

Louisville Ky July 15th 1866

My Dear Brother:

Your letter of the 8th inst. was duly received and also an Oxford Democrat and they were both very welcome. I am really glad that I can have the great pleasure of hearing from you so often. I hope you will continue to write often. My health has got to be quite good again I am very careful in what I eat and in my habits generally so as to keep in good health.

I was very sorry to hear that Father's health was so poor and

make either of you sick
My fourth of July was
spent most of the time
in my room. I had
invitations to several
excursions but I did
not feel like taking a
part. There was nothing
going on in the city of
any importance it seemed
very quiet. I could not
help comparing this
to last fourth when I
was with my dear parents
enjoying myself very much.
But this fourth I spent
very lonely. I assure you
I will often want you

Brother

Yours
Ever

Wm. W. Austin

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Lansville N. J. Sunday Eve

Jan. 26th 1868

My Dear Brother:

Your precous letter of the 20th inst came to hand last eve. I was very glad to hear from you but sorry that you was worse instead of better. I hope you will soon recover under the treatment of Dr. Lapham I am very glad that you have a pleasant and agreeable place to stop at while you are confined in doors, but alas dear brother you will learn (if you do not already know) that there is no one like a Mother to take care of her child when prostrated with sickness. it was brought more vividly to my mind in my recent illness than ever before, not that you will not have good care taken of you as that I did not have but to the contrary I had most excellent care and attendance if I had not. I have no reason to believe that I should have

been living to-day, for I did not know
until recently how dangerously sick
I was, but to resume. A Mother's love and
deep anxiety make her ever watchful to the
wants and comfort of her charge even to
that extent which defies description and
which no stranger or even friend can possi-
-ably feel, or even exert; towards another
But alas we know not the value of a Mother
until we are deprived of her tender care and
watchfulness over us. But courage brother all
will yet be well. Man proposes God disposes

My health is getting quite good again
I have occasionally a little ill turn but in
the main enjoy very good health. I wish
such was the case with you and ^{hope} I shall
hear to that effect upon the receipt of
your next letter. I was very glad to hear
that Father's folks were well may they ever
continue to enjoy that great blessing is the
prayer and wish of Austin. Give my love
to them and to all those that enquire. Tell
Mell I answered her letter immediately after
it was received and I directed Mr. Fryant to
write after Brother for I shall feel very
anxious about you now you are so sick

Yours
Ever
Austin

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Louisville Ky. Sunday Ev.

March 25 1868

My Dear Father:

Your letter of the first inst. comes to hand yesterday it was perused with sad feelings it breathed the air and tone of sadness, sickness and distress and how sorry I am that such is the case. how pleasant it is to one far away to receive tidings from home and friends from the place where he spent his school boy days where he first saw the light of heaven. where he first learned to list the names of Father, Mother, where we built our youthful aircastles marking out our pathway for life paving it with roses. little dreaming of the hidden thorns that would pierce and lacerate our bleeding feet at every onward step up the hill of life. how pleasant to recall to mind the many pleasing incidents of bygone days

