

Dayton O June 28<sup>th</sup>  
1863

Dear Luther,

I thought you would be glad to hear from me in my own hand writing; so have taken my pencil to assure you that I am doing unusually well. — I was sick from half past four, Friday morning till twenty minutes past twelve when our little Mary was born; a well formed healthy child weighing  $9\frac{1}{2}$  pounds.

All has gone on well since and I have an excellent nurse.

For all of which my own one, I am truly thankful, and know you too will be. — Much of thy remembrance on Friday. — No letter from you since Wednesday. — Children anxious to have you see the little sister. — Love and kisses from all — Thine ever Auguste

We have a letter from Howard dated  
Memphis June 17. — Hunter Odlin has resigned  
his commission and is now at home — I have not  
seen <sup>him</sup>, but some of my family did see him while  
I was absent from home — Howard is in good health  
and Hunter says he is quite fleshy — Mr Brady  
and Mr Corwin were here last night — all are well  
~~with~~ their families — I just returned from Toledo  
last evening — Frank and Robbie met me at the  
gate and hurried me forward to "the baby" — Rob was  
most anxious that I should see its feet: but nurse  
thought it best not to disturb baby, and promised  
Rob that Grandpa should <sup>see</sup> baby's feet when next  
she bathed her — It is raining and the boys are  
necessarily, but reluctantly, trying to amuse themselves  
in <sup>my</sup> house — Sella is, I believe, reading with Betsy — all  
are well.

Yours truly,

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