

Dayton O June 28th
1863

Dear Luther,

I thought you would
be glad to hear from me in my
own hand writing; so have taken my
pencil to assure you that I am
doing unusually well. — I was sick
from half past four, Friday morning
till twenty minutes past twelve when
our little Mary was born; a well formed
healthy child weighing $9\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.

All has gone on well since and I
have an excellent nurse.

For all of which my own one, I am
truly thankful; and know you too
will be. — Uncle & Nephew both
on Friday. — The letter from you since
Wednesday. — Children anxious to have you
see the little sister. — Love and kisses from
all — Thine ever Auguste

We have a letter from Howard dated
Memphis June 17. — Hunter Odlin has resigned
his commission and is now at home — I have not
seen ^{him}, but some of my family did see him while
I was absent from home — Howard is in good health
and Hunter says he is quite fleshy — Mr Brady
and Mr Corwin were here last night — all are well
~~with~~ their families — I just returned from Toledo
last evening — Frank and Robbie met me at the
gate and hurried me forward ^{see} to "the baby" — Rob was
most anxious that I should see its feet: but nurse
thought it best not to disturb baby, and promised
Rob that Grandpa should ^{see} baby's feet when next
she bathed her — It is raining and the boys are
necessarily, but reluctantly, trying to amuse themselves
in ^{my} house — Sella is, I believe, reading with Betsy — all
are well.

Yours truly,

L. B. Bruce —

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