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you. cordially. Edw. D. Herrick

PM FEB 3, 1904
TO REV. J. D. ROBERTSON
CHICAGO, ILL.

1511 O St
Sacramento Feb 3.

My Dear Mr. Robertson.

I have taken out four
letter two or three times
with the idea of answering
it, but have not yet
felt equal to it.

I must not re-
act, however, to answer
four questions about the
Churches.

I know absolutely
nothing about the Presby-
terian or Congregational
Churches outside this place
- unless it might be
about some of the Church

in San Francisco - where
I know of no vacancy.
The Rev. W. C. Sherman,
pastor of the 14th St
Pres. Ch. of this city, could
undoubtedly give you
a great deal of inform-
ation. His address is
D St. between 17th &
18th Sacramento.

There are two Pres-
byterian churches here,
both with settled pastors.
There is one Congrega-
tional church - the largest
and most prominent church

in the city. Their pastor,
Mr. Dickinson, has just
been sent by his doctor
to Arizona for a throat
difficulty, and will
doubtless have to remain
there for a month or
longer. They will
be getting supplies,
of course - and what
arrangements they
have made I do not
know. You might
write to Mr. Sparrow

Smith. Corner 15th
and N Sts. as he is
the man who attends
to store matters.
I have no doubt
you will enjoy the
coast very much. The
probable church life
as such, might dis-
gust you - The con-
ditions are so different
from those in the
East. You might not
realize it so much at
first, but meditate

why you would feel it. I have known
that you would find it much more
enjoyable than you would expect.

and
I see
from
your
letter
that
you
will
enjoy
it
all
enough.

to Elmore, she went to some house, Sister Maria for a little visit. Sister Maria, John & Mary all out your brother John has
to expect most of his time in the
office at this time, takes dinner
every day with Maria, she has
a young man boarding with
one thinks John treats her
Father badly, it was at his
invitation John went into
all that business at the estate,
you John was interested in it all
& depended on him to manage it
consulting him of course & now
he has left all on his hands. He
& Maria want to live in a large
place where they can enjoy life
more. I think Maria has come
to get them to leaving home.
Maria is ready as I can ask
you to spare this splendidly
written letter besides other efforts
I will sign & Maria will
show you when you write
some of love for both
1902
Yours devoted
Mother.

I. H. Your Father says he has
killed 24 birds, that is
served that many dinner-
was lost in the kitchen.

as now as I can't find it this morning, perhaps I burned it by mistake
with some old letters I looked over a few nights ago. Your Father wrote
last week & told you no doubt of the dreadful weather, which lasted the
whole week, Monday & Tuesday we had some sunshine but today is cloudy
& that penetrating kind of cold that is so unpleasant. I would not be
surprised if we have snow. It is nearly 11 o'clock & it has not been long
since he went out to feed, stopped on the way to have a shot at some
rabbits & I am to make a pie for dinner, my cook has not begun peeling
anything yet.

I am glad your boarding place suits so well, your room must be quite
full with the furniture you mentioned. As you think the present mode of
living, ahead of cooperative housekeeping, well I know as our money keeps
one in particular. I can't quite get accustomed to your being a married
woman, not more than a year ago according to your own statement you had
entered the list of confirmed old bachelors, what a conquest Maria made!!

I don't know what your Father writes you but from the length of his letter
thinks he must have gone back to the days of your childhood. There is
very little happening now to make up a letter, we stay close at home &

have very little I did manage to walk up to Mrs Browder's yesterday evening
the the wind was very cold. I learned from here that Alfred De Wall & his
Coluber (our little depot agent) are to be married the last of April & take
charge of the Torbert house, now called Secord's. I suppose Bob made it over
to her. Perhaps your Father told you Bob has rented a new hotel in Chum-
port, will take charge the middle of next month, furnishing it alone will
cost 5000 dollars & he wants 30 negroes to take care as cooks waiters &c. Susan
will leave her furniture in the house. Another one taken from our congregation!
the choir will be reduced to Mrs Collins & Chasely House, he is not to be
defended one more for any thing, I fear he has fallen into Ford's bad
habit. I have not seen Ruben in several weeks but sister Sally mentioned in
a note to me that he was very well. The Harris family have all recovered but
the younger ones were very sick & your Father prescribed for him by telephone.
We have no recent letter from Ford, now in the "Port" as complimentary notice
of his speech at the Stockman's meeting in Talladega. Fanny still talks at
Charles & Mother's meetings. It will soon be time for the election of a President
of the college, the papers speak of Prof. Jacks. Waver writes that your trip will
be rather too early for him but does not say why he can't come at the same
time, his letters are very short, he did say they all went in presence of a letter that
a hunter reported was around them, but they did not find him.

2-1-5
Uncle Waver has not yet made his appearance in these parts, if he is waiting
for good roads he will be in Knoxville some time yet for the roads are terrible,
too bad from here to Halltown for a buggy, since Mrs. Katsch forced us his
words there is no way of avoiding the lake. Maria G. has been on a visit

suiters to be found in another car.
Well dears I hope you will soon
be in another.

I am delighted from the
top of my head to the tip of my
big toe, that the little jacket fits
you. I thought it might for
it fit me, but I did not want
Leonora to have it, if you did
not want it. So the pleasure
is all mine, my dear Berton.
I knew you would look pretty in
it. You see Ben and I know
what you look best in. Even if
you think you do. Don't for once
think of sending me a bride for
I wanted to make you a little
dressing jacket and this one does suit.

little things for you if you let me
know what you need. I am
going to have a little pink evening
dress made soon. I have now my
black and blue so much, that
people must get tired of it. Jack
and I with the two Matheson girls
went to the P. and S. Hall last night

will look so smart and dainty to wear
when Ben takes you South. Would you
like blue slippers? They are all the
rage and I am going to have them
in all my dresses, and waists.
I have just finished, making this
past week two little dresses for
Baby and a lovely corset cover
for myself. When you give up
let me know. I can make lots of

and had an elegant time did
not get home until 3 o'clock
this a. m. Then I got up at nine
and took a drive with Jack in
the cold air, and now feel fine.
Tonight we are going to the Club.
I wore my dear, the beautiful
butterfly you sent me and
it was much admired and

I told them all it came
from Paris. You know I put
the butterfly on a lovely blue bow
for a back ground. I always have
a good time when I go out. Marge
isn't it? Last Sunday night Jack
and I went to a large dance given
by the "Violet club", a girls club. And
it was swell. We certainly are having
a gay time this winter. Tell
dear Ben with a smooch kiss that
I thank him so much for the
lovely white gloves, just what
I wanted and needed most. I
wore them to the Phi Kappa fraternity
reception, a few evenings after you
sent them. And this fits fine.

Now my dear ⁱⁱⁱ if you want me to
make you a real smart white thin
waist just send me the material
which will be as follows.
3 yds of thin white India lawn @ 20ct, = 60ct.
10 yds of insertion @ .05ct = 50ct
9.10
you can send me the change if you
want me to buy it here. You can
get lovely 18ct insertion for 5ct here.
It will look lovely when finished and

so that no one can touch it but
myself. I am so afraid it might
get broken. Ben is a darling and
we all love him very dearly.

I suppose you know that dear
"Chuckie" has grown tired of his
first love. I knew he would.

I have not written to Alice but once
since I was. Don't you think I am
D. L. ? Mama is getting so

fat that pretty soon she can't
get in the doors. And Papa is
looking well and seems happy
to have some thing to do. I wish
you and Ben could see the Baby.
She is a case and so smart.
I have been reading "Marcella
A Maid of Venice" by Cranford.

It is fine, have you ever read
it? Don't it be lovely if you
can take music lessons. I wish
I could but hope to some day.
Mellie is not going South in
winter. I suppose Elizabeth will
let him. Did you ever tell Ben?

Papa says if you have a picture
of him with his hat on, please
lend it to him for a little while

and that he will send it back.
I hope you admire my paper
but I am trying to use up
all single sheets - see!

I think I have been chatting long enough
so must close and rest a little
for to night. I long to see you and
Ben and have a nice talk with you.
Write soon my love and remember that
you are very dear to me. Give dear
Ben much love and sweet kisses
for me and tell him to give you
the same from Baby and your own
loving and devoted
Agness.

Jack would send love if he were at home.

The beautiful ⁹sash you sent Baby
I will let her wear this summer
when she is dressed up. She is
very fond of it, and wants to show it
to everybody, and says, "Aunt Annie
and Uncle Ben send me". Thanks to you
both for your thoughtful and loving
gifts. The face Ben gave me is a
beauty. ("sure thing" said every party I
go to, it hangs by my side on a chain

Dover N. H. Feb. 8th, 1902

Dear Mrs. Duggan =

I have a curious story to tell you of your money order. When it was received, enclosed in a long envelope, with indication that it came from some Department at Washington, I laid it aside thinking it might be a circular; and didn't think of it again till one day this week, when I

mechanically opened it, and was greatly surprised at its contents, for which many thanks.

It will be a lesson to me & open all mail hereafter.

I explained the reason for the delay at the Post Office. Dr. Haury and Mrs. Tracy both wish to be recommended to you.

Many have been visiting the Duggans at New Rochelle and is now at Worcester on a month's visit.

Again thanking you, I am,
Very sincerely,
William H. Hayes

P.M. FEB. 17, 1934

Dearest Marie:-

I was more than
glad to get your Ben's nice
letter this morning for I was
beginning to worry about you for
fear that one or the other of you
was sick. You certainly had a
narrow escape from death &
serious injury and I am so
thankful that you both escaped
with only slight bruises. But - it -
makes me shudder when I think
of what might have happened and

the news papers are full of quadruplets
accidents every day.

I was also glad to have a little
plan of your room and to know
that you are so cozy & comfortable,
and to hear that you are such
a good housekeeper.

We are having a rather hard
time these days for my & Piville
have whooping cough and although
they are not very sick they cough
a great deal and the older children
have to stay out of school on account
of it - and I have to teach school
every morning from nine until
twelve. I don't expect my ignorance
is great - but I have not opened a

Hypocrite's history in your and the whole
are enough to drive me crazy who is not
very much to them. I have to study up to keep
up with my own teaching. Of course my other
duties & sewing are often almost still.

There's kind of a plan to go to Berlin last Friday
night - I see I have to leave in "middle" - that
the 7 course was splendid in her part that the
they did not amount to much and the men
we call it - with a lot of one rather a strong bond
after many like in better things. Well I have very many
valuable things as I had several things left.
In the house and I thought it better than will
omit to say that I have a few more books which

did not fit & had to send it
back. By had been flush would
gladly have sent it to you for it
was a lovely shade & would look so
pretty with blue ribbons. tried to
get a green dimity - but the piece
was when I was down before had
been sold and now perhaps you
will have to take a blue one. Don't
have a nightmare when you think of a
blue for they are very pretty & dainty.

Remember Aggie has sent you in the
first place gave her the cloth to make
the jacket and she sent it to me
as a Xmas gift - so she could not have
thought she would ever get it back.
Sent her for Xmas a lovely turquoise
blue & white striped, fine flannel for

waist-and ^{F58¹⁹} ~~waist~~ ^{size} The
looks lovely in it. - she is so fond
of that shade of blue and as for
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this afternoon I attended a meeting
of the Tuesday Club. at Mrs. Rankin
and enjoyed it very much. On
my way home I stopped at Mrs.
Rankin and found her holding
the baby who has whooping cough.
It is pitiful to see the little fellow
cough! Mrs. Rankin is tremendous;
weighs 165 lbs and has no figure
whatever. Really she looks as if she
were just-going I have another baby
so you can imagine how she looks.
We hope she will not come truly.
Mrs Rankin is enjoying domestic

His. called on them one afternoon
not long ago about half past four and
before he knocked in the door heard
such a peevish & laughing going on
in their room. When he entered Jos. was
lying on the lounge with Clifford
(their son) playing horn over him. The
little boy is quite a pretty child. Jos.
can not make as many calls now
for they have to stay at home & take
care of Clifford's earnings.

I am so glad that you are
preparing the cards for me. There
will be twelve of us for Jos. & Mrs.
Wiley from Brookline are coming
to see also. I thought I would have
them with the Smiths for they have
been very nice to us and are such

friends of Jos. & Mrs. Smith. I am going to have
my dinner party as usual on Wednesday
again as usual, with Charles' ladylike party.
I want to wear my ice cream with strawberries
as I have nothing else in the week days.
You said in your letter that Mrs. Smith had them
at her dinner. How did she wear them? On the side
of the plate or the top of the ice cream and how
many berries & how many? Please answer
these questions before the card I mentioned.
And Jos. & Mrs. Smith will join us. How lovely -
I mean for Graham.
I am glad that you are meeting Mr. & Mrs.
Smith & that you are having a good time

and especially glad that you are
taking music lessons. Annie
wants to know if you like to
practice and how long do you
practice every day.

It seems strange that you have
not received your trunk & box from
Dunglax yet - for you have been back
for nearly two months. I am sorry
that I could not meet your wedding
dress for you but was rushed that
last day in East Aurora.

Mrs. Cox is coming to spend the
day with me tomorrow & is going to
help me make an Opera cape to
wear to the Grand Opera the
night that the German Circles come
to Durham. It is a pretty wide skirt

to be lived with light - but will
quite small for me & it is pretty
small make one for you when
will my lot in Bluffton.

What do you do with yourself the
long days while Ben is away? I know
that you do not see and practice
all the time and you do not make
cable done yet.

Just think of living up in New
Hampshire and not having a bit
of snow on the ground and only
one week of sleighing this winter as
you. For that does not get much
exercise for there is no fun in
bumping on the bare ground.

Charlie was much pleased with his
share of the letters and is now not so

garrulous & selfish would let him
add to my letter tonight. He is now
helping the children with their algebra.

I am growing quite fond of my
Gargoyle for he does look so homelike.
I feel sometimes like giving him
some cognac - cheese to brighten his
complexion. Mrs. Gibbs says she has
a Gargoyle much homelier than mine
but I don't believe her. He is very attractive
anyway & I am awfully glad you brought him.

Will please to send - bring my
my letter to a close. and tell Ben.
he can share it - with you if he
wants - to read all this trash.

All the family write with me
in sending you & Ben much love.
I hear nothing but salutations both this week.
I know it is difficult. Love ever loving Alice

sent her & is now busy making
it up into a short skirt. Nothing
to be, you had better send her
any material you may have
& she will gladly make you
some more. She had some
new to sew while she had a
girl, & wants to get through
her sewing before the summer
weather. She is very glad that
the skirt fitted & pleased you.
She sends much love to little
Ben & yourself & thanks you
for her fully. Short skirt.
You might it have one just like
the shade of blue will be so becom-
ing to your style. Mr. Muller
rec'd a nice note & sent me \$1.50
for the church. & says she will
buy & sell the butter. ad her brother

Auburn, Ala.; Feb. 14, 1902.

My Dear Sister Marie: -

From time to time I have postponed writing you with the intention of making my first letter just the best that I could write, and at any rate, a long one. But this hope for hour of leisure has not come and I shall not wait for it longer, but tell you in a plain, straightforward way how glad I am to have you a member of the Duggar family. I shall expect a great deal of you and am prepared to give you a warm place in my affections and to make of you a real sister. But you will find me poorly trained for a brother's part, a branch of my early education much neglected - through no fault of mine. And so if you find on further acquaintance that any or all of the "Duggar boys" are reticent to a fault in expressing the sentiments and affections they feel, you can lay it all to this absence of early training at the hand of a sister. But do not be discouraged at having to undertake this branch of our education.

We shall prize a sister all the more.
You may also rejoice that ~~we~~ shall have
no temptation to compare you to some other
sister.

But in all seriousness, all the Auburn
Duggars have a place for you in their
affections. We are looking forward eagerly
to the southern trip that you and Ben
are to make, and this time it is not
chiefly on Ben's account. Of course we
expect you to spend enough time to get
acquainted with us. I wish you might
spend all of your time here and if you
could we should also invite father and
mother, but fear they would be unwilling
for you to ^{fail to} spend a part of the time under their
roof even though they should be able to be
with you during all of your stay here.

Dr. Petrie, in charge of public lectures
here, wishes Ben to lecture here when he
comes south, and we shall hope to detain him
as long as his duties will permit.

It was thoughtful of you to have our children in
mind Valentine's Day. I wish you could have seen them
making valentines a few days ago for you, grandparents, & others.
they probably enjoyed it as much as you would the creation of a
work of art. We have greatly enjoyed your letters and hope you
will write often. With love for both of you

Your affectionate brother
Fried.

4056 Indiana Ave.

Chicago, Feb. 17th 1902

Dearest Grace:-

Only a few lines this morning to let you know that I received your recent letter with the enclosed Post Office order. I am going down town this afternoon and will get the materials, and make it as soon as possible. Thanks for the lace for my waist, also for the lovely kimono you sent me for a waist. I made it up last week and it is very pretty and

becoming. You are a Darling and
I appreciate your loving thought
of me so much. I will make up
the buff with green dots, that you
gave me to keep for you. It isn't
very pretty but will do very well for
every day. Alice writes Mama that
you are decorating her some dinner
cards and that she is going to
give you a dinner dress for doing so.
What color is your jubeline suit
you bought in London? I have a
silly black jubeline skirt. I found
a dressmaker that comes and sews
at the house for \$1.25 per day so
I had her make my skirt and
she made it fine in one day.
Boby was so tickled with the satin
Mam Ben sent her. She called it
her "fathert" She received five
others. When are you going to have
your picture taken. Has it done
soon while you are a Bride, and
have Ben take his with you.
Mama sends you good love. She is
getting the trunk for me. Celie is
washing. I have so many things on
for this week. Wednesday I am going
to wash my parlor curtains. April
have written for the dressmaker for
Thursday and Friday don't know if

he can come though. And Saturday
night is our full dress cotillion at
the Club. Well now I must close
with fond love and sweet kisses
for dear Ben and your sweet
self. Tell Ben that he is a Darling.

Ever your own true,

Agnes.

S.
A little Loast"

"Here's to the little Bird of love,
May it never moult or feather:
Until your shoes, and my shoes, lie
under the Bed together."

P. M. FEB. 25, 1907

East Aurora N. Y.

My dear Marie

I can imagine
just what you are thinking
of Douglas and me for not
sending your box and trunk
before this but Douglas
must take the blame
for I have tried to have
him send them for a
long time but he is a
dreadful boy for delaying.

burned to the ground in
January. It caught fire
at eleven o'clock in the
evening and in half an
hour there was nothing
left of it. We attend the
Baptist Church now
until another can be
built.

You must have been
terribly frightened in the
terrible accident and I hope
you were not hurt.

We have had a stormy

Three weeks ago he almost
finished packing them
and has not touched
them since. They have
not bothered me so you
need not worry about
that and I hope that
you have not needed the
things very badly. Douglas
has promised ^{to} get them
ready to-night for sending.

Have you heard that
our pretty little church

winter here but have not minded it much, for we can keep the house perfectly warm. The trains have been delayed quite badly sometimes. One night Douglas started from Buffalo on the midnight train and reached here at five o'clock in the morning. Frank was on a train that was 22 hours getting out here.

Anna has been away for two weeks visiting

FEB 25, 1907

Joe in barbondale. She had a fine time but was glad to get home as she is a great mother-girl.

Douglas and I went into Buffalo Friday and stayed until Sunday visiting the Johnsons. We all went together Friday night and called on Will and Elizabeth. We played cards and had a very pleasant time.

I am so sorry that Alice's children have

thinks that we could not whooping cough and do
this year. I would love hope that they will not
to see you so much and have it hard.

if at any time you find
it possible to come I
will be perfectly delighted
to see you.

Be sure and send us
your picture when you
have them taken. With
love to yourself and Ben
I am

Your loving sister
Alice.

Feb. 24-1902.

You asked me about
the Hubbard case. I do
not think that he has
tried to hush it up much.
Perhaps he is glad of any
reason for notoriety.

We wish that it were
possible for us to make
you a visit this winter
and thank you for the
invitation but Douglas

Chicago. Ill. Feb. 24, 1902

Grandfather Robertson
to BMD.
Chicago, Ill. Feb 24, 1902

Dear Alice,
I received your letter of
the 16th. You all the pleasant things you said
therein. It seems so much the fashion now-
a-days for people to grumble & find fault with
their environment that it is quite refreshing
to hear from any one that ^{here} ~~was~~ living among
pleasant surroundings I ^{is} happy & content.
I am myself of a sanguine temperament
& see only the bright & beautiful side of life
& it makes heaven appear very near to me.
Then you must know that Marie's mother
is like perpetual sunshine. She sings & hums
& laughs from morning to night & together
with baby Alice they fill the house with
fun & keep the rest of us in buoyant health
with good digestions & large appetites for sleep.

If Marie makes as good a comrade for you
through life (I hope she will) as her mother has
been for me then you shall live to thank God for
the greatest blessing a man can have this
side of heaven.

I wish to say dear Ben that the other forty
dollars you sent me are now ready for you
& will be sent to you as soon as you advise
me to that effect. I will say to you however that
there has been a very fine skin of Gold ore struck
at "Goose Mountain" Cripple Creek, Colorado, which
will be a good investment. If you have no
immediate use for the forty dollars, I am sure
from the best authority that you can invest it
to very good advantage. I can get you Five Hundred
Shares of the same stock as Marie's, for the forty dollars.
They will in 4 months be paying dividends of 1 cent per
share monthly, or sixty dollars per year, & in a year the stock

Blossoms

adhered to Feb. 26th, 1902 letter



I will be glad to know the work done, have
 been laying down, but
 I expect to get Richard to do
 it. Your letter to your Mother
 I have just been read, for
 will apply, with much love
 to Mother & yourself
 You devoted
 Mother.

Feb 26th 1902

Your & Mother's letters of last week were
 read with pleasure, indeed I don't know what I
 would do without the letters from our dear children
 looking for & receiving them is a great pleasure, & they
 give us something to think of afterwards, all the
 gloomy days when we have so much time to sit
 around & think, but I hope we are to have a little
 sunshine now, at least occasionally. Yesterday was
 a bright mild day but the ground was wet, however
 I put on my rubber & went to work in my little
 garden, first smoothing down the ~~then~~ scratches
 & then planting some seed, afterwards I covered
 nearly the whole garden with cedar boughs to give
 the seed a chance to get started & by that time I
 hope the hens will have found another range or

more food out sides. We covered the press in the same way to keep off the red birds. The hyacinths show prettier than ever with the green color all around. Mrs Wesley was telling me if I could ship them I might quite a nice little sum, in fact they sell by the doz for 75^{cts}. If we have, another year I may try to make some arrangement to sell them. You & Marie seem to be making a good many acquaintances which of course is very pleasant to both, but I reckon a quiet Sunday such as you mentioned, or an evening at home comes in well for a change. I believe my boys are the busiest men I know, you I am glad to know takes some recreations but Fred is always in a rush, does take time to hurry in, fix up a little & go to the Conversation Club, on one occasion his hurry was so great he forgot to black his shoes. I must enclose his last letter just to let you see how much he has on hand. He should not attempt so much, will wear himself

out but as long as he feels well he will never be convinced of it. I wish Reuben was as deligent in having his eyes treated as Fred is having his throat "scrapped", I hope the Dr will not scrape it all away. Reuben was down Sunday looking well but says his sight is very poor & I cant persuade him to go again to the Dr, unless he does he will soon be blind. I will ask Elmer to urge him to go he may take his old vice). I had a letter from Elmer last night, he had while writing received a telephone message to go 30 miles to see a patient, was to go by the log train next morning, ride a mile or two horse back after leaving the train, return by evening train, so the trip would take the whole day. Next day he was to go to Mobile about that same case. He has secured three acres of good land under fence & will try to raise some corn to help out his horse feed, it is so expensive to buy feed for two horses, his

carefully raised in that country but a great deal used.
Mrs Hatch & her cousin Mrs Woolley spent most of
Sunday afternoon with us, not even Mrs Hatch
heard any news as you know there must be a death
of it. Yesterday I was at Mrs Bowditch's, the only
news Mrs Low had was a confirmation of the report
that sometime in May Annie Cobbs will become
Mrs Stollenwerk, Mrs Cobbs will not leave a daughter
left, I think they counted on Mrs Annie remaining
single. Frank & his wife have them.

Now can you tell me about what time you will
come south? Of course I do not expect to know the
exact time so far ahead, but want to have some
idea & then a week or ten days before you come you
can I reckon give me the exact time when to expect
you. Do you think of stopping with Fred either coming
or going? You see what he says in his letter. I wish
all the boys could meet you here, we should have a
reunion some times. Your Father is about leaving to

visit a patient at the Lyon place, a long muddy
ride & a lonely day for me. Uncle Warr did not
come up Sunday, I suppose the lane is too bad. I
heard Saturday that a wagon in one of the bad
places had to be dug out with spades, we have
had such soaking rains enough to make any road
bad. Mrs John Walter Collins is under the care of
Physicians at the River Side Hotel in Danvers,
his wife with him, he has suffered for some time
with his side, the Dr lanced it sometimes ago but
not being relieved he was examined again & an
operation was found necessary, Dr Goodloe & some
others performed the operation Monday, had to take
off part of 2 ribs, they found it more serious than
expected. The trouble is supposed to have come from
some old injury to his side. I have not heard how
he is getting on. Please excuse the blot on first page,
bad writing & mistakes, I am feeling rather nervous
today & should not write but tomorrow I will
have no chance as Richard says he will come
"rain or shine" to do some work in the house, & two

Durham. N. H.

Feb. 26. 1902.

Dear Aunt Marie:-

I received
your letter the other
day and was so glad
to hear from you.

The Kappa Sigma
hall came off fine
and I heard the hall
was decorated beautifully

you ought to have
been here to enjoy it.
Sarah Petter and
Katherine DeMerritt
went. Sarah didn't
come home until the
end and today she
is sick from the effects
of it. Don't you think
they begin rather young.

Mama gave a
George Washington party
Saturday night and
they had an elegant

time. you ought to
have seen the table. It
was decorated in red,
white and blue, In the
middle there was a tree
with cherries tied all over
it. It was very cute, and
the two large candle
sticks on the sides with
red and blue shades.

Do you remember the
party at Miss Coe's you
went to. The cards you
fixed for mama were

splendid.

I think the monograms
you sent Annie were
very pretty. Will you
send me one of Uncle
Ben's society and
some more if you
have them. I have
an elegant collection
now. You ought to see
it.

I must close now with
lots of love for your own
dear self and Uncle
Ben. I am always your
loving niece

See the Shinarump