think I would enjoy nothing within my reach to make home pleasures to our children than any other place they can go. It will require later and self-sacrifice. I have no doubt but I need rather make sacrifices for that purpose than any other. —

Monday morning. — Sometimes after midnight I went, order to get ready to march, and up to the morning nothing further has been heard, except the artillery being away in front. If we move we go in that direction. You will please have my last letter. — My Excellency. I only attended to, as it made little difference, as soon we should go into action. I wrote to letter in my last, don't fail to tell me what you think of the letter. —

The war was very near completing. "Sir." — My Excellency. I have just sent a letter (10 P.M.) directing you to have three days notice, ready for a start early in the morning. What it means I don't know, but I have very little belief that we will move early in the morning. To be on the right side I have to write and send a letter so that you should not be wholly without any tidings comfort at the expected time in case we should move.

I have received no letter from you since Tuesday. I confidently reflect it was a bright but wet Thursday. We really are at
well but not you dearest, I don't think I need mind the letter will be all the more welcome when it does come.

Here is an article in the "Atlantic" for July called "House and Home Papers" which I wish you would read. It has some ideas on it which I have been accustomed to teach myself, but the writer has the benefits there more fully than I ever did. The writer makes a distinction between keeping a house and keeping a home. Your mother has succeeded admirably in doing the latter, aloof as I am say many houses keeping women, like MRS. BRY, for instance, there is need of there maker at home, for best being a housekeeper or the like. Of course, you will not suppose that we, nor I, will anything in my power or better my knowledge to make up for the loss of the boxes here got "hit" ever if I had not persons here to help you, you'd better believe.

This is to much trust in the writer's article, that I hope he shall try more than we have ever done to make one house a home for our children. If this were to do, I have little doubt that they will become all we wish them to be. Your children have turned out bad because home was made regardless or them. Than for any other cause, in my opinion, and I have always thought...