

Wife Cincinnati (65-



Rev J J Ward

Decatur Michigan

Dear Husband

Cincinnati Feb 28th

Your last came to us on Friday after Gertie had gone to Yellow Springs. We got a letter from Mary the same mom, which caused her to go so soon. I think I shall go to morrow afternoon. I do not want to go so soon, but Mary wants to see us so bad, & she leaves on Wednesday. Our Cous here are so anxious to have me stay another week. I should much rather stay here for many reasons. I do not know but I ought to go and see Dr. Watt as one of my teeth has commenced crumbling a little. This fact reconciles me a little to the necessity of going to the Springs at all. I did not intend when I left Du Quoin to go any nearer than Dayton or Xenia. Now if I have to go on to K. York I suppose I had better be going before the weather gets hot. It really seems that there is something against our having a home this summer. I am under strong convictions that Decatur is not the place for us. One thing is certain that there is some meaning to all these disappointments I have said to you so many times that you do not appreciate your talents enough. You ought not to settle down in a place like Beatus unless they can furnish you a house besides a competent sal. Do remember you have given your services

for twenty five years & got a mere pittance of
rewards (I mean of course earthly). I think it is
time you leave ~~fourth~~^{fourth} ~~eligitation~~^{eligitation} for younger
men. I am in earnest you do not value yourself
enough. Now I will tell you what I heard yester-
day. Cousin Rhoda & I went up. ~~Yesterday~~ thro
Hilton to Pendleton. She called on a friend
an hour or more. While there I found out
she was the same lady you staid with
at Walnut Hills, when you was there as
one of the 2 families. Her name is Guild.
When she found out who I was, she & he
made a great many inquiries about you.
When I told her you was in Decatur, & had
been disappointed, about a house she said it
was an indication that it was not the place
for you. She took a great fancy to you when
you preached at the Chapel. She & her husband
were very anxious to have you for their
pastor. She said you only needed to be known
and you could get as good a place as there is.
She says tell him to put on more brass when you
write and give him my love. Mr Merrill wishes
he could hear you preach almost every day.
He thinks the indications are against your
settling in Decatur. Mr Nichols the pastor elect
is to be with the Vine St Church next Sabbath. Dr
Aydelott preached for them ~~this~~ ^{the} morn. Yours
A. A. Ward

mond morn I am almost sick this morn I had a turn
of cholera morbus last week and I feel it coming on
a gain today I have just got a letter from Gertie she
says I can see Mary by going to Dayton on Wednesday
as Mr & Mrs Mary will leave G. on the early ^{Thursday} ~~morning~~ train
I think I will stay here until tomorrow that will
give me time to hear from you I cannot tell yet
whether I shall go to Dayton or G. but will write
you soon from some place Gertie writes that Dr
Spees has left Dayton in rather a disgraceful way

If I get a letter from you by either of the next
mails I will I shall decide which way I shall go.