Dayton, O., Aug. 9th. 1863

Dear Luther,

We have good news today, which we ought to have had yesterday. Howard telegraphed that he would be at the Brent House last night and would be home before he left the state. Father would have met him, but as I said we only received the despatch today. We are considerably excited as you will believe. May I not have seen him for a year, and I for nearly two. I do hope Baby and her brothers will keep within bounds, so that we may have a happy time. Then she is now, I must put her into her wagon and try to keep her still—she is in and bella trying to help her but is not very successful.
I was obliged to stop writing, and then felt her to sleep in the arms. Father made a new calculation for the expenses thereby saving $200. The chills are large, and the usual way of puttering them on makes them sick against the body, and it was quite soon away. The only way of getting it was to be father has done, and get another child and bring I regret father to do the latter, although money is getting scarce elsewhere, for I don't like to see him exposed with as many things of this kind; his arguing some times gives him much trouble.

The little carriage is now a great comfort to me, as they alms most the entire afternoon in it, by giving an occasional push backwards and forwards.

We heard one came house taken by Mr. Price Brown in charge of the life.

They are in the Independent of Weekly and are very pretty. I wish you could get it, read, and then send it to me.

I have just read your letter of Aug. 8 and have made out a number of cards that I could not possibly complete before, I shall cease you if joining your neighbors an expense if you don't be just a little can not more careful.

Perhaps ought to apologize for my own writing which is certainly very poor.

Little Mary will again have to take the theme, for holding her in my right arm makes it tremble too much for good companionship.

No letter came yesterday, and as you ask me questions in the other. I believe there is nothing to answer particularly.

The party at Uncle John's went off very pleasantly. Mrs. Brown says she has a good joke to tell you. I will tell him I liked the letter paper; he expressed this in behalf, but one (he like her) quite flattered. She
insisted and he says made a sure matter of it by saying "Mamaena thinks so too."
I declare off however, as he only reminds you by having become flashy.
We have some spot with track about some green snakes that he declares he saw on the road near Taker mill. His grandfather accusation of speaking of it after we are out of sight so that we cannot judge for ourselves.
Uncle John was trying for the Clerkship, but was defeated. He told me he would write to you today as I will not try to give any political news.
Both sisters came to see me last week. Curtis is much as usual. Eliza completely overworn with visitors. I was sorry to see Curtis excited at the party. She is extremely affectionate, and turns on several remarks upon her walking with Charley Clegg, to whom it is reported she is engaged.
Dancy was there, and I think noticed it. I understand that she did not speak to her on the street the other day when she was with company be considered unconsiderate. She asked
him why he didn't speak; he very truly
assured that he was walking with gentlemen
himself. I am so little of her that I
don't know that either Father or Father
had an opportunity of knowing any
thing of this by her conduct; I
am only convinced that parents and
children should visit together, and such
things would occur less frequently.

Lucy is quite faulty when quiet and
unconcerned, but spoils everything by
affectation as soon as she leaves either state
even to looking absolutely ugly.

Mr. Brady was there too, she has her
faults, but is not affective, and is very
warm-hearted. Mary is visiting either in
M Troy or Piqua.

Poor Lib is troubled with 'flu's again
and Elliott is quite unwell. The three
younger children have had chills, besides
which Elliott has summer complaints.

See is in Indiana with John.
Mrs. Hayes called here yesterday and seemed quite martial.

The Trustoeks are living in their kitchen and one other room, having burned their house to the ground.

Nothing's home is going on reliably and will be very pretty I think, is quite expensive.

Rodin has rest. Mary is putting up house on the upper corner, and Dickie has raised his house a story so that it quite overtakes Falland's.

Then you saw the newspaper reports that he has been visited by members of his party to return from the content.

The actuary refused to do so unless he is rejected for a convulsion, as he has nominated.

I must close now at least for the present, so if you could only be here with Thruss!

By Augustus

Evening — Though the kindness of Mr. Thruss, as well, and Mr. Lane in Cincinnati we have yet a dispatch through Mr. Howard and mine via express. "To Camp Wilson in the morning, may be home the evening." Father will go down the early train.

I hope you will find the new commander officer pleasant, and will inform me about his duties. There is something particularly pleasant about any of it, but it might be more pleasant than it has been.

Mary is just as bad as possible and Aunt Mary has just her & ship from Thruss so God ought dear Ethelind.

Augustus