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July 23rd. As we may must be delightful for us all, to
give them & return together must there again; "Ben" must
we can stay with me & my family & be there too, at least
in America. For ten days if we get a few days, Charles had
must, "Papa" thinks I need a "Naptha Linnell"; & you
the change to the salt & I will have a nice time on
think we will be benefited the water; as well as drinking
is well as enjoy a visit to me on land & we will pass a
few children, "Papa" took plenty of cream, as Alice
& Alice to know if it will water her. You had a young
be convenient to her to have salt. It must be truly & water
as well as at that time, when you Ben & yourself
Alice is anxious for you to work together, I hope you
very to visit her, & it will give me better, they are too.

ought to see at last. It
appears then with glasses.
Though a Lady friend told
me recently her eyes were
of expression without glasses.
I believe some think it gives
them an air of distinction
for certainly her eyes were
very pretty when I made her
remove her glasses. Aggie has
gone with Jack & Baby for
a while, as he also has some
"calls" to make. Aunt is not
fully recovered in Chicago but
is trying the climate for her.

My dear Son
I am, with much love to
you both
Yours devotedly
Mother

June 5th 1902

The morning's round of work is over &
I will have an hour before starting the fire for
dinner, will occupy the time writing to you.
I was more than pleased, to have last night your
letter & the picture of Annie, we think it a good
likeness, better than the others we have. I don't
think it "oblique" at all but a very sweet picture.
I certainly must try to have it framed to better
preserve it. Is it the getting exact? to make a
nice fitting shirt? that is something hard to do, & the
cheat pattern is a nice job too, we are more proud
(you & I) of our girl than ever as it is. Your
contribution was as much valued I am sure as if
it had cost a large sum of money.
The Bureau seem to be such good friends you will

miss them when you leave, will have to begin
again a new circle of friend making in Mexico,
but I think you both have a knack that way.

Yes, the Harris family like those little evenings very
much, they want company at home but does not
care to go out from home except to the Drakes.

We have had no news from Auburn lately, we did
think of asking, we would put old Ned on charge
here, let him cook for himself & we run up but they
have not given us a chance, perhaps Harry has
others who prefer to entertain, & was right not to
ask us. The Historical Society meets in Montgomery
on the 14th, your Father feels bound to go, I told him
if he went Reuben & myself could spend the time
with sister Abby, I want a little cash & change as
well as himself. I would not be surprised if Reuben
goes to the plantation this evening & from there to
Montgomery, strange to me your Father is rather
trying to keep him back, I don't know why, Dr

Thompson told him to return in a month & this
time is not tomorrow. The weather is getting very
warm & I think he had better go before it is very
warm. 'Is it a pity,' the trip concerns 3 days.
He wishes there too late the first day to have his
eyes examined, see the Dr next day & again on the
third day before he leaves for home. He says he does
not see any better, but certainly he does not feel
around as much as he did when he first came,
I notice it particularly at the table.

Your Father has come in, sends many thanks for the
pictures & the "Message to Garrison", says he saved
the envelope thinking to return it, that was
before I read the letter.

We indeed, Mary can't visit she can't not come
back & we can't hear of a woman to be hired
not even a "green horn" all busy with day labor,
that is such a free life for them, work a few days
in the week & play the others. I will have as the

boys and a hot old timer. Vested my besides the
dresses I cooked a large basket of pears, must
5 qts of preserves, must put them up when I can
get them if it does add to my work. If your Father
would only go to Tuckahoe how much easier it
would be for us to live & we could have some enjoy
ment too. His part of the work here is light & he
does not realize what mine is. Uncle Waver spent
Sunday with us, "mightily poorly" when he came but I
don't know when I have seen him enjoy a dinner more,
or talk more than he did that day. Tuesday we heard he
did full justice to barbecued meats &c. in Danvers.
Your Father was up there yesterday but he had not
returned from Danvers. His Brethren were claiming
the under growth in the grove to have a barbecue
there soon. Bro Waver lets him do as he chooses, it
annoys your Father but I say there is no use worrying
over such things, we can't direct him in his affairs but
it would be well if some one could. This must be a

2656 Indiana Ave. Chicago Ill. June 5/92

My dear Marie

I have just received
I read your sweet letter of Monday and
thank you very much for taking so
much time from all your other en-
gagements & occupations to write so
long a letter to your old Daddy.
I have just finished reading ^{it} to your
mother & Agnes at lunch, & we voted
unanimously that I should answer
it at once.

This morning I received a letter from
Alice containing an invitation for
your dear Mother to make a visit to
Durham for the month of July, which
I am bound that she must accept as

the salt air did her so much good
last summer. Fortunately there will be
an excursion from here to Boston next week
& the fare for the round trip will cost only
the price for one way. It also give an
extension of time until July 31st.

Your mother & myself will start on
Thursday morning next reaching Durham
Friday evening & remain there until
July 31st & stop in Buffalo to see the boys
until July 31st on which day we will return
to Chicago. In this way will be able to see
once more all the children & grand children
& perhaps you & Ben may be able so to arrange
your summer vacation so that we meet
in Durham, or in Boston & return to Buffalo
& Chicago together, or if not you can visit
us in Chicago after our return here.

JUNE 5, 1932

You must not let Ben work too hard during the warm weather. It has been very hot here lately but yesterday & today it has been quite cool.

I am very glad indeed that you are coming to Columbus as that will be within visiting distance. It is also quite fortunate that you can rent a furnished house. I met a Presbyterian minister the other day who spent several years at Columbus as pastor of the Presbyterian Church. He says that Columbus is a charming place in which to live & that he enjoyed the society there. The climate he also said was delightful.

Please send me by return mail your Certificate of Georse Mountain Stock and I think I can either sell or exchange it to your advantage. Assign it in blank on the back. Ben will show you how.

I would like to receive it before I leave for
Durham, if possible, I will then send it to
me there.

Agnes & your mother are having quite a
time to day as this is baby's birth day tomorrow.
She has had lots of presents, but insisted
that dear old Daddy should buy a bigger
baby for her.

All unite in fond love & kisses to yours
& dear Ben.

Take good care of each other
& believe me to be as ever

Your affectionate
Daddy

I congratulate you sincerely on your
success as a tailorer, I know that you
can do anything if you set your mind to
it.

June 6, 1902

Dear Persica,

We thank you
ever so much for the
stunning photograph.
It came just in time to
cheer me up. This is an
critical week. Julia
leaves Sunday morning,
perhaps for good, who
knows? She finished
writing her book last
Saturday and we have
been ~~work~~ helping her
every spare minute in an
effort to revise it all
this week.

The Pool men came
yesterday & got the
furniture and I hope every-
thing about it will be
done to your satisfaction.

I wish we could all join
hands once more &

Circle to the Right!

Yours as ever,

Uncle Bill

I hope you keep up your drawing.
Tell me about it sometime. Your
mandrakes in Mary's book
are a delight to all. Everyone
speaks about them.

The Pool men asked if it
would be convenient for them
to get Mr. Doogan's furniture!

My dear Father -

The day we decided to move

Bill

Flower was up to luncheon and to look at
some of our furniture which we wanted to see.
Uncle Jimmy (Mr. Tyler) has given us the handsome
mahogany bedroom furniture - his mother's set on.
plate, the dining room par. of heavy portico &
oak, chairs & table and a cherry side board. Bill
bought the dining room chairs of 88 walt.
She also asked about the Bureau which your
mother had asked me to ask for her at \$5 when
I saw the little chair. The letter has the price
and she took it. Father, she decided to take it
later when the roof is on! She has it paid

Monday eve.

for it yet. That's why it
is not with your things
which have been sent to
Columbia, Mo.

We are glad to have the
picture. It certainly is a
dandy but no picture
graph could quite do you
justice. - So there! Don't that
be, my Dick?

I've a cut on my thumb
which makes writing difficult.
This doing my own work for
a week - is all right - save
when the carving knife gets
funny with itself.

Julia has gone hence. I
presented her with a Phi Beta
Kappa key as a parting gift. She
may have a fine job next year
but she must tell abt it. The
house is fragrant with an arripe
of lemon lilies - our wedding flowers
for yesterday was the 5th of June.
With much love - Mothers Mary.

these forecasts which she was fond of was very delicate & hard to raise. When her sister
tried to enter doors to them
she with her this morning
but I had too much to do to
go any where & it would have
done a very hot ride. She is
now around any good by
yesterday but did not come.
I had an idea you would write
to me this week & that the letter would come
last night & it did, we were very glad to hear
from you, have wondered if the weather was as
hot in Washington & how you both stood it.
Yesterday there was only Dr D. & myself here & it
was as hot I told him we would dine on
iced wine, bread & butter, & butter with
a slice of cake to finish off on & I would
write & see some. I wish to have in the morn-
ing did some sewing & in the afternoon
intended beginning a letter to you but I
became interested in trying to make a little
lace collar & before I knew it the sun was

from George Washington.

almost done, then I remembered I had planned
to make some biscuit for supper so I fed the
chickens & made up the biscuit, just then
Sara came in with the milk & I thought of
a scheme to get them baked without smoking
fire in our stove, asked her to take them
along & bake with her supper, just then Miss
Lore came in & I thought what a fine scheme
it was, she wanted me to take a little walk
& got the mail, when I returned the hot biscuits
were waiting for me & I had the pleasure of
reading your letter.

It will be very nice if the horses arrive & you
have no trouble looking for one when you reach
Columbus. It would certainly give me much
pleasure to make you & yourself a visit some
time but it will hardly be until next spring
I reckon. Astigmatism was the trouble with
Warr's eyes, with the glasses I hope you will

have no more trouble with your eyes, it is
strange how many eye troubles there are now.
The charge was more moderate than I expected
from a city man. Resler did not go to Dr
Thompson, he had a spell of fever & said I think
he would be out of town three weeks, to receive
the same treatment & send him up about
the first of July so we can't tell yet whether
he is being benefitted by the medicine. He
went to the plantation Tuesday & promised to
be back yesterday evening but has not come
yet, it is so late he will hardly be here to
dinner. I know you will be glad to meet your
parents at Durham. Don't trouble about the
blue chills, it was just one of Dr D's passing
moods, of course it could not be mistaken. Did
you think of buying a set of chills in W-
to go to home keeping on?

Dr D. has gone to the Boddie place today to

get no work, it is very hot for such a ride but
it is still hotter in the kitchen. I don't think
I will leave my seat to go to Melville this week.
She expects to give Lucy a party about the 10th or 12th
& wants me to help. I must go then if possible.
Lucy expects her friend Miss Lou Weston from
Tahlequah to spend some time with her. Oh!
I must tell you about Gloria, she surprised
herself & her friends commencement week by
having a scrap of a little girl (Vernette) had
several girls staying with her for commencement
& had to send them over to Mrs Mayewell's or
Cochrane's sister. Telegraphed for her Mother who
went up immediately leaving Melville in charge
of the house & boarders. Harry was one of the girls
staying with Gloria. It was thought the baby
would die but at last accounts she & Gloria were
doing well. Gloria was expected herself for
the girls. Sister Sally sends me the baby weighed only
5 lbs, Miss Lou heard 3. My Mother weighed only

JUNE 11, 1857

Dear Son

I will put in a few lines to you, it does not seem right for a letter to go without a little note at least to you.

How did you like the selection for President of the College at Andover? the people of the town are much pleased & the faculty too I reckon, I think Fred is, I had a letter from him dated June 1st, mentioned on the 9th he mentioned the probability of such a thing.

He writes of getting his lectures ready, at the same time says his throat & voice are not in a satisfactory condition, I am so very, hope it was cured. He will be at a Farmers Institute in Brimston the 1st & 2nd of July. I hope he will make us a little visit.

Miss Dow told me that Davis Collins has typhoid fever in Shrewport, went to Lizzie's to Sunday dinner was taken sick & she made him

We must mean from Ware or Shrewport.

him go to bed, he has a professional success but begs
all the times for Mrs Soc to go over, she says she
thinks her duty is to Jimmy, his little boy has
typhoid fever & they can't afford to hire a nurse.
Mrs Stewart & Miss Mary spent most of the
afternoon here day before yesterday; she says there
has not been you yet as far as that she must be
in the city now. Uncle Wain was here a few minutes
Sunday evening, what do you think he did? He
had found some where 2 pieces of marble & an ear,
had them boxed & shipped to Gallatin, Sunday morn-
ing then with "By" took them out of the depot, went to
Mrs Stewart's tea dinner & in the evening brought one
boy up in the buggy, called him for church keys &
"some thing to open a boy," drove over to the church & put
the boy & put the pieces of stone on Mother's grave,
said he did it Sunday because that was the
anniversary of her death. Why could it be have
figured it Saturday, & Sunday he was just some flowers
in the room, he had not said a word to us about
what he was going to do. 6 years since she died. He
said he did not go to the barbers, that dinner was
sent to him. Mrs Birthing is fixing for a barbers at
Una Down & I am very much afraid there will be a
chicken fight on hand. Uncle Wain would not say no,
to "Frank." I must be about my cooking, with much love
To devoted Mother,

[illegible]

We are having a happy time with both us to the "Anquid" for supper
Alice & family once more. I feel & also escorted us to the depot
immigrated already by soft salt & have not safely off for Boston
yet. We arrived Saturday afternoon Charlie is boarding with the
after a delightful trip from the Hancock, which he performed
laze. We spent Sunday with the & do. He is looking well, but
Boys in Buffalo. Willie & Clara had not given much talk
till begged us all to take lunch. We are now looking forward
with them. So we all went but Dearest. To having Ben & you
Douglass. who had an engagement. Self with us here, after you
& after dinner Miss Elizabeth visit to "Wood's Hall". Don't try
& self went to the at. I spent - I do too much with you
their home pleasantly. Papa eyes I suffer with more from
& Charlie returned to the office reading too much which look
& about half past five Douglass

in the last winter; "Papa" is
bright & happy, enjoying everything
immensely. Several ladies have
called, although for two days
we have had occasional winter
storms. Mrs. Rane, has just
left after a flying visit. She has
given very short. She brought
me a beautiful "American Beauty"
rose, & Mr. Rane here brought
me an "Angel food" cake. I am
certainly in good luck, & appre-
ciate much the attention. Alice
& "Papa" join me in much love
to Ben & your sweet self. Kiss
my dear Sam also for me,

"Prairie-Ville Ala"

June 18th 1902.

Dear Ben:-

Today I am by my-
self at home - Ruben &
jr Mother went down yes-
terday to Mr Harris' - to
spend the time til Saturday
The 'cause why' is that Miss
Lucy Melville expects on
Friday Evening, (I suppose)
to make her debut. Miss
Mary Lou Manlowe will be
with her (a Tuscaloosa friend)
and possibly they have a
new dress &c and think
they must have an occa-
sion to exhibit the finery.

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thereoff. —

Lucy looks a great deal better when she is dressed & furbelowed - she stands up straighter, holds her head higher & pulls herself. The everyday back-a-dang-eal daili care-activeness she loses off & resists to her uttermost. Lucy sings quite well when she is in time for it & can make things interesting.

What "papa" says about such things - he speaks it to the trees or keeps silent.

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Presently I imagine "Dick" will meet a party too, & we will play 1st fiddle & 2nd also. Poor Dick! I can't say how he will ever get his head examined with Geography & the rule of 3. As far as his rule is 1701 - one, myself - he is as rough & unaccount, trilingual from either of his parents or grand-parents. Well, I am keeping house all alone, the book & paper provided me abundantly and your mother was as busy trying on her skirt - that she had not time to

write - but I promised her to tell you this
much. Gons came to hand yesterday
morning & she carried it off to Laurella
with her - so I can't specifically answer
it.

Such a dry time as we are having,
is seldom known, how the corn or
grass or trees can remain green and
flourish is beyond my perception.
At midday the corn leaves are curled
up & our Bermuda pastures are almost
ready to burn if a match was touched to them.

Caston is doing a little better, being so much of an air plant. But recently it has shed many of its lower leaves & has a sickly look. Of course some blooms are appearing. yet it needs showers.

When we last heard from Ware he was well, - I think Ruben is improving some, but he hates the restraint of the house, wants to be out. A letter from Leveelyn tells us he had been appointed Inspector of Gulf Ports - (temporarily) & would be absent on the steamer Ma.

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again for - probably - two
weeks or more. He will
be with his old Captain
Amnersea. The Board of
Inspectors met in Mobile
& requested him to act for
Surgeon Goldthwaite. 'Tis
good pay & recreation
for him. Dr Webb a night
or to him takes care of his
practice in his absence.

I attended the State Hist.
Society's meeting at Montgomery
& as our President & 1st Vice
Pres had died since the last
meeting - I had to preside
(being 2nd V. Pres.) Dr W. L. R. Brown
H. H. Pres. - &c. -

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As the meeting was held in the old His-
toric Senate Chamber at the Capitol - I
am able to say "I have presided in the
State Senate Chamber."

Frank is expected to be in Summerton
on the 1st & 2nd July at the Institute meet-
ing. I hope he may have time to be at the ad-
dresses Hall for a day or two, but I know he
is perfect for time. They all seem delighted with
Prof. Tietzel was elected President. Unanimously
I must look up a paper & present it to you - "and a
turn" - as I feel these papers.

JUNE 18 1907

We enjoyed Marie's letter very much, her writing Chinese shops looks like housekeeping in reality. That must have been a pretty set you examined. — The fruit is wintering on the trees — and our garden is parched. Yesterday there was a small cloud & a few drops of rain but all is clear today. I have reading — "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" — and was disappointed — I can't say that I like anything where the English is so distorted. I would rather read 10 pages of Mc Leamy than this entire book. I was much pleased with "Stinson's Merry Men". In Selma I saw Cousin Erin, she said she regretted so much that you & Marie did not let her know when you came to Selma. I must get this ready for the mail — so good bye — May be your Mother will give you slots on Lucy's entertainment. With best love to Marie & yourself I am as ever — affectionately
Your Father.

[Signature]
= I picked up at an old book store
5 Mrs Emerson.
for 50 cts.

To ^{Mary} Robertson
from Fred Dugger's wife

P.M. JUNE 20, 1907

supremest confidence.
But they say around town
that she fed this old nurse
fed the baby on cheap candy
and stale cakes when out of
the Mother's sight, and
behold the result!

My cook is calling me
to come and cook the
beef steak for dinner so
I will close. You think
"Arbun is lovely" and
Arbun certainly returns
the compliment. I know
all our dreams of ever

having you on the
next bill are at our
end since the fine Mo.
opening has come.

Nevertheless no rejoice
in your good fortune,
and hope you will
love us well enough to
make us an occasional
visit.

With love from us all,

Your loving sister,

Fannie.

Durham N. H.

June 23rd 1882

Dearest Maria:-

For three days
I have wanted to write to
you but I scarcely ever
get a minute to myself
and when I do my head is
too tired to think a straight-
thought. At present Papa and
Jane in the sitting room trying
to keep quiet for a little while.
He is finishing a book that he

is much interested in and
Gramma talked to him so
much of stairs that he had
to run away from her. I wish
to not see how she can keep
going so constantly from dawn
& night would never accomplish
anything if stopped to listen every
time she wanted to talk, so it is
the not-get-anything done.
Gramma & Papa are both looking
well and seem so happy to be
out in the country. We have
went for a long drive yesterday
afternoon and today they looked
brandy after the rain.
The lovely little matinee came

has been the happy apple which we
shared of you. But surely we thought
of her all. When thinking she was the
that we have seen had it there and we
say that she seems just - how happy
you are. The mother (his one perfect
and is just what I needed & wanted. I wish
have done you very proud and without
any object. It seems as the one. I wish
that to be able to visit the family and we
just what I wanted & take with me but
we were bound to keep it continued. In a
note saying Thursday night. I wish that
the family was well and that with the family.

This Wednesday the Durham
& Dover Colonial Dances entertain
the State Society of Dances in Dover
at the home of Miss Sawyer
& I am getting ready for that.
Friday Septs. leaves for Pittsburg
& attend the meeting there, Mr.
Rane & Mr. Hawks will also be
there.

Charlie will get back just-
in time to see you & Ben.
Only wish you could plan
to be with us longer, our work
is a mighty trial-time & I wish
William would get ten words with
either of you in that time.

I would like perhaps to
hear what I had for my

birth day. Well Papa & Maama
gave me a very pretty brooch
which you will see when you
come. Chas gave me a check.
Douglas sent me a box of Hughes
& a photograph of his two children
Aggie sent me a hand painted
flour dish (which is very pretty)
Mrs. Potter gave me a bush & comb
Wm. Mrs. Valentine made me
a beautiful angel cake. Mrs.
Mary Smith Mrs. Gibbs &
Annie gave me lovely flowers.
Lemona & Lattie, a pretty tin one
collar. Lucy & Feticilla they sold
boxes of candy. So you see I am
well & you will see an old woman.
Well dearie my time is

up for it - is Monday morning.
With many thanks for my
birthday gifts - which I value
highly and with love from
us all to dear Ben. & your
own sweet-self.

Yours ever lovingly
Alice.

4056 Indiana Ave.

June 25th 1962.

My Succious Sister:-

I V Your dear, sweet
letter came this morning while
we were at breakfast, and I was
so glad to hear from you
again. I also received a letter
from dear Mamma in the same
mail. Before I forget I will
tell you the name of the

will be able to help Mr Duggar, and Jack says he ought to, for people come to him from all over the country. If Ben's brother is going to be in Chicago any length of time I would love to have him take lunch or dinner with us. Write and let me know.

Oh, Marie, I am so glad you are coming to see me that I keep awake thinking of it. I wish my sweet Brother Ben, could come too. It would be grand. I suppose you both will soon be going up to Durham. Send a message that "Chuckie" isn't going.

most noted throat specialist in Chicago. Jack says his name is "Moran Robert Brown, Jr." In the Venetian Building. Jack says, if you could let him know where Mr Duggar would arrive in Chicago, that he could make and appointments with Dr. Brown so that he would be sure to meet Mr Duggar. Dr Brown has a son who is a specialist too. But Jack says to be sure and have Mr Duggar ask for Dr. B. R. Brown Senior. I hope he

back to College. I wish I had
enough money to send him to
the Chicago University. I don't
think he would be unhappy here.
Dear Boy, I am so fond of him.

Isn't it grand that Cornell
won the races. I wish you could
have been here last Saturday
for Derby Day. We could not go to
the races but we drove out and
saw the small procession the parade
music, my own true love. Your picture
is perfect and Jack and I are so
glad to have it. You look beautiful
and I have it in my parlor where
where every one admires it. I am so

glad you had it taken that I don't
know what to do.

JUNE 25, 1904

Isn't it a shame about
King Edward being so ill. I think
it just too sad for anything.

You must have had a delight-
ful time visiting Mt Vernon and
the other noted places. I wish I could
have been with you. Jack has
visited all those places. When he
was at Cornell he used to go off
on trips.

Did Mamma tell you
that she took lunch with Will and
Elizabeth and then went to see
Matinee with them?

I am very trying to get

your little note I finished so
you can wear it this summer.
I have so little time now to sew
with everything else to do. I don't
suppose you will be able to read
this scrap, for I am writing
at two-forty o'clock, before Jack comes
home for lunch. I am getting
so fat, can hardly get on my
clothes. Jack and Baby join in
with me in sending fond love
and kisses to dearest Ben and
your sweet self. I love you both
dearly and long to see and talk
to you both. I will write a nicer
letter next time. Lovingly yours ^{mom}
Agnes.

P.S. 3 o'clock -
Just as we were
about to start,
a cat came out to see
us, and we went to see
her. She was very
stronger than we did.
Oh! I forgot to tell you we
had a "cake walk" (the
Wigwag Stages) at the party.

June 25th 1902.

As there is only your Father &
myself here today I will not cook any dinner,
take that time to write some letters, your must
be first. I asked your Father to write last week,
I went by request, to help sister Sally with their
party. I wish you & Marie could have been there,
it was a "real nice" affair. I think you both would
have enjoyed the jig by old Mrs George Blake, &
the old reel danced by the old folks, your Father,
Mrs Harris, Mrs Barber, the Blake & some of the
elderly ladies with a few young ones to make
out the couples, all this fun went on while
most of the round dances were being served
with refreshments, I was very busy then or
might have taken a place in it myself, but

only time to take a peep at them. Lucy wanted
every thing in the latest style so pushed against
her will sister Sally had to be in the parlor
with Lucy & Marielow Marlows to "receive," twin
Melville & Fanny Minge met the ladies at the
door, & Reuben the gentle man. Aunt Melville's
room was cleared for dancing, supper served in
dining room on little tables. The back porch was
enclosed with sheets & used as sewing partry.
Miss Hunter & myself having charge. Miss H. is
a friend of Melville, was in mourning & did not
wrote to appear in the crowd, begged to be allowed
to help, she was good help too. Olives, salads,
bread & butter, sandwiches, olives, pickles, & crackers
first course, cream chest & cake second course.
Frappe was served by Fanny & Belle Wilkins,
they are pretty little girls & performed their part
well. The evening was cool & the moon was full,
every one had "a fine time" & the party was

pronounced a success. Reuben drove me up
Wednesday evening, the party was Friday night,
we returned Saturday morning, having a good load
of plates, silver & ice cream freezer I carried up
for the occasion & aunt Melville did not forget to
put in a good share of the good things for our
dinner, but I may tell you with the party—
will turn to something else. I had a letter from
Alvery yesterday, mentioned in Melville on his return
from the little trip to S. A. the voyage both
ways was smooth & pleasant, he enjoyed
meeting a good many acquaintances, & eating
ripe fine apples, tried to bring some home but
they only stand transportation when sent overboard.
The 1st & 2nd of July a Farmers Institute will
be held in Uniontown, Pa. is one of the speakers,
I wrote asking him to make us a visit but he
says he will not have time, must hurry back to
Asheboro, will have only one day there before going

to Ohio. I think it right ^{that} he could not
have come a day or so before hand & spent the
time with us. Reuben proposed to meet him in
Uniontown & bring him the first night to Uncle
Barret's; ~~show~~ ^{show} him his crop after an early break
fast next morning, & then take him back to town
for the second days meeting, my only chance to see
him will be to go to sister Sally's that night, if
we can get any one to stay here. I was fortunate
to secure Barret's services while I was away.

We have had peculiar weather for June, during
several days of the past week the weather has been
very cool, two nights we needed a blanket & covered
papers over us; today we have had a strong cool
breeze & there are clouds floating around, I hope we
will have rain for every thing is dry as a chip, squashes
all dead, beans cant fill out, tomatoes & egg plants
look as if they are about to die as well as other
things, parsnips, radish, cabbage, &c, the potatoes

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are getting short too. It will be terrible for this country to fail again in a corn crop, I don't see what the people will do.

I believe you are to leave your present quarters the first of next month for a cooler place, hope you & Mamma will find it pleasant, your next letter will give us your plans & address I suppose. I am looking for it today.

There is no news in this neighborhood only the baptists have a new minister, a young man I hear. Waver has not been heard from in some time, he said nothing more of a visit home this summer. We have been having some fried chickens but they are small, high, & hard to find, little chickens that we usually get for 5^{cts} are 12^{1/2}, in town they give 20^{cts} for them. Reuben & your Father drive around to the plantations to hunt them up. Kiss Mamma for me with much love to your both.

Yours devoted
Mother.

PM 1907

Durham June 26th

My dear Maie

I am sure to beg
you to tell me what is the
remedy you use for the hair
as mine is falling out very
much since I came here,
since my winter sickness
it is natural I suppose.
Tell me just what you use,
& I will be very grateful.
Your beautiful picture is
of great value to me, it is

just today. The excitement is so every day since we came,
bright & happy. God grant you & I have taken a cold in
my darling may be always in sequence, in spite of all
it. Alice & Charles have gone the Lucerne I took myself
to Portland Maine, to attend matter. We are all anticipating
a Colonial meeting & reception great pleasure in having
me when this evening. For you will not desert. Make
today the most of one in - soon & tell us your plans.
Don't Charles also & Leonora. Papa joins me in much
we long to hear from you here to Ben & yourself. I may
again & I know that you have some things you need
& Ben are well. We have had in the way of kitchen utensils
look & met Mathew almost - & in Buffalo. We will talk

see it when you come. Agnes
has all she wants. So we left
them in Buffalo at Miller's.
With kisses to my dear child
then I am ad Mrs. Devotedly
"Mamma"

East Aurora N. Y.

My dear Marie,

I am so glad
that you are going to make
us a visit this summer and
I have been trying to write
to you to tell you so ever
since I received your letter
You can't think how glad
I will be to see you and I
wish that Ben could come
too. I can't think of you two
as old married people. Does

have the fun of thinking
and planning about it just
the same. Douglas has
planted some vegetables over
there and we expect to set
out some strawberries and
raspberries soon. The
owner of this house is repairing
it some and I think that it
will look very much better.

I think that you did
well to make a shirt for Ben.
I never have attempted one
but want to try one sometime

it seems as though you had
been married eight months.

Douglas and I thank
you so much for your
picture and it is lovely
and just as you looked on
your wedding day. I am so
glad that you had them
taken. I never had mine
taken in my wedding gown
and wish that I had.

We have about decided
not to build this year but
I do not mind as I can

when I have not too much
other sewing on hand. I
usually have a stack about
a foot high waiting.

Will and Elizabeth seem
to get along very happily. I
seldom see them as I am
not in Buffalo very much.

I shall expect you in
August and do plan to stay
more than two weeks if you can.
Douglas and I both send love.

Your loving sister
Alice.

June 27-1902.

June 30. 1902.

My dear Sister,

I have intend-
ed for several days
to write you, but I
reckon you know,
from experience, how
"good for nothing"
we all feel this
warm weather. I
do not know how
you manage at all
with your housekeeping,
with no servants.
I was in hopes Mr

Munge could persuade
Suky to go to you,
but she wouldn't
consent. I certainly
hope you have some
one by now.

I found the french
books of yours, &
the titles are:

Oberon, Goethe, La Messiaide,
La Faust, De Machiavel,
Francis. These are all
I could find. What
shall I do about
them? I will send

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them to you, if you
wish. When can you
come to see me?
Come on the train,
& I will meet you;
or, if the Dr. Dan
bring you, that
will be better. Write
me about all the
boys, & the children.
I have no one at
home now, but Louise.
Melville is in Selma,
but will be home
this eve, I think.

Bessie is with Mary
yet. The baby has been
ill, but is improving
slowly, & Bessie will
not leave her till
she is entirely well.
Lucie Bennett is with
Louise now. Mary
Wilkins is very sick.
Was taken with a
convulsion suddenly
yesterday, & we thought
she would die. She is
a little better to-day.
Love & a kiss for
your dear self.
Your devoted sister
Bessie.