

for her welfare; you have
of course told her of Mary's death. Tell her
also that the children
still speak of her.

But take care
it is necessary for
me to take leave
by the four o'clock
or Mrs. May
may check me
at 4 o'clock
so good night
Dear Good Husband
My dearest

P.S. - I shall tell you
that I liked your
Memogram very much
but it was so short
in the missing letter.
I told you too that
Lillian had sent
me my "script" but it
cannot be used for two
years. 2nd. 1863

I am sitting on our
upper porch, the vines have grown, covering
the front balustrade; and Father has put
up Howard's old tent, so as to shield
me from view, on the south side, leaving
air holes at each end of that side. So
I have a pleasant airy room from which
to write to you. - Your letter came prompt-
ly this afternoon; a good long one and very
satisfactory, with the exception of your
health; the sprain must have been
a bad one, to keep you confined so
long; I hope you have had ^{enough} company
and books to help you bear it pleasantly
I heard the report that Gen. Brown was reliev-
ed, and to day it is announced that he

is retired, so I hope all difficulties with him are at an end. — I have no doubt that he did well in quelling the mob and remarked at the time, that she was exactly suited for such an emergency.

Remember me to Capt. Putnam and offer my congratulations on his success. ~~But~~ I was proud of our Twelfth when I read an account of their performances of Captains and men.

To Mrs. McCreth keeping Bachelor's Hall or how are you ^{and he} managing? To Mrs. McCreth at home or visiting? Ask her husband how I shall direct a letter or note to her if she is absent. I don't believe Baby Mary will allow me to do much writing, but I must try to write to her sometimes. I should like to know just how you are living before I write to her.

You will hear of the capture of most of Morgan's commands, through the papers. Basil Duke also, but the Morgan himself

sneaked off dishonourably; it is to be hoped he will yet be caught. —

Emily Price was here day before yesterday, she is probably on her way to California, Nettie and her husband are here on a visit, and if Emily does not take charge of some widows' children in the East, she will go home with Nettie. She prefers doing so, to taking the children.

Mother, Father and I indulged in a laugh when I read your advice about giving free rein to the boys; as they are inclined to take it themselves. Yesterday I was obliged to interfere and keep them on the porch all afternoon, for throwing dirt into the pots of clothes; this not being the first time. Then when Frank spit on his aunt as she came in (that too being an old offence) I concluded it would be best to put him in bed. As for keeping them clean, I hardly try to do it any more. In the evening they are presentable a short

time. — Sella will have to help me dress them
or they will fare badly. — Gen. McCook's
Father was killed in the fight with Morgan
last Sunday. — The General, I hear, has com-
mand of a reserve corps at Nashville and
Late received a pass from Rosecrans, so she
has gone to her husband. She and Harriet-
Green were here ^{a few} nights since. — Cuning-
ham says that old Major McCook heard that the murderer
of his son Robert was among Morgan's band and
sent on that account, I hope not, for although
the poor man had the greatest provocation, yet
cannot bear ~~to~~ to think of the hatred that
must have been in his heart.

We have sent off a box to Howard this week,
There is quite a complimentary notice of him in
a letter from one of the Lieutenants to his
Father, which is copied in the paper this
evening. I will try to get one for you.

Uncle John is very sanguine about our Country's
prospects, what do you think? Did you
see that H. W. Beecher declined preaching or

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lecturing in England, disclaimed any
desire to influence her with regard to
American affairs, was indeed entirely in
different as to her opinions on the subject!

The Odwins have a cousin visiting them
who came with Sam the other day to take
lessons in Wax flower making; soon after
the first lesson had begun, Mary made
her appearance with this query, "I've got
a secessionist down there, what shall I
do with her?" I advised her to drop
the subject and get as many "greenbacks"
out of her as possible. She is from
Washington I believe, and one of the
Vallandigham school.

Val sent his wife word to prepare a fine
wardrobe, as she would receive much atten-
tion, also not to have the battered front-
door, mended. That is needed to ex-
cite sympathy in election times no doubt.
I am told too, that she would get none
of the Dayton mantle makers to make her

dresser, and had to send to Baltimore to have them made. I don't vouch for the truth of this, and did not hear whether want of time, or too much patriotism to sew on buttoned buttons, was the reason they declined.

I weighed Baby today and found she had gained nearly two pounds; it seems as if crying did not harm her a great deal.

Who will command Ft. Lafayette now? Tell me all the changes that will be made in consequence of retiring these officers. Don't use your foot too soon, dearest; I'll have to repeat some of your cautions to me about 'making haste slowly'. I am so glad to think that you have the Captain back. I did not think of Mr. McE. befriending you; and felt sad that you were quite alone. Give my love to Mrs. Burke when you see her, it was kind of her to offer assistance. — Does Emma still take care of your rooms? Tell her that I have inquired