Dayton, 9th, April, 1863

Dear Husband,

Part of the family has gone to the concert tonight, with Uncle Jim who invited us all, but I did not wish to go without the children. I mean to take them tomorrow evening; as to Robby, I have some misgivings about him. He is in the habit of going to sleep very early.

We went to tea at Uncle's. Brother smuggled Baby over and the young people, with particular pleasure, to enjoy her company. She stood quite contentedly with the chambermaid, and acquitted herself creditably. This evening I took her up stairs, the boys were in bed, but full of mischief. As soon as I left them she began to laugh aloud, and gesticulate at them, ready for a play.
Friday, October 7th. — I went into the study late last night and began with the words for the Cantata. I finished a chair before nine and walked several miles before this morning. The words were much attention. But there is so many little ones as I saw.

Kelly is inclined to stay at home tonight. But Belle and Frank are to go. The Cantata lecture will nearly give me last night and I tried it very much, being hard to begin with.

Dear Mary caught sight of my letter and threatened to read my "love letter." I told her that I had not put any love in it, so she took me just in some for her when I got to that part.

She is much so much, but sad at times; we are enjoying the visit, and now sorry to have her go to Uncle John's today. I hope to have her back in a few days.

Mrs. and Mr. Scott went down to Cincinnati on Wednesday, and have not yet returned. So we suppose that Mrs. Williams and Mr. Henry are making it agreeable for them. Belle and Frank are leaving about dinner for the Cantata, so I hope little they will soon be awake, yet my ideas won't flow rapidly enough to finish soon and I am anxious to stop this in the office so we go to the hall.

Mule told me last night that Thomas Finnie had been paid, as he and Robert are both off, and the Dr. Mishler also.

I still have a bill of $35.00 at Peterson & Daniel's, and part of my debt.

I don't know how much by this payment is, but supposion after all is paid up, there will be little left. I might have got about $15.00 more for my coupons if I had sold them a little later, but I had already waited till some time beyond the day they are payable, and you advised me to sell them at the time or a month later.
I mention again the bill that Boyce brings in from Sloy $17.60 for new books, and re-fitting closet, $8.50 for office desk, $4.00 blank. Please tell us as soon as possible about this item.

Sunday afternoon — I have not had as you see, time enough to finish. For a great many things happened, trivial in their nature, but enough to keep me from writing. We went to the cantata, and were tardy enough; still I was somewhat amused at Frank's wonderment; he got sleepy just at the last but was awake bright and early and bustling telling me all about it when I awoke. — I have not been at Mrs. Bridges for a long time, but yesterday Brother sent me down in the carriage to stay a couple of hours while she and Aunt Mary rode out to Lib's. Instead of staying two hours they were gone three, so I was kept to dinner; that with our Baby and the two little boys. Mrs. Bridges walks with much less difficulty than she did, but will very likely be impatient and anxious...
of doors too much. Luther has sent for
Matt to visit him in Washington, and she
are getting ready to start in a week or two.
I think, with Mr. McDonald. He knows any
be stopped on account of the serious illness of
his youngest boy, who has been a great sufferer
for a long long time with Scrofula and Diph-
yard, and is much worse now.
As to Mark, you can much better than,
it is best for us not to go there.

All the men have got into trouble.

Evening—Having concluded to join the
rest of the family at Lib’s I had made
my plan, and reached the children first.
Then Mary and I walked out, leaving the
little ones to Betty’s care. They all promised
good behavior, but didn’t quite come up
as the standard, Betty good however. One of
The boys told Father on his return that they had had a "Yankee dish for supper" and on inquiry as to what it was, the elder said "Dutch soup."

We found all at dinner at 8 o'clock. It was Mr. Davis's birthday and Mr. Davis and Russell were there, but the latter asked after you.

I began to tell you about Mr. Davis's man yesterday that he was said to have forged notes to the extent of $30,000. In the evening I saw Mr. Davis and asked him about it. He said he believed he had not done so but could not tell the names to have been obtained by vellums who have forged, and says he only negotiated sales for them believing all right. Professor PCRIN in a note last month of $30,000 if the others are not caught and made to refund.

One was arrested at Thurnan's investigation last night. PCRIN, Woolse and some others were all to go away quietly as they did not wish to prevent him. But he knew that he had not been criminals and must not see the thing through. I hope for his brother's and sisters' sake that he can prove his innocence, but suppose it will be his ruin or the honesty of his ability as a lawyer must be questioned.

He has too much depending money for so young a man with his family to support. Uncle John told him plainly that his trouble was that he was a drunkard and a gambler. The first I had not supposed, but have heard before that he was a very expert gambler.

So turn to some agreeable subject, I'll tell
you that your letters of the 9th and 11th came together, as you had supposed, and this morning
The excitement of company had kept my spirits up till yesterday, when no letters, and a dread
of the coming campaign caused me a bad fit of depression. Aunt Mary and Aunt Ann both
prayed over me, it seems, and determined very kindly to cheer me up if possible today, so
Aunt Ann made me stay to dinner with her
and as the children followed me by one
would insist on fetching them up too; Aunt Mary
charged her to keep me all afternoon, but she told
Mary got sleepy, I preferred taking her home, and after
getting her quiet and the children read to, went as fast as
it was. The kindness of all friends and the fresh
air have made me cheerful again, but I cannot frame in a long continuance of good spirits, with that terrible
campaign in view. It seems our efforts in your behalf are made too soon, why did you not tell us
when and how you wished them made? I did not
see your letters, but suppose you were not explicit in
those points; to tender a letter either, and certainly getthis
from my letters that your absence was desirable.
As to your example as to the right you have to the place
till you have seen some service, you must be your own
judge. I have never felt that you can choose to enter
the service at all, with the family you have, still now that
you are in it, your honor is dear to me, and I submit to