Dayton, March 21st 1863

My dear Augusta, Mary is busy this sun and I am going to write for us both. I am sorry there is so little prospect of company for this, but can find nothing satisfactory about Peru, or the westerns. And if I think we will get on well with Robbie, Grandmama is glad Robbie is good now. I think we shall arrange everything to our satisfaction. Eventually, and every thing now awaits thy return, and notice when the arrangement, Tella submits, now quietly to what I say, and expects thy return for I have told her, I was doing what I think best, and if when thee returns, she is willing for her to do otherwise, they will so order. Polly Carvine invited her and Frank to a birthday party last Sunday, dressed and sent them at six, and sent word to thee Aunt to send some one home with thee, she was so very busy, and Father too was very much fa
fatigued. Then Uncle Robert came with them, a little after ten. All had retired but me, and I only waited for their return, so we had no opportunity of speaking to them. The Children were delighted with the party, and Frank, particularly so, with the idea that he had been out as late as ten. The morning is pretty well over, that is, the goods are mostly here, but they are not yet arranged, and it will require a week more, at least. Betty is very good, and I think looks forward to you coming with pleasure. She is not strong, but is to do her best. Mary does not like the samples very better than the others. Sue says, she wants a better quality than any of the samples, a close glossy, very double muslin, she don't want it so very fine as some of the black ones are. Mother is she ambitious to pay a very high price, but wants something good and pretty. A grey rather dark, and without the purple shade. This too would suit Mary.

If thee sees anything of the kind, send a sample. We can do as well here as the samples thee has sent. I believe I have answered all questions. I will send the Democrat Check, and if thee has not the handkerchief pattern, and thinks it pretty and likely to be much worn, yet one for us. Also the sleeve and waist of travelling dress, if thee thinks them such as we belonging. On any other patterns, thee many think we would like. To day & Sunday, The Children took a long walk into Betty this afternoon. I was too much fatigued with moving to go out. Father closing, Mary went out with Sue. We went out and walked back. She insisted on our going two, but Father and I refused, felt better resting at home. I think the Children are both well and happy. They sometime