

received a reward of merit. - Of David P's.
last letter I have already told you.

Uncle John invited Mary and me to go to Felt's
concert this evening, and Mother urged me
to go, but she was herself so unwell that I re-
fused. - Tomorrow evening we are invited to
Judge Holt's. I hope I can go, but if Abby
is sick do not believe I can, as I think he
won't stay with his grandmother.

The washerwoman's bill was as she represented it.
How does Emma do now? Remember us all
to her, and tell her to try to get along a little
while longer. Mother says get the book if it does
not cost more than \$5.00 or so, she don't re-
collect what Lib's cost. - Mary's efforts were duly
appreciated by all who knew what she intended
to do. Some few expected to see large pictures
of course such were disappointed, all at home
are well satisfied. - Letters from Howard
arrived this morning; he was at Holly Springs
had heard guns in front of them, but had not
yet been in any engagement. His health and
spirits seemed excellent, and he is making good
use of his eyes. - I received the \$20.00 of which
I stood in immediate need, and am much
obliged for it and the 'change'. - You managed
your single sheet very ingeniously and I am perfect-
ly willing to receive one of that kind every day.
As soon as I can, I mean to make a fire in our
library, and burn the speech you mentioned besides
getting the paper and anything else you may want.
Do you want the paper of all kinds? and did you write

I am going to bed early
to try the effect of sleep
if it is in store for me.
Good night precious
one.
Augusta

Dayton, Dec. 10th. 1862

Dear Husband,

I wish I could have
answered your good letter last evening;
then I felt better than I do this evening,
well and even hopeful; for I had talk-
ed with the Doctor about myself, and
although he seemed to think my sus-
picious correct, yet he said he could
relieve some ailments and also help
my depression of spirits, if the latter
affliction could only be removed I should
be thankful indeed; I am taking
the medicine, but am worse than ever
today; perhaps I am worse before the
cure comes; I hope so, for what is to
become of me, else, I cannot tell.
If you could only be with me! but
there is no use of wishing; and I
suppose it is wrong to worry you
Perhaps Sella's illness and my water

fulness last night has been too much for me. She began breaking out yesterday and is pretty well covered today. Her eyes trouble her very much, otherwise she is doing much as Frank did.

Frank is well and we are still careful of him. Robby has been so fretful that I think it is the beginning of measles with him, although he declares he will not have it. - Yesterday Frank's ramrod was gone and Robby exclaimed "Bless my heart! where's that ramrod gone?"

Lib thinks Sarah and Edward are taking the measles; it is too bad to spoil their Christmas so! - Little Lidy Corwin thinks it is better for her to have the measles before she is a "grown up young lady" and is rather in favor of coming to get it. - Tommy had a black eye the last time I saw him; Sallie and Kitty are busy at school; the latter comes up twice a week with her basket and says she likes to do it; she is a good kind little thing and looks very bright.

Suzie was home on Thanksgiving Day, but has returned to school. - Luver is reading ~~at~~ home, and is as quiet and pleasant as ever. - Eliza is looking better than usual, and Robert was taking some cows up the country yesterday. I forgot to ask about the Washington trip, but will. - Luther Brady expected to go to New York last week, and will probably be there soon; they are still anxious about his place since Smith has resigned. Mary Brady said tell you that she was twenty two and was getting scared at being so old. - Mart she said was gadding; her mother was teasing her about cousin Joe Holton. Sister said she was not doing much, but was trying to do her best. Sammy said he was staying at home and minding his own business like a gentleman.

I must not forget Willy, who is doing well at Georgetown; he writes often and pleased his mother greatly by sending her a Latin translation for which he had