Dayton, O. March 18th, 1864

Dear Luther,

You are learning to get one letter by writing it often, then forming yourself. Today has been dismal, and deacon's Sunday, quite happy within the receipt of a good long letter from Home and two from you. Yours of the 10th reached me this morning, and of the 12th containing Bob's letter, this evening. Mary brought me the letter, and informed me that if she found another tomorrow she wouldn't bring it to me. Two letters in one day were outrageous!

The young lady wondered if you really had any arms down there to fill the basket with eggs! She thinks the whole undertaking rather too uncertain to risk much on it. I suppose I was quite delighted to hear that you
had been so well treated by Mr. Wicks, and
had been so well treated by Mr. Wicks, and
could easily understand that something
could easily understand that something
good and green is a great addition to your
table. You must see this has raised my
letter, telling you that the seeds had come,
as you must give the same credit for ful-
filling his promise.

You fear the Washington project will
prove a disappointment; don't despise it yet
and yet, to get it might prove as great
as one, for it is something new and
untried. My great desire is to have the
War close, and then I have hopes that
some steady employment will show
itself, and we may let politics stand
a minor position, live quietly for our
children's good, and be content to them
and each other. If you can come to us
before the war closes of course I will yet
securely dare hope for it. Of course
there is finished now; it will be open today
I cannot ask him to stay him so uncom
ably express it, yet how then to get
along without her and you too. I cannot
now see, and am almost certain you
ought to come home them at any rate.

But enough of speculating and wish-

ing letter. Since I should tell you that
she liked your dear letter “very much”
and was come to see you once in a while.

Poor child! she listens to them with all
eyes and evidently means to do as you
tell her, but like her Mother, she is always
wishing and repeating. I feel that I can
expect little change from either her or her brother.

Tell her is a great improvement in myself
for little patience is my fault of faults,
and if so much is needed! Then my mind
and heart will fly off to the Ottawa Army
and I find myself loving unprofitably, day
rather you nor there any earthly good of
a selfish pleasure to myself.

Perhaps your good letter to her may help
me as I feel more secure after reading
them, and wish to be the Mother you
would have her think I already am.

Thank sent some message to you, but got
it sadly jumbled. I think he wanted
a letter, and know that he and Kitty bent
sent love. — Little Mary [dates] cakes at
an astonishing rate, and is a good baby
with a good appetite, the better I try to
keep within the three score rule. She could
rather keep within it than without it. By

the way!

I have forgotten to tell you of the addition
to our neighborhood! Mr. Fritz of Springfield
fulled black at Dryden House, and is now
getting it up. He is said to be very wealthy.

But what do you think of this marrying
his wife's daughter? He married a Mrs. [Name],
I believe, they disagreed and were divorced
after which the daughter ran away from
school with him! The thing concluded
to make up and all live together! That
strikes me as rather amusing, nevertheless.
don't care to interest myself any further in them, and will not make their regard
return. Mr. Burt thinks the present lady
is an old schoolmate of ours.
We hope Jessica is permanently better, but
as the membrane often forms anew after
being entirely removed, we must wait
further developments. Elliott had mumps
last night; Kelly also had a very
aggressive attack last Sunday night. He has
been kept within doors all day on account
of bad weather I saw at a loss to account
for it. The mumps last little of it last night
and I am more or less this evening.
Little Mary has received a good bye.

Now it is quite late and I am not
yet well of my cold so will close soon.

Mary just left me, she says Kelly asked
her if she wasn't sure the Devil had
made so many rebels. I don't know
where she gets all these funny ideas from.
I sent along James's letter, and had
the boys read it—told to his friends a joke it is that it couldn't be the
deal—indeed!

Really, Ernest, I must say absolutely;
perhaps recording may force me to fill up
the rest of this page.

Morning—felt better both in health and
spirits, though, because if I am from enough
and very out on a new plan, I think there will
be good results. Tell me what you think of it.

It is to keep a record of all good and bad.
The good marks are restricted to not missing
one quickly, and the good ones in general,
and the evidence of steady faults.
And on is to have a good mark for dressing
good clothes, good behavior in each meal, etc. for a
good report from Grandfather, Grandmother, Aunt
Mary and Betty individually. The former
was quickly at night. There are faults common
to all, but each child has peculiar faults
and for avoiding them, the good marks
increased. I find they are already lacking
of chances to increase them.

I think this business will add
a great record of the new failures
in temper and gain the firmness
That thank you? I am afraid of
our short fastness, but thought that
if you are little of the plan and
are weathering one too, my desire to
you can be increased.

Help me with advice and excellent
letter and I will try to make this de
little and what God intends this life.

Breakfast is about ready so I will
have to leave a recent page.

Goodbye Host Ones,

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