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to maintain our position. Personally I should rather set line in Washington, still under my present circumstances I should be very glad to accept the position I seek with the prospect of a permanent residence there. I do not expect to get it now, but I shall be obliged to remain in the army some time, before I can make a living out of it, and if I could get a paying staff appointment in Washington, I should be very glad to accept it. Whether I stay in the army or not, it will not do for our own children to with draw what by your being - So I advise you to cultivate it as much as you can, by visiting your friends frequently & showing them that you consider yourself one of them. I have injured myself by my lazy indifference to society and do not mean to do so again, and I do not wish you to ask us as to keep

Capt Putnam left last week to take the return of the 12th to Fort Sumner
 a day or two after he left a telegram was received announcing the death
 of his little boy. -
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was no little
 Capt A. should be sent into the
 field. Officers were needed and
 as he had been absent a long
 time I asked for him and an
 other Captain who had been
 away from the regiment longer
 than any one else. Capt A. was
 ordered here but the other Capt.
 being a near relative of Senator
 Harris was permitted to remain
 in Washington. After I had asked
 for Capt. Anderson I learned that
 he too applied to a place in the
 Bureau of Military Justice, but
 having made the application on
 stated grounds, I could not
 do it, as he requested me
 to do, without multiplying myself
 which I was under no obligation to do

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as I conceived. He would be very glad to have me sent out of the field now that he is in it, so that he could have command of the regiment, but I do not think he is likely to be gratified. In your last letter you have some remarks about going into society, with which I do not entirely agree. If we had no children I do not know but that I should rather agree with you than otherwise, not because I think you are right but because they agree with my own inclinations. It is necessary for us to remember that we have children and to try to secure for them the benefits of the best society the community we live in affords. This we cannot do if we exclude ourselves altogether. If we do ~~with~~

draw ourselves wholly we may find in a few years there going into society from which we are excluded, or excluded from society into which we should like to see them. We are not likely to be rich and therefore invited into the circles of shoddy society, but we can ^{now} easily manage to keep ourselves ^{with} in the best circles Dayton society affords. If I remain in the army, my position will introduce me into the best circles wherever I go, and my family with me, if we show by our culture that we are fitted to move in them. Could I get the position in Washington which I am striving for, we should be able to move in a very good circle without having great wealth to back us, or extravagant expenditures being required