

Dayton June 14th 1864

My dear Augusta, We have three letters from
thee, received yesterday, Mine of June 10th I was
prepared to answer, Having no letter paper I have
taken this scrap, Mr. Be called last evening and
gave us the fullest and most satisfactory account
of Luther's conviction, that we have had, ~~He says~~
~~He~~ may go to Washington soon again, and I have
packed up the linen, Pocket book, and the two old
underwaists, one of Sella's, and a smaller one, ^{with} ~~with~~
with others, found in the linen, These I intend
to send by the first opportunity, I have also
sent the pattern, and measures, which thee
asked for, I think, thee will not have any
time to work, Fairly send them. at thy request
Baby, and all are well, Sella has just gone to
Mrs. Gregg's picnic, and Mary says she will
take the boys to get ice cream, because they can
not go with her, Mary is very busy preparing for
the commencement at the seminary. I hope she can

rest, some, next week, I expect Miss Reed here though
and I will have to work hard, but I do not intend she
shall, if I can help it; She sends much love to you both
and says she will write soon. I wrote some days ago
and said I did not think it best for thee to have baby
with thee, The care of Luther is quite enough, and if
thou had a nurse for baby, which thou would be
obliged to have, thou would have to watch and
care for her too, making three to care for by thee.
Thou your expense would be nearly double. I in-
tend to have her with me, we can take care of an-
other, and I can get fresh milk for her -
I hope E. will go to Coesung, but she herself says,
she does not expect to go.

I hope by this time L is much better and will
soon be able to travel, and be strong, and in
good spirits; I hope he will be promoted, and re-
tired, and then you can live quietly at home
again, unless you prefer some other residence.
Give him my best love, this is a severe trial, and
he has the sympathy of his friends; our last
from Howard was June 31st on their
way to Atlanta, He says he is well, and is
much concerned about Luther. You have given
the last good news, but it is doubtful when
he will receive it; Our cellar wall is nearly up.
I send the measures & pattern, but I think
there will soon be an opportunity to send the
linens, I sent the wrapper by Mrs. Pelling,
As ever affectionately
Mother