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those dreaded orders to the Field will
greet my eyes, I cannot be brave.
We have the usual startling Sunday
news, great things are said to have
been accomplished around Vicksburg,
I wish I could believe!

Howard is now at Memphis, and is
likely to remain there some time, so if
you can find time to write to him you
had better direct to that place.

Col. Sprague is on his way home on
furlough; Father expects to see him
either at Cincinnati or Columbus.

The Chaplain of the regiment was here
a few minutes last week; he said they
were all fatigued after their excursion
but he thought not at all injured by
it; he confirmed all previous accounts
of Howard's popularity and good services,
said that he thought we would have
the "Major" home in two or three weeks,
and that part of his own business was

at Columbus concerning his removal.
Mr. O. and family have heard the reports
but say they know nothing about them and
don't believe them!

Uncle John came in yesterday to say
that he had made a mistake and had
cheated himself out of \$25.00, which
examination proved true; so we owe
him that sum and must raise the tax
money besides. - Uncle said he would
see about the taxes, but please don't de-
pend on him; he has nothing of ours
and as for Bert, don't hope for any thing
in that quarter. Father thinks the taxes
will be from 36 to 48 dollars, but will find
out exactly. Finding there was no money
here, we have done nothing about paint-
ing the fence, and will await further
directions from you. - Stir up Robert, I
hear he said that he thought he had
paid his part of the Jewett note, but
would count it up; that was some days

trouble aspecting and expecting - and by darling one August

ago, and nothing has been heard from him since
Uncle said. His name was not on the last
note Jewett presented, but yours only, and
some four hundred dollars yet due.
Please don't have any of us to settle any
thing with him. R. told Father that he
had received a letter from you concerning
the Library, he did not say what library
nor give any particulars. — I suppose
all these things must be written, but I hate
to say money to you; or, to give room to
so much concerning it in my letters.

The two little boys are in the next room listen-
ing to Betty read. Betty says 'tell Mr. Brier
that if he will visit us this summer, he
shall have some more good coffee.' don't
forget to send some message in return. Della
has gone to Lib's with Mary, she cut out a Louisa
Blissim pattern and made a wax flower yester-
day, which was not bad; Frank took her pattern
and made one too; not bad either. — Kind
regards to the Col. Capt. and Mrs Coates, I am
truly sorry to hear of the poor health of the little