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Letter from Amasa W. Lucas to Charles Sherburne

Discusses the deaths of fellow soldiers and ask Charles to give his heart to Jesus.

Pittsfield Oct 30th 1864

Dear Friend Charles.

It has been some time since I received your letter of the 18 of Sep and I am ashamed to think that I have not answered it yet, you inquired about Ira, we have not heard from him for almost two weeks he was then in a Hospital near City point Va and he expected to go to Washington soon, he has been sick about six weeks. he says he dont have to take any medicine he is getting better. he said that he was going to try to get his pay and a furlough and come home and recruit his health. I hope he can for he has not had a cent from government yet. We have had sad times and sad news here in Pitts lately

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Charles does it not make you feel sad when you see many of your comrads falling ~~by~~ in battle and by disease all around you, and does it not make you feel the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. and can you pass through all of these cenes without the help of the Savior. Oh Charles, do I beg of you give your heart to Jesus and put your trust in him and he will help you in the hour of battle and in the hour of temptation he will give you power to overcome temptation and he is the friend you need to fit you for your great and last change and also to meet our maker in the Judgement. now Charles will you not promise me that you will give your hart to Jesus and serve him. there may be those about you who will laugh at you but never mind they will not laugh when we meet in the last great judgement day. this from your affectionate and true friend

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