Addresses to two Companies leaving Red Point in 1858
My Friends,

You are to leave us on the morrow. Your arms & accoutrements are in order. All the implements necessary for effecting service are well packed for transportation. You are well acclimated in the duty of the Engineer Sol'diers, and everything for comfort, convenience and ease is arranged for the westward march. Many hours are passed with expectancy & some joying at the change for very many miles at the foot of Mount Point de Forest. O few they have many mists & fogs. There may be new friends to part with, and many a strong tie to sever. The wheel of Providence keeps rolling around while some are at the top of the wheel others are dragged in the dross. While some claim for gladness, others are bowed down in sorrow. While some cars turn with a pleasant exhilaration others are striving with disappointment or overcome with gloom.

Still, the general current is sparkling: your countenances are animated. New scenes, new pleasures, new associations are dear to you. I have marked many faces on the station. And many have met with me on a Friday evening and on Sundays for the purpose of studying the word of God. With what solemnity I have found a degree resembling Jerusalem & Solomon’s like deportment. That I live.

I arrived to see a greater number at the Bible class, but I think not. number, for action is always misrepresented.
Such places - he always will help the worldly-minded to question the motives and the objects of those who go. He often puts in into the hearts of his jailer colonics to ridicule those who desire a desire to go. And all this for a good & substantial reason, he desires like to have his friends entirely the Bible or go to the house of prayer. I am really sorry for any who have yielded to the influence of this insidious spirit whether in the form of ridicule, malicious insinuators, otherwise. I am sorry on my own account, for I have deprived one of the privilege of having personal intercourse on my own account, for I have took the privilege of having a personal intercourse, when I was with all of which my former life there can be it is doing for the Lord. It has prevented me from communicating what I have often asserted that I have a deep interest in your salvation. Now you are going away. You are going into the field, from a life of comparative ease and you are to become one of activity, one fraught with danger. Instead of the droll you took up the long and many marches, instead of the snug little log you will gather round the camp fire. Instead of the comfortable bunk you will take the ground. You will soon be exposed to new temptations to vice and indulgences. You will encounter the peculiar practices of reckless character, who think little of human life, less of eternity and of God. Wherever you go, these men and their fellows in this place. You will find men who have from the liquid fire & call in many a time. Men who are feeding on communication and unrestrained in in passion. With each you will be in daily contact.
Undoubtedly you set forth with undaunted hearts ready to meet any danger and to overcome any obstacle - let me not try to dampen your courage or lessen the pleasant excitement due to change. But it is well to reconcile well to understand well the position of our enemy as well as to observe our own ground. It is not at all probable that all will return with the same buoyancy of freshness of spirit - that there will be no pain or sorrow, no sickness, no death among you. Some may die along many a deathful mile with nothing to eat or drink - another may be taken ill on the march and be consigned to the tender mercies of the baggage wagon, another may suffer for weeks with bruised or broken limbs, and it is not impossible that many may be engaged in a sharp conflict with the enemy, and many of their life-blood on the battle field.

My friends, are you prepared for whatever may befall you? With your armor buckled on, health in your cheeks, strength in your limbs - are you wholly ready for life or for death.

There is something you need, something that of fear too many of you have made too careful to get - it is indispensable and especially so for you. It is the Armor of God. Therefore take unto you the whole Armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand; stand therefore having your Loins girded about with Truth.
And leaving on the breastplate of righteousness and your feetshod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Above all, taking the shield of faith, whereby ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, and take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

This is the armor, the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit.

But say you it is idle to talk of preserving this armor in our might. Can we become Christians and be invested with this garment so soon before the morrow? I answer it cometh not from man but from God. Believe only believe. Rejoice, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Would you limit the mercy of the grace of God to times and seasons? The storm raged on the sea of Galilee. The disciples of our Lord were in terror and called unto him and said, Master, carest thou not that we perish? He arose and rebuked the wind and said unto the sea peace, be still. And the wind ceased. There was a great calm. Thy heart is there a storm in thy heart? In Satan, through your wicked inclinations? The wicked inclination contending against you, your better inclinations preparing to bring you into the bondage of sin. Make your feetshod with the truth. Then cry out, Master, deliver me only what I pursue.
He will rebuke the lion, He will lay peace, be still. O, be Christ just as you are This night all support of your.Crown as you, one, go to Him. He will go your shoes with his truth. He will protect you with His shield of faith and crown you with salvation. My friends, be wise with an ear of smaragd conscience dignity, you hold up your heads among your fellows. Would you be truly superior? Would you be a model company? Then be a Christian company. Be above all that is mean and low. Set your standard high. 

You, look to the Great Example, Guide. To Christ. 

Would you measure to the average time leverage? Then know that God gives to the faint and to them that know he might be increased strength. Be strong; fear not. Behold your Lord will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense. In will come and save you. If you are the followers of Christ, he built: Not given your the Spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

But all these are not the motives with which to take the Reckoner. Here are only immortal words. Doth not have you not records like other men? Do we not need salvation? Are you not under hand that God is bound to us to give his only begotten Son to die that we might live? Stick then.
The above foregoes.

Not to please the fancy or the action, but to gain advantage in the world or position in the church, but seek Him who loves you for yourself and for Himself. Should a man regard thee as an eye by showing you how you will lose by becoming a follower of Christ, tell him plainly that you will lose nothing, but you will gain all things, even light instead of darkness, truth instead of falsehood, strength instead of weakness, courage instead of cowardice, yes eternal life instead of eternal death.

You are to learn no. We shall make your home more in this house for many days — but you are not going where there is no lawgiver, even in the desert, if one of you were alone and in misery, he would seek comfort of some one, if you were not willing to ask his companionship. Whenever you go he is ever near. He is waiting and gracious and tender in mercy — listen to the tribute of asoldier to an officer who was killed in the Crimea: "When I opened the paper it made the tears come into my eyes, for I knew that my beloved friend had left this world. I am gone to sleep in Jesus, I wish I had been by his side and seen him fall asleep, but I know that he is in a greater glory than is to be had in this world. When I think of him I weep away."
I little did I think it was the last. But the race is
alas for glory. I was always living in hopes
of dying that belonged, respected Captain, hono-""
The distant andF安全事故 the nearer.

And say: if it had been the will of Providence that
I should have water, it would have been here all
my life. A generation of the people has turned to
water waiting for another to try the water, & if it was
good—No man doubted the cry, “This is water,”
and each fell under the fountain.

Now is not Abraham’s fountain of living water—a
very well spring of water making up who everlasting
life. If ye are thirsty, can ye not go straight to
the fountain & drink? Listen to the precious
words of your Saviour: “Blessed are they which do
thirst and thirst after righteousness for they
shall be filled.” If any man thirst let him come
unto me and drink.

But though our Lord is ever present, our wills are
ready to bend up a broken heart—though he will answer
those that call upon him; & bless them that seek him
with the whole heart. Still it is well to seek
sympathy—to comfort one another; to talk often one
to another; to bear each other’s burdens in the Lord.

So 1st find time of your that love the Lord, will
continue as opportunity offers to talk along the
many veins of Christ—That you will get together
on the Sabbath and read the Word of God—That
you will pray together that the words of your mouth
and the meditation of your heart may be acceptable
in the sight of God. Amen you will be along
Find to the true strength of your Redeemer. I persuade you
the great majority of you will be misled by some books
which mislead the monuments of faith on the earth. Now
let it be the Bible or the New Testament. You will find that
in this book there will answer every want & meet every
contingency. It will assist you to lift up your hearts
from the contamination of worldly men. It will
assist you to yield up your souls to Christ. It
will tell you how abundant & manifold are his
blessings. How real his mercy, how great his love,
and also how very simple is the way of
salvation. Oh, Reader! If this is an indifferent
truth, that of a man choses Satan & the
pleasure of sin for a season; rather than
Cherish & his Canaan, it is truth, that he will find
little pleasure in a book that his Heavenly Father
has sent him. He doesn't like to see his own
deformity. He doesn't love words like these, “For
what shall it profit a man if he gains the
whole world and loses his own soul” on them.
Moreover, shall he ashamed of me & of my words,
in this adulterous & sinful generation; if he also
shall the son of man be ashamed, when he comes
in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”
He comes to be at alone, to say the delusive fancies
of some relief may off in the distant future. He
comes to hear his fables on his own theories. He loves
the illusions & the forsaken. Show him a Christian
and he will tell you a thousand faults in him.
Show him a drunkard and he will excuse him - and tell you what a good fellow he is. Christians are no better. He denies him and is determined not to believe in him; unless he has formed some image of what his own heart is dressed in in a fashion to defy his own despair. If he should be made to read the Bible? And yet, even this man is not beyond hope. Our Lord has given himself for him. Paid atonement for his transgressions. He calls unto him, "Thou child! Come Why wilt thou die? If he will repent, the Bible will become his delight. He will have a new understanding, a new appreciation of its truth. Do not forget, do not forget words that you have heard in the house of prayer. Treasure up its truth in your heart as a treasure. You will need it all - this not burn that a man may not be a Christian and a soldier. Be consistent of God. He has placed us here in this service. Let us fill our position in good faith.

During the March days will have ample opportunities for meditation and prayer. During your tours of guard duty, you will be often alone for hours. There in the silent stillness, think of Him who is always on the watch. Upon whom the universe reposes and who condescends to guard this humble creature of the earth. As your eyes crooked around you in the quietude of the night season, think of the sleep that appoints this. The sleep that...
Prayers in walking. As you turn to the sparkling
promenade, let your mind expand take in
a wider conception of the Creation and the
thought of the Omnipotency. Now turn within to your little
self. Note your limited vision, your imperfect
faculties, your corrupt appetites. Your uncontrollable
aims and passions. Will I be always true, a spot,
the blemish in this fair Creation of God? It may
very be. For there is need for the cleansing. There
have been "good tidings" of great joy. Can it be that you
are you - those eyes that were fed in the heart -
Christ, your Redeemer is close at hand. He is ready to
willing to pour the fulness of His Spirit upon
you.

Let me speak unto you as one who I may never
see again. I wish to say which are all dear real
from our earliest boyhood. This is this. In a few
short years back the fortress, we all must die, our
bodies lie porn in the silent grave; and our spirits
go forth into the world of spirits. If we must
not here, we will meet them - we will all
appear at the judgment seat of Christ. Now let me
tell you how I would like to help you, this little
companionship. It is this, to pray and to languish. With
hearts filled with grateful emotions, in such a condition
that you could raise your eyes and look upon your
surroundings, and be his face, for them this news would
be in your foreheads.

May the God of Peace come go with you and guard
upon you from every danger. May the balm of his long suffering be restoration. May he give you in abundance of the milk gifts of his mercy. And grant you the power of seeing & remaining true soldiers of the cross. Grant you to feel that though Man may trouble & distress me, it will only drive me to thy breast. Life with trials how may press me. Heaven will bring me sweetest rest.

Plead my cause from this hour to make clear your passion. Oh how glad you will then be at the hour of death. And in the day of judgement, Plead to set me with all prayer & supplication of spirit.

Plead to be diligent in every command. To regret thank forgiveness of our Lord day by day.
a few short months ago you will remember I addressed the Engineer Company on the eve of their departure for Utah. And in looking over my notes I find there words: "Undoubtedly you set forth with
ante-eplide hearts ready to meet any danger and to
overcome any obstacle. Let me not try to dampen
your courage or lessen the pleasant excitement
due to change. But it is wise to reconcile well;
to understand well the position of our enemy as well
as to observe our own ground. It is not all probable that
all will return with the same bravery and freshness
of spirit that there will be no pain, no sorrow, no
disease, no death among you. Some may along
along many a desolate mile with nothing to eat or
drink. Another many be taken ill in the March it
be consigned to the tender mercies of baggage wagons.
Ye and when the question was asked are you
prepared for life whatever may befall you? With
your arms equipped as health your clothes & shoes
in your hands are you wholly ready for life
and for death?" Already the news has reached
us that one of those who were listening to these
words, and who bore the insignia of health &
youthful vigor now lies there in rest. Sicken
don the March and find to be left behind. When
after great distance from the Mountain June.
He was privileged with health & strength his
Last in the hospital of a strange company.
No comforts, care far away, and strangers guide
him to the last tribute of respect as at their
company ground. They were obliged to convey
him to a coffeeless grave.
This young man’s death has lessons for us;
and importantly ones too. It turns us to the
Solomon questions that were put to him before
his departure. “Are you prepared for whatever
may befall you? Are you wholly ready for
life and for death?” As I conceive the whole
question to be entwined in a proper preparation for
death— I will make this the theme of a few reflections.
What constitutes a proper preparation for death?
Before setting forth on this expedition the Engineer
Company made themselves ready; good, fitting
implements for service, organs, arms, were
collected and put in order—all necessary things
were taken and all superfluous things were
rejected lest they should be encumbrances.
Now what food and clothing do we want for the
journey of life? That odor so sweet into the valley
and shadow of death! What food shall we take
with us? When answer the question in the
words of our Savior: “In my Father’s house are
the true bread from Heaven. For the bread of God
is he which cometh down from Heaven and
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Giveth life unto the world. Jesus interpreteth this language thus. I am the Bread of Life: He that cometh to me shall never hunger; again he saith I am that Bread of Life. This is that Bread that cometh down from heaven that a man may eat thereof and not die – I am the living Bread which came down from heaven. Of any man eat of this Bread he shall live forever. Afterwards he changes the figure and says Whoso eateth My flesh and drinketh My Blood hath eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed and My Blood is drink indeed.

As Blood is the Staff of the natural life, so the Son of God is the Staff of the Spiritual. You will notice that the whole Spiritual world is indicated to the mind by figure – the things that are unseen are made evident to us by these things that are seen and made. The unregenerate soul is destitute of the love of God and actually has no faith in his promises and this state is very ugly – representative by the ugly unloved thing. Christ receives the penitent sinner, forgives him, and breathes new life. This Spirit, into his soul, the Spirit of Hungry craving. How this it is filled. Why does your neighbor work so

well to get money after he is already rich? This soul is hungry. It's hungry. It's hungry. It's hungry. He spends too many foolish things. Why doesn't he spend the money to feed his soul? Why doesn't he give the poor man and give so many to feed them? Why does he not look charitable and distribute sunshine all around him? He does not. His soul is hungry. And he has been mean with it and fed it on thorns.
Why is man as man so matter-of-fact? Why does he look at you so coldly and answer your hearty salutation so gruffly. The soul is an hungered man. Why does the person take so much pleasure in telling the faults and showing the dark side of any person you may chance to speak well of? The soul needs bread.

It is putting an insatiable mouth to work. Why is it that intelligent men of our acquaintance tell so many falsehoods, lies so many deceitful stories and hold out to so many foolish notions? He is afraid of deceiving himself. He is content with their mistakes. Hunger is gnawing at his heart. How can he avoid help for joy, if he cannot feel as he does all Europe or at least a part of it is living in ignorance instead of the true light of Life. Oh! What a poor, pitiful fellow creature is such a man can we not persuade him to accept just one word for soul wants.

Look around you. What are men doing? They are running after wealth. They are seeking pleasure. All the prizes have their critics. Seventeen steps climb, and seventeen attempts, hundreds go on, till upon this—seventeen steps grumble every vestige of garlands, kindness, care of the soul, and makes men delight. May glory in their own shame and in the number of their dear friends they can bring to the same shame of degradation.
and yet New-England is far for a companion, who will drink with you, New-Porterable is in the joints the bottle to his neighbour's. Effectively envy and jealousy and backbitings - which community is for from these perpetual woes. Rich & poor, high & low, all are very subject to them. Can you experience in another good fortune? Can you be another one, while you are lonely? Can you lose your health standing & be foregoing, enervating? Can you charitable another and thus mismanage and overlook a fool? Can you restrain the longer from tate-bearing and leave a wholesome impression on the hearer's mind of him you hear commended?

If we pass beyond the lesser views that are like footer amongst us. How many are committing crimes - murder, theft, robbery, adultery and all manner of wickedness come to our ears from the public press.

What does all this mean? Simply that the soul is unsatisfied, unfilled - and it yearns for grazing at & carping for everything in creation that it needs. It wants bread & meat and it is fed on frets, sorrow, ground. Oh! the friends for the journey of life let us take care for our entertainments for their life that begins here and never, never ends, let us name that breed that cometh down from Heaven, even Jesus our Saviour.

It is astonishing how many arguments, pretensions, forms, issues, and other falsehoods are piled up...
on the intelligent happy men. It is wonderful how
they drink them in; and with what labor, life,
and sternness they try to establish themselves
in them. But it is all because their souls are
vanishing, and Satan persuades them to take
up with anything rather than Christ.
Oh! my friends, I beseech you to look well to this
matter. Ours will not only your temporal
good which will sustain and strengthen the body
for the duties of this life, but also will
well the first upon which you nourish your
immortal soul.
The clothing. Let it be righteousness and holiness
be a bright man and a complete man. After
we have come to Jesus and accepted him, our work
is not ended, but just begun. God's work is not ended,
but begun. He may have been covered with garments,
but such were gaudy, shabby, or ragged. He
may have been ruin in our conceits and just according to
an imperfect law. We may have formed habits of mind
there was no recognition of God and his demands
We laid down our theories, made our moral plans, formed
ourselves, it may be, that one were not as other men.
Self-centered into our morning planning calculations and
selfishness appeared from every point of our character.
Our highest enjoyment rested in self-complacency contem-
plation of self, and our generous works were proceed

from some of Self domesticate more refined — Such spiritual garments are gaudy — They have the appearance at first sight sometimes of genuine, good material but they do not bear inspection. For ourselves, though we declare others seldom deceive ourselves as for act and state, that we are nothing more for ever in the time of need. The habits of falsehood that we have possessed constitute nothing less a treasure array. We have been false with the tongue, false in bearing and false in our thoughts; untrue to ourselves and untrue to others. How deceitful above all things and desperately wicked is the unregenerate heart.

All the old habits of bearing, bearing the name of our dear precious Saviour profanely — Godly affection not God without reverence or Godly fear without following it with our lips in our hearts.

All idolatries, men worshipping God, worshipping, possessions bearing idolatries, all involuntary affections, all — Manifest love of offspring, not objecting the supreme love which God demands of himself, then and such a state as leads men to love the bow and the flitting jest or the improper story, all these compose the miserly array that we have been clothed in.

Now then as we begin to put on the cloth of life we seem need to be clothed upon with other than such gaudy shining, ragged, tattered, more. Our intellects need clothing we lay aside the old thoughts, we cease to dwell on the silly and vicious — we cease to think self
apprehension, and the like, and we begin to meditate on God, with all His holy attributes, on Christ, Christ His only begotten Son. Who, besides being an all-sufficient Saviour presents the true example of perfect humanity, who is greater than all good men and better than all good men. When we may adore, bow, love and imitate and warm in the sense we have heard the Word, and may feed upon. We begin to consider the Comforting Spirit sent unto us, to appreciate its blessed influence and assistance. As we have laid aside the old habits of grossing and imprecation, we begin to form habits of prayer and affectionate communion with God. Morning and night we converse with the Spirit. We lift the voice of thanksgiving and burn our sorrows to incense entirety. We lay aside old habits of intercession in eating and drinking, garments that enshroud us in benumbing passion - while we begin to form habits of temperance - we patronize for imputation, then patience for sorrow, and whatsoever else is of real worth. Doubtless we are drawn into the Christian's Virtues. Righteousness and holiness comprehend the whole. Habits of righteousness and habits that generate holiness of heart are the vestments, that we need for this journey.

A few short months ago I conversed with Mr. Haggart on this subject in private. He was respectful and attentive, but whether he ever became fully reconcile to the Saviour is known.
to him and his God. I hope he may have been led by
the Spirit of God in those lonely hours, before the intensity
of his sufferings conquered him to seek for mercy
from a loving and forgiving Saviour. I hope he may
have been entrusted with some spiritual work
and been permitted to rest on the firm trust
from Heaven. Could he come back to you any
friends, to you who are mourning for him, who
would have been happy to alleviate the distress
of his last hours? Could he be ready—prepared for
death, may more; go buy him and sell
without money and without price. Go straight to
him who will feed you and clothe you and be
made ready for your eternal existence.
But yesterday I saw a young man who wears the same
uniform ruling to you from incarceration 20 feet
from my day, and made my heart to melt—
God! My friend, beware that wicked news
that shall then also make. Drink sure, for there is
gnishing your thirst with the waters of life. Drink
cheer at this portion, and they shall be glad.
If your companion Washington was so healthy
strong as any of your six months ago, then know you
that your own bodies may last within six short months
be mouldering in the grave and your souls be gone forth
there to try the new scenes of the spirit world. My friends, then
in every mourning in the world & more than all
all the world to enter upon a Christian life: but men will
not do it. They love sin and the pleasures of sin, and
they enfold and enfold themselves in sin. They
are not sure God, for He is holy, just, and good.
They cannot be saved. For salvation is love and
they cannot love. Are they not blind, that they
cannot see and feel that they cannot bear?
The Destroyer puts forth his hands and plucks
one after another—Me or I, the less of it, or un-er-
standing it—out an insidious Spirit whispers to us
over our ear, as to our poor parent, “Then shall not surely die,”
and with as little wisdom as believe thine, we think. We
will heed no warning. Till we, one by one, begin to
struggle in the grasp of death ourselves.
May friends will it be in the next world or is there 2
letters the base about hastening and be indifferent?
Can we commit our error sin and another conscience
Can we fall on blocks of superstition, falsehood,
and remain at rest? For my part I would
then believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, I would
unless be cleansed by His Blood and sanctified by
His Spirit and embraced within His Blessed Fold.
Yes, the powerful motion of an everlasting
stream from corruption and the free gift of
a restraining life of pure joy ought to be
enough for me, to make me willing to throw
myself into the Arms of My Savior. Be persuaded
My friends, to seek salvation while there is life,
while there is health, strength. While God is willing
To portion, believe, believe, I come to Christ to say, I am in such Within me, But from the heart over and for me, A shout of God I come.

Now may ome take as wise advice to the young Soldier, Who late for away He is wrapped in his Soldier's blanket, taking the road that Knows no waking. Let us pray that this Providence of God may be blessed to the Eternal God of his family and friends — and that his brothers in arms may honor to serve fellow! When they pass the note that marks his name, may each man see and consider that great "I have nearly come to the end," Before long my soul will have taken its everlasting flight to the unsearchable regions of Eternity.