Know whether there is a vacancy or not, until it has been filled I suppose. The old man has been making a good deal of money of late, so I suppose they will all be well off.

It seems to be a difficult matter to get an answer to a letter from Dayton, from any one but you. I have written several letters from which I can be nothing. I sent a letter to Rob. in one of my late letters to you, in the letter to another, I sent a funny conditional note from and Punch. I am try to write you a letter letter on Monday and two, when the weather is warmer and Lona is better. Quick, Patsy by a dozen five to see thin.

[Signature]

[Date]

My dear Augustus: We are having a taste of winter today. The wind shakes the canvas wall of my house and makes so much noise that I cannot write very fast, I think. You have misapprehended my letters, now about France. I certainly had no idea of stimulating him into alcohol, he will probably take that up himself; quite soon enough. My idea was to get him to take mesh fairly and any thing else that is very natural.

[Signature]

[Date]
I have his message conveyed to you how much damage has been done to it by the Union soldiers. He is something of a blow-head, but I have given him your address and he has promised to lend you some of his large cut flower heads. He tells of sending some grape cuttings. He has also promised to send in a box of clay. How much pleasure and will come of all this, I can't say. Pray the flowers arrive as you will know when they come from.

I send you a very beautiful box of flowers by Drakes, if it may not fall under your notice otherwise.

The weather is so cold that it is with the utmost difficulty that I write a half dozen lines at a time.

Yesterday I was not well all day, so that with the cold prevented me from writing any more than the first half page of this letter. I hope I am not doing much better today, but this must go off in the morning mail.

I am glad you took the children to the Williams Intelligence Meet. I am sure they enjoyed it and it will benefit them. I would take them out to such places as often as convenient — even if the exhibition is not in itself instructive, it will broaden them up a bit a little.

The death of Mrs. Parrott will take the Col. out of the service; if it does, I would like to get his place and might of the proper efforts were made. I shall not