Dear Luther,

Robert and Eliza have been here this evening, and although they could bring me no tidings of you, I yet feel cheered up by their visit. Robert has telegraphed to Gov. Morton his nephew in Washington to find out whether Luther and Mr. Weston have gone to the front and whether anything has been heard from you. Such severe fighting I never heard of, and the 4th Corps seems to be in every encounter. Lyric Regulars too are frequently mentioned. OH! it is true I know that you are in the midst of such horrors, day after day it still goes on; yet nothing is known of you; it is not even known whether you escaped the first day of fight. Brady has done as he promised it
it seems as if the nights have something
by this time, yet the communication
must be much interrupted, and as
the army is advancing in list of retur-
ing or formerly, that may account for
The different in time or what we see
not, the particulars. I hope and
will hope till entire news shall decide
the matter for me.
To get up in the morning and first read
the orders, then to the office for letters
from those at home, then get the
CINCINNATI papers, Extra at noon
in again at four—Post Office at 6 or
1 clock, and must till ten or eleven,
for uncle John to come in with the latest
despatches. This is the excitement
in which we have lived for the past
week. This is Mary, and besides it
is near 12 o'clock. Good night, Brother.
Morning—The last one of the members
of the Board of Public Works with us last
night, he left the left hand at
Harper's Ford just before it being the
Battle at Antietam.
Our boys and girls are all well, little
Mary is on the floor by me, as usual,
she is a great mimic. At this early
age, and makes us laugh in spite
of our troubles. Mother said the other
day that if we were not for Baby, there
would be no sunshine in the house.
Yesterday and the day before I
went out with Mother and the
children, her having lent us
Rich's Child's', and when John
she has been kept up too long to
be quiet, safe for women of little
frequent the drive. It is better
for us all to be in the open
air as much as possible; surely
about you and Howard is too much
for us in the house. Mother
came in last evening to say that she
had had a letter from her husband dated May 6th, when the regiment was at Chattanooga, which is one latest news from your side. From you my last one dated the 3rd. so precious letter, distressing as it was to me, if you should fall, it would be doubly precious as being your last dear words! So many brave officers have fallen, and you seem to bear the thickest of the fight, that any force we can, almost to guess to bear at times. If this had come upon me in the beginning of the war, I don't believe I could have borne through it. But ah! have learned by sad experience to endure more than I once thought possible. God grant that you may bear through the whole of these wonderful battles! In this sea of fighting! You are having your full share, if you did go to the field late. Many wounds love, and love insupportable, deep and abiding from your side.