

Mr Schenck will leave for  
Columbus to-morrow or the day  
after, to canvass for the places  
vacated by the elevation of  
Mr Chase to the cabinet, I  
hope he may be successful.

Robert and I room together.  
George Shaw was here yesterday  
and to-day. He went home this  
afternoon.

It is now past one o'clock  
In good night my dear.

L B Brown

P.S. Had a talk with Chase this morn-  
ing & am of opinion that he intends to  
support Brown. Schenck & Corwin (J)  
will have a talk with Lincoln this  
afternoon. When I have heard the re-  
sult of this, I will know better how  
the card lies. — I have not time  
or space to add more, but I will  
write to-night again — Thine faithfully  
L B B.

Washington March 5<sup>th</sup>  
My Dear Wife.

I hope I shall hear  
from you soon, and I suspect  
you will be quite as anxious to  
hear from me again, after you  
have received my last letter.

The inauguration as you  
have learned long ere this,  
passed off very quietly and  
without the least disturbance.  
There was a large display of  
military and a tremendous  
crowd of people. Upon the  
platform there was the whole  
body of Foreign Ministers. I  
had never seen them in their  
court costume and I regard-  
ed them with a very curious  
eye. How they looked, I shall  
tell you when I come home

Every body was armed, nearly,  
and the southerners were very mad,  
so that you can easily believe  
it would not have taken very  
much to have started a bloody  
fight. I am very glad that  
nothing occurred to commence  
it for I am afraid I should  
have been obliged to take a  
hand in it.

I went to the Smithsonian-  
an Institute this morning. It is  
a very interesting place, but it  
requires more time to see it all  
than most persons devote to it.  
I saw some exceedingly curious things  
and some birds of almost incon-  
ceivable beauty.

To-morrow I expect to go to  
the Capitol, where I have not been  
(inside) yet & perhaps to the Na-  
vy Yard & the War Steamers.

The cabinet was not such

as our people desired. How  
it will be about the P.O. is still  
in the dark. I saw Mr Schenk  
& Tom Corwin in reference to it to-  
day. They are going to bring the  
matter before the President to-mor-  
row. The result of their interview  
I will write you to-morrow eve-  
ning. - I called on Mr Chase this  
morning but did not find him in.  
I shall try to see him to-morrow  
and learn what side he intends  
to take if any. I suppose it will  
be very difficult to see him as  
he will be very much occupied.

The crowd has thinned out  
very greatly & we are much more  
comfortable in consequence.

They pictures are a great conso-  
lation and I seem almost at home  
when I look upon the counter-  
feit presentments of the dear ones  
I have left behind.