

minutes and asked if he and Rob, couldn't go a little way on the
 cars tomorrow. - W. Dimmick - I advised
 Mr. Adams. - He is try-
 ing to write a letter for
 your Birthday
 perhaps however he
 intended it for a
 surprise.
 Love and kisses
 from all to you
 dearest. Write
 often, I have no
 objection to being
 surprised frequently
 Goodbye
 Auguste

Dayton O. Sept. 6th.
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Dear Husband,

The children's party
 came off yesterday, but Sella's picnic is
 still to come.

For a wonder all
 went off harmoniously; the boys did
 not disgrace themselves nor their Mother

The only thing I heard, was that
 Robby had taken some candy before
 the table was set! He said that
 Elliott had some, so he wanted some
 too.

We are all half sick, Mother is
 out of bed but feels badly. Betty
 has a cold and Sella and I have also.

I get up in the morning with face-
 ache, which, however passes off after
 breakfast. - Of course Baby does not

feel very well when I am complaining.

Katie Brady took dinner with us yesterday; she said her Mother was no better. Maria Corvin said the same. She only sits up in bed now.

If I can leave Mary this afternoon I will try to see her myself and report to you.

I have not been inside of Eliza's house since my return from Fort Hamilton, all my calls having been made at the door. I hope to go soon however.

Uncle John has been in this morning; he says they expect to clear Brown entirely, and prove that he acted in self defense. When the case first began he felt that they had but little standing ground, but the developments are very encouraging.

Mary has just returned from church. She says it was announced that

(I made a mistake, it was Infant-baptism this afternoon and sacrament afterwards at Mr. Brady's.)

The sacrament would be administered this afternoon and immediately after church the session would go to Mr. Brady and administer it to Sister!

Mr. Speer spoke of her long illness, and said it was not probable that she would be with them at another communion season.

I wish it was possible for you to be here. I don't think she expects it at all, but when I said, cheerfully maybe a sight of Luther would do you good, I wish he could be here" she said "Indeed it would".

I will not go down till I think the meeting is over, perhaps not at all today; They have not sent me word and I do not wish to go there when I cannot command my feelings.

I am very nervous and excitable and to see them all so distressed will entirely unnerve me, and I can

do no good. — I will write as often
as I can, and keep you advised
as to her condition.

Afternoon. — I concluded to send a note
to Eliza by Sella, and enclose her answer.

Sella very gravely told me that Grandfather
was there; Eliza told her to tell me so!

Did you see how terribly David Harris had
ended his life? If not I will tell you.

He fell through the ~~trap~~ door three or four
stories! He lived several hours, and was
conscious till within a few minutes of his
death. He had just returned from the West
when he left his wife. His body lies at his
Father's awaiting her return.

Uncle knows nothing about horses, and I
have not seen Robert. Do be careful in
your riding; you ought to have been practicing
more; — There is nothing more that I can
think of that will interest you, and I
don't feel much like writing, my head
is not clear enough. — Frank came up this

Dear Augusta

Sister is certainly more comfortable today than she has been since she was taken sick. We cannot tell yet, whether there is a permanent change for the better. She has thought from the first that she would not recover, perhaps that is the reason that she wished to have the sacrament administered today. She did not say so to me, you know it has been a long time since she has been able to attend at the communion seasons, ^{perhaps} she felt that in any event it would not be out of place. Do not feel badly because you cannot be with her she has every attention. She knows your situation & will not think hard of you if you do not come.

This is my forty fifth birthday
Yours John Chas

Mr. Convey is with us

Evening — I thought I would not go to see sister, but Lib and Mother gathered some very sweet flowers for her; and when I had arranged them I thought I would like to give them to her while they were fresh, so I went down. They were all quiet; Maat was rubbing her Mother's limbs very gently, and seemed so kind that I admired her more than ever. Mary was doing her part, attending to visitors.

Sister said, tell you her condition, said too, that there were two Luthers she would be very glad to see.

She does not know that Luther has been sent for, so I said, that I felt as if he would be here soon, he had been talking of it so long; and perhaps you too might. "Yes perhaps so, I shall hardly see him again if he don't."

Still as I said, she don't appear to expect you can come; and you must not trouble yourself on her account if you cannot come.

Goodnight — Dearest, A.