5177/13

Cincinnati, Aug. 22, 1857.

My dear Wife:

I recd yours of Saturday, this yesterday morning. I do not wish you to misapprehend my use of the word answer. I meant — how did I answer my letters first, & then for the news. Sometimes I write to you for advice: I wish to reply frankly, before you write about other subjects.

I enclose a handsome ticket which I found, on Saturday evening, under our parlor-door. I shall try & accept the invitations.

Mrs. Wm. T. Lowry & Mrs. O'Hara have returned your calls — by cards left

Mrs. Lewis Hord is expecting a proof of marriage — i.e. a boy or daughter. Don't shock your sensitive sister Lizzie by referring to it — but leave her alone in her innocent child-belief that old women & doctors bring those dear little objects in baskets, from the hills, or somewhere else at a distance.

There was a "baptizing" at the 2d Church on yesterday — i.e. of 5 little innocents, Mrs.