

Hotchkiss Va

March 24/64

My Dear Wife:

I suppose it would be wrong to send the enclosed letters forward without a word to their maternal parent, so I have set down to scribble something, what it will be I don't know.

This evening brought me no letters, tho I rather expected to get at least one from Washington. Whether the sign is good or bad I am not anxious enough to divine, but I hope for the best. I will write as soon as I receive any thing definite or otherwise from headquarters. It would be a streak of very unexpected good luck to succeed in my aspirations, but if what I hear of others cheering

betwe,
chances, I do not see why I should
not have very good ones. The chase
I hope will enlighten ^{me} as to the pros-
pects, perhaps give more informa-
tion than I shall like. — I sent
you a letter yesterday, and re-
ceived two papers, and a letter ~~and~~ also
two papers the day before. In the let-
ter I sent a \$20 bill for pickles,
which I hope will arrive safe
by due course of mail. Gen.
Grant is supposed to have gone
to the front to-day on a special
train went out. If he did not
he will probably go to-morrow, so
that the work of re-organization
will probably commence at once.
We are all anxious of course to know
what he proposes to do, we shall find
that out in due time I suppose, mean-
time we will be the sport of a thou-
sand idle rumors.

Good bye darling

L.M.B.