tell her I earnestly pray that God may bless and sanctify this affliction to her and spiritual good. — Have you been to Spy. and seen Mr. Gunness? I often think...