

bitely some time, but when thus relieved  
walked home with me conversing about  
business matters.

Aunt Ann thinks they will be likely to  
go to California when Willie is through  
with his collegiate course. And she too  
is now willing to go she thinks. I hope  
they may feel better about it before the  
time arrives.

Mrs. Brady and Eliza came to see me  
Sunday evening. C. had heard from Robert  
that morning ~~in which~~ he spoke of returning  
Sunday or Monday, but she did not  
seem to expect him before the last of  
the week. Perhaps however, she was trying  
to make an agreeable surprise for herself.  
She seemed almost blue and was very  
anxious for his return. — Just you get  
home once, and tell her a string to you  
just long enough to reach to the office,  
possibly to the outskirts of the town, and  
that far but no farther shall you go. Indeed  
you'll be tied to a women's apron string after  
this!!! Rob has been for the fifth or sixth time  
to be kissed. I wish I could give you half of  
them. Good bye for a short time my dear husband  
Angela

Dayton, March 26th. 1861

Dear Luther,

Robby is here inquiring about  
my writing. "Papa? Papa?" "Papa, one,  
~~Wash~~," are the connected remarks, out  
of which I get the following, "Writing  
to Papa? Papa's in Washington. Tell  
him to come home. He is very comical  
you see, perhaps from necessity only, however."

Now I don't expect you to get this  
letter, my dearest, but you insist upon  
my writing till your departure is defin-  
itely fixed upon. — I am happy  
that my letters have done you so much  
good, though they seemed to me to  
have so little in them, that I scarcely  
know why you should like them so well.  
Yet I know how I treasure up <sup>now</sup> a little  
business note from you when sent from  
your office; absence for so long a time  
greatly enhances their value of course.  
They can be disposed of on the  
principles of Love.

Uncle John brought me two letters from

you, and his own also. In one of mine  
you say tell every body but John Howard  
etc. etc., well, by good luck I read the  
letter to him this time; (I have almost  
always handed them to him to read  
before) so that he did not see the remark.

Of course the business will be settled  
before this reaches Washington so that  
I need say nothing about that. It's  
too troublesome to think of any how so  
I shall be glad when the thing is dis-  
posed of, no matter how. I do hope  
though that you will not feel too badly  
if the decision is adverse, for you have  
the satisfaction of knowing that you have  
done all and more than any other  
member of the family would have done.

We all agree in wishing you and  
Father safely home again to make our  
happiness complete.

Sella says tell you that I pulled two  
teeth for her yesterday. I am very sorry  
they were not taken out before, as the  
new ones had already made their appear-  
ance behind the old ones.

My last letter confirmed the sad news  
you heard from Mr. Koser about the  
Brown children. Mrs. Brown's friends have  
great fears for her also; her health has  
never been good and this blow is a  
terrible shock to her.

The children are around me and I  
am sitting by the window in my room.  
Rob is putting his "feet" on Sella, and  
threatens say paper also. I am finding  
the quarters rather close, and am afraid  
shall have to effect a clearance very soon.  
The child at Scheffer's was thought to  
be better yesterday.

Poor Uncle John! I went to see him  
yesterday about my marketing. He sat  
with his back towards me eating his  
dinner, so that I did not particularly  
observe him; but soon however noticed  
that something was wrong and followed  
him and me out on the porch, anxiously  
enquiring what ailed him? He was too  
much affected to answer at first but  
we finally found that Minnie De Graff had  
asked him where Johnny was. He wept

I'll send your blank sheet  
back to you, for the same purpose  
for which it came to me.