Dayton, 0 April 6th. 1869

Dear Luther,

Mary and I stopped at the office on our way to town this evening, and got two letters from you of the 1st and 2nd. Do they still exist? The other as you predicted. The fact showed your usual kindness in writing to spare me unnecessary pain.

I seldom see your papers, but there is enough in any of them to make me half crazy if the reports are delivered. Sometimes it is easier to keep calm than at others, but it is rather difficult to feel that there is no ground for every rumor, and for my account always till confirmation or denial is made public. Very often afterwards too.

I do not understand you to say that you do not wish that situation at all, only that you do not consider it nearly as desirable as
Saying no amendments in the bill. Was I right? Even if we cannot be with you, I should feel better about you if you were out of the field, although I should not like to see a younger man expose to the influences of a corrupt city. I believe we can treat each other, thus, while it makes our union sweeter, also makes separation more endurable.

We both began our married life with good wishes; have encountered some unforeseen trials, but thank God, still love purely and tenderly, every year increasing its intensity. May you be spared to enjoy many years ing that one.

The little one seems pretty well again. She can walk most of the time now, tells with the boys, she having a week's vacation.

You may be right about ventilation, but I seldom come up stairs without finding all the doors open clear out of the fire and generally comfort myself with the idea that soon she is coming in. Aunt May is to occupy Uncle's room while here, but after she is gone I mean to put two of the children to sleep on the doors, can be done at night.

I must not forget to tell you of the arrival of "Tajee," a "master," Howard's contemporary. He came this morning and seems very happy at getting to the "colporteurs' folks." Says he feels at home now. Bruno made friends with him immediately, as did the children, all of which pleased him exceedingly.

He alights at Uncle John's, but likes his uncle better. It is to take care of Uncle's horses and cow, but will do our work, Caleb, bears part of the expense. There was no time that Father could not give high wages, but he preferred staying at any rate; he will be fairly treated for Howard's sake, also for his own. I think he has looking after them. He ci
not been able to find any man on the
profile!

Thursday 11am. — The boys are swinging
and playing on the upper porch, enjoy-
ing this bright spring morning. Both are
quite well. Rob's birthday comes to mor-
row. I don't know what we will do for
the little man; but it shall be properly
celebrated. I believe I forgot to tell you
that the 25-cent piece came to hand.

Uncle John came just this morning,
he had not yet collected that money
because he said he was so busy in court.
I have some hopes that he will attend
do it today. — Don't know what made
me think of it, but why didn't you tell
me about that "other affair" of Mr. Stacey?

My room is in beautiful confusion and
both not bathed so perhaps it is time to
close. — Many thanks dear husband for
your kind consideration in regard to
health and feelings. I will try to regard