when the trip was. I think I have seen them both do much better things but they did come to me at the time, and may you also. I am glad you saw how I meant to follow, for I am tired and "sleepy."

I do hope another Sabbath evening will find you safely at home, I don't know but it may be better to separate a short time but on some accounts that I do not feel inclined to try it soon again if I can once get you back. If I had not the children and Mary I could not get along at all. As just come home so quickly expect will you or so bad news, just as you can. I hope this is the last letter you can get before leaving Washington, of course I don't want you to come before your business is done, I only hope it is nearly done.

Goodbye. Dear Ed.
Love and kisses from all.

Dayton. March 14th, 1861.

My dear husband,

I have been highly favored yesterday and today, for there was a letter both days from you, and this evening one returning from yours, one from Mrs. Williams was handed to me.

Yours yesterday I have already received, but will write again, knowing that you are just as glad as I am that a letter comes. Your news is rather more encouraging in the best, and yet I hardly dare hope. Mother declares that she is not going to be_outline as to anything about the letter.

Della is delighted with her letter, and I believe proposes to answer it, she sends tell you that she liked it very much and would like another! I said her that she must not expect that for Frank was enticed to the most of your last time to write more before coming home.

Of Augusta.
As to the little fellow I think he'd be highly pleased, but I think you would feel still better as she is constantly telling me that you have 'stood enough' and asking why you stay so long.

This morning he wanted to know whether you were 'talking to Mr. Washington.'

Mrs. Williams' letter was an answer to me. I sent last Monday. She went on the lecture and accompanied them with 4 very friendly words, 'Hope that Father was well and wishes me to let her know about it.' — Edward and his wife live with her, and she seems much pleased with the message. She will not doubt much their society as she says that General is obliged to go to New Orleans to be absent two months.

We all went out to visit about town and remained till evening, all as usual there, and the children look beautifully.

Here I stop, and at the time that she was departed, I asked her important ladyship what I should write to you.

She pretended to think I could not lose you much if I could not fill up the letter; I told her I could easily fill it up with love, but she sent the letter aside, saying 'Missis is cooking,' by telling you that I had received a letter from your sister. Of course I could do nothing of the kind, so she didn't help me much. She says that she hopes you have not forgotten to give her love to Mr. Lincoln and respect to Mrs. Lincoln. I have to say that I am going to send her a letter soon.

Then, still suggests items next to having ordered the off. She has changed his tactics and now proposes the most doings and sayings of Bob and Frank. She thinks he was very funny, because when I refused to give him more apple he turned to her and said, 'Tell her to give me another,' and she would not the minute.

She says that she heard Frank a girl at a spinning-wheel and told him she was spinning. Upon Frank asked
Wednesday早晨. — I got your letter 
as hour ago, just before breakfast, and
a good one it was too. — I was say
that Mr. L. had to leave when he did
but suppose we had no night to expect
any thing else. — Uncle John will be at
home the day from Columbus and we
will hear from Mr. L. through him.
Frank is delighted, and refuses to
part with this letter; he will show it
to his grandmother himself, but not allow
I hope you can do it by Sunday; my heart beats fast at the idea, still I must not hope too much. I must close it here as it is now eight o'clock and you is trying to get this in the mornings mail.

Goodbye Dearest.

Augusta