[undated fragment, February or March1863]

Burst in as it were on my soul God grant that there may be a change in the Family of whom the first mentioned person is a member Mr H's I mean & my prayer is that he will work as only a wonder working God can work. Give my best respects to Bro Morton & Family tell him how it rejoices my heart to hear of the work of Grace that is in progress there tell him I would desire him to remember me at the throne of Grace tell him I can rejoice with him and I would like to be there in the body to witness again what I saw when I made my last great resolve for God to live & die. I am glad to hear the progress you are making in your Phonography I wish you all the success that you can possibly have Dear Bro and sincerely hope that you will not always have to share a Jack plane for a livelihood your short hand is a curious kind of writing I hardly know how to direct you about my Boots the Regt are getting boxes here. I do not want them long legged but I want them mailed under the big toes and on the outside of the right heel as to sending them do the best thing possible is all I can say if you can get them into a Box with some one that is going to send to my co do it Newel Burtch is in my co Pay day has come and certain by the time this letter reaches you you should have come in possession of 12\$ which I sent some time ago if it fails to reach you I will have a chance to see how this Allottment buisness works. I think it is a sure thing though and if that is lost it is not like sending Green Backs home please remember me to cousins & the rest of my relatives in Westfield with my best respects also to J T Shaw tell him I shall expect to hear from him again as I Just happened to think that I did answer his letter the other day. If he does not get it tell him I want him to let me know soon and I will right smart git to post him in regard to my position here I feel in the best spirits to day and am well. I hope that when there are any of you sick at home you will let me know as letters are about all the reading I have not that I want any of you to be sick far from it but I want to be kept posted and I will try hard to keep you posted in matters regarding my personal self. I do not mean this letter all for Frank I want you all to enjoy the reading of any letter that I have written and expect to write (learn to sing, Frank)

Charley love to all