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Dear Luther,

A letter from you, last evening, and one this morning, that was pleasant indeed. Your last contained those dried flowers, and I, (not a little proud to show my husband's taste for such things) showed them to Lib, who was again found wanting and didn't know what they were with the exception of the yellow oxalis.

You remember the first walk we took to see her after our engagement, when you picked up a tiny plant and desired me to ask her its name, and affected great surprise that my wonderful sister didn't know. Well sir, I didn't give her up then and won't now; neither should I be at all surprised if she should take those dried specimens, and

Thou art
glorious more from
the army of the Cumberland! Many
sad hearts too!
Will was very
with Frank
this morning and
said, "Go away off
up to Heaven?"
One more goodly
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with her 'Natural System of Botany', find
out their names. And I couldn't!!

I have put away both the last and
the first mementos you sent, carefully
but have not yet made up my mind
how to dispose of them in the best manner.

In my last, I told you that Father
and Mother had gone up to Columbus to
say goodbye to Howard; when they got
there they found him quite ~~disturbed~~ and
disturbed; it seems that Parrott needed
help and Sam Davis, who is his assistant
proposed Howard, to which Ed. assented.

He had some person promised him
but was disappointed in him, and an-
other was to be selected, he thought he had
authority to make his own selection, but
had telegraphed to find out. The place
is to be held till June, I believe, so the
mean time Howard is not quite pleased with
the idea of giving up his situation in his
regiment; thinks he would prefer active

service, and is attached to his comrades;

those who accompanied him, cannot bear to
leave him behind;— This regiment is
an irregular affair, never having been reg-
ularly mustered in, and the times of service
not the same for all its members. It's term
is out within a year from January or less.

but he thinks the members will reenlist.
Of course if he could be contented we could
rather have him near us, but Father & Mother
left him without knowing what his decision
would be.

You ask me what I mean by my remarks
upon certain politicians. There was nothing
new upon which to base my opinion, it
has seemed to me from the first of this ad-
ministration, that the papers have been carried
and much of it speaks in the same way.

Uncle seems to know nothing about 7.30
or 8.20 who, said last night he would
inquire, but hasn't, Father says he will attend
to it and I will let you know what can be

done. — I am you think I have not
sold the coupons, they were sold and I
got a little over \$50., you sent me fifty
more, but that was soon spent in prep-
arations for Winter, fuel, gas and washing.

I am not a little worried about Sella's
music. She is doing better, and to ensure
better practice Miss Etta, wished me to
let her practice on her piano, at uncon-
quipped times during school hours, as she
was then to receive. — From Mrs. Gegg, I
think, from Sella I am certain, I learned
that the tuition was \$6.00, but the bill
has come in \$8.00. — I am perplexed, there
must be a mistake somewhere. I had
agreed to try Sella till Christmas, before
the bill came in. Etta, takes pains with
her, and she is poor. What shall I do?

Robby tried rather a dangerous experiment
this afternoon. He wanted to drive round to
the back yard, and father told him he
should, when he had opened the gate

He left R. on the sidewalk and went back to open the gate, when the little fellow untied the horse, got into the buggy and was turning Shauffer's corner, when Eddy saw and ran after him!

For playing with fire, I have had to punish these boys severely, and in fact there is no end to the mischief they devise between them.

Sella begins to show signs of improvement. She of course still does many things that are not right, but she regrets them, and tries to make amends, often not in the most acceptable manner, but the spirit is right.

The ladies and many gentlemen are quite excited over a 'Bazaar' for the soldiers' families. If I can I shall do something for it; as Father says, we hardly do our share.

I don't know what to do about Christmas, I know the little Purins are preparing as usual, and Mary Brady has kept our Baby in socks, what shall I do? Again I ask the

question, answer them all.

Uncle John was quite taken with Baby last night and told me I had better let you know that the "little cuss", was getting right good looking.

Mary and I went to see Sister and Eliza tonight. The former looked very well and was sitting up in a chair eating her supper. I have hopes yet that she will be dressed and able to go to the table again. — The Baptist Association, and her own too I suspect, have been ~~too~~ much for Eliza. She is about her duties but looks and feels miserably.

Robert says 'Artemus' is suggesting umbrellas and spectacles for the retreating Army of the Potomac, which is afraid to move for fear it will rain! Rescue! he ought to be put into it himself. — I fear you would not find it pleasant to have that major subordinate to you. Good night Dear One. Mary says "give my love to Luther and go to bed," I didn't know how late it was. — I wish Thanksgiving could be spent with you here. This even
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