Dayton, April 25, 1861

Dear Auguste,

Preserved this letter from Sallie Thomas, and send it over rather than wait till Sunday, I suppose she did not know how to address it to thee, and therefore sent it to us. I have not heard anything from the Mellons for a long time. We have not heard from Howard or Affleck since his return home.

There is a fever, or rather from what comes to Luther what I suspect he knows nothing about, I believe too, that I have asked him about it, but if I have he has not answered me.

Is it a "American Line Register," I have this moment received one from the Post Office. What shall I do about it?

Mary says "Has thee anything about other than the English Rabbit." And what is thee going to wear this summer for in place of a "Mane?"
Love to the little ones, and all of you. I am in great health but thought I would just say a word, as I had to remail Sallie's letter. So do not be surprised if I do not write Sunday. Look back over some of my letter and answer the questions. I think there are some unanswered.

We are trying to make some progress at the new lot, but all goes on very very slow. I am heart sick sometimes with waiting.

All are well at Lebo's. Philema now and at Uncle John's too. I think James at Lebo's yesterday.

You too had a snow. I do not think it has harmed the fruit, and we have a prospect of a good quantity. I hope you will enjoy it with us. Brune has helped pour on the stand where I am writing, asking for a pat, and a piece of bread; so I cannot write very smoothly.

Your affectionately, My Mother