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CHICAGO, ILL. July 1st, 1902.

Mr. James D. Robertson,
Durham, N. H.

Dear Mr. Robertson:-

I suppose you are enjoying yourself so much that you have not found time to drop us a line.

I enclose you copy of a letter received from the Georgetown people today. From it you will see that they are getting on nicely.

The Chicago & San Luis Valley Oil & Gas Co. have their first well down over 1,000 feet and the pressure of gas is getting strong. Everything indicates that they will have a good flowing well and if they do the stock will be boosted at once or the Company will decide not to sell any more, but put up necessary funds themselves for putting down more wells. We are inclined to think that you would be able to place some stock. We have been getting a nice business on the Georgetown proposition and more or less coming in for the others. If you think you are likely to make some sales and we can be of any assistance to you in writing to any parties direct, send us the names and we will be glad to assist you as much as we can.

Yours very truly,

Dict. D.A.C.

Donald Campbell

Dora N. H.

P. M. JULY 1, 1901

My dear

Mrs. Duggan.

The beautiful
gift which you
sent me I admire
so much and
thank you with
many thanks for
remembering me.
I hope we may have

the pleasure
seeing you and
Mr. J. T. G. G. G.
at our house —
Thanking you
again —
Yours —
Most sincerely
Christine L. G. G. G.

morning I had to read him out to heart his up. We had breakfast. When we reached
New Hampshire that is quite
Grand. Tell your Father getting
less and less as little company.
I don't know when he expects to
take his fourth of July dinner.
I am probably at his house.
I tell him I was very sorry
not to give him a dinner
but had as little time, &
this girl would be for help
for a company dinner.
I know that New York was
Monday. Do please excuse
this. I really written better
any few more or independent
-ly it seems. With much
love & a kiss to Maria &
yours self. Yours devoted
Mother.

this week because we have been off on a little
visit & only returned about 2 hours ago.
I think I wrote you Fred said he could not
arrange to make us even a night's visit when
he came to Minnetonka, & that. Rebecca proposed
to be at the speaking & bring him out to New
Harris on Tuesday night, we were to dinner up
there early Tuesday morning & your Father go
with New Harris to Minnetonka, I hurried &
hurried to get off not to keep Mrs H - waiting,
when we arrived we found Mrs H - had heard
there would be no speaking that day & of course
Mrs H - was not going, there was nothing to do
but spend a quiet day there, Fred & R - came

at dusk & were off next morning after an early
breakfast as we saw little of Fred, he looks
very thin, & your Father said was tired out, the
hot day, his "talk" & answering farmers questions
was hard on him, that night after supper
he & his party (Col. Falkner ^{Prof} W B Ross &
Dr Carey) were to take a hack to Chelmsford, take
the night train there & reach Montgomery at
1 o'clock that night. He would have only 1 day
in Auburn before starting for Columbus, Ohio,
astonished us by saying he would stay there a
month & study. I hope it will be a little
recreation for him altho he will be studying.
Do they pay you & Fred for the lectures?
I imagine you may think, but I would like
to know if you are wearing yourselves out for
"glory & honor". Well, aunt Melville & myself
had a quiet day, (Rich went too) but it was
so hot we stayed in the house & after dinner

indulged in Mother Hubbards, until about
six o'clock; the weather is terribly hot, & how
any plants can live I don't see, the corn is
ruined & cotton small & not fruiting, ^{no}
rain for us, they did have enough to lay the
dust at Louisville Saturday. The dust is bad
& cracks in the ground large enough to be dangerous,
what is to become of us?

I don't think I know whether since Marie's letter
to your Father was received, we enjoyed her account
of the day at Mt Vernon, how I would like to
have been with you! I am glad the weather is
not so very hot with you, but I reckon you are
about ready to leave Washington, I think Marie
wrote some time ago that you would leave
the 1st of July for Woods Hall & I rather looked
for a letter today giving your address but we
did not find one at the office, may come
tonight. Mary Willkins' family had a terrible

fright about her Sunday, she suddenly lost her
senses, knew no one & kept saying "some thing is
wrong", in about 2 hours she had a severe
apoplexy & all thought she would certainly die
but she recovered & now her mind is perfectly
clear, Dr. Morely said it was the strangest case
he ever saw, could not account for it, said a
small clot might have formed on the brain &
that caused it, when the clot was absorbed or
washed off by the flow of blood her senses returned.
When Ruben left us yesterday morning he expected
to go to Montgomery today, I hope he went.

I have at last picked up a "green horn" as
wild thing, from 'over the creek' to help in the
kitchen, of course she is better than no one but
a trial to teach, we left her in charge when we
went away, Lena, the negro who was here to feed
during our absence said she spent her time
over the creek, when we reached home this

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BUFFALO, N. Y.

7/3/12

My Dear Marie,

I am ashamed of the sluggishness shown in my failure to sooner acknowledge the receipt of your letter & photo. - However like the prodigal I rely on your forgiveness.

The photo is good but makes you look too statuesque. - You know you are just a sweet bunch of a girl and "La grande dame".

We are all very happy these days - "Chuck" is spending the Summer with us and we enjoy having him ever so much -

Mother & Father took luncheon with us on their way East. It was fine to see them again -

Our plans are now being laid to have Long go away for a vacation. As long as business will permit as he needs it badly. - He will probably start in a week. - I will be in Phila. July 16th & perhaps can arrange to run down & see you. - Don't count on it however.

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Business is good and we have no complaint to make —

"Chuck" is a great big boy and is going to be an extremely handsome man. — We are all proud of him. Elizabeth & I are going to help him through college so that he can live at the frat. House instead of at ~~Charles~~ with Sis & Chas. If you could spare say \$50.00 about January 1st & Dmg. \$50.00 about March 1st We would make up whatever else would be necessary say about \$200.00, and that with what he earns during vacations etc. will see him through and he would be under no obligations to anybody, for we would all feel glad to help him with no thought of his returning it. Sis & Chas. are all right but neither of them seems to understand that the finer grained a person is the less liable they are to let their gratitude slip over. — though they feel more deeply than the surface emotional ones do. I hope you will find you ok.

JAMES D. ROBERTSON

WILLIAM E. ROBERTSON

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BUFFALO, N. Y.

With love to you both I am as always,
Your affectionate brother,
"Billy"

PM JULY 6, 1907

It is just twenty-five minutes
past six, dearie, and you
I hope have started on your
journey. Did Mrs Hatch give
you a glass of milk and some
cold claret before you started.
I am worrying about you every
minute. How I wish I could be
with you to fare you and look
after you dear Ducky Daddles.
It was stifling on the car until
we reached Baltimore. We are

just a little way out and ~~are~~ in the midst of a deluge of
rain, and a bombardment of thunder and lightning. The
young married lady with that little boy (they sit just opposite
me and have made friends with me) is afraid of the storm.
What long dark tunnels we had to pass through to get to
Baltimore! I don't hope you are passing through showers
because it makes it so much cooler.

Best do good to your self. I am praying for you.
Do don't work too hard.

I haven't a quarter for the porter so I am going to try to
get some wild quizes also in order to get the change. (I don't
think.) Have one on me, somewhere when you get this note.
A streak of sun shines out and there is a lovely rainbow over
to my right. I am going to take it as a sign that every-
thing will go well with you. Are you thinking of your own d'ing
madam?

PM JULY 8, 1902 ?

My own Darling - I haven't had
an opportunity to write to you to-
day so as to get it off on the
half past five train. You can't
imagine how many interruptions I
have had, and then this afternoon
I took a nap as I was so very tired
and what must I needs do but
oversleep. I was disgusted with my-
self as I know you will be.

Well first of all, sweetie, how
are you? Oh, I do hope that you
are better, and stronger, and
that the weather is good in Columbia.
After I had my teeth made up
last night I found it really

me my own little room. I never was frightened in Durham before.
It is because I am so lonely and because I miss you so. I
am going to try to get Annie to sleep with me until you come.

You may imagine that I slept pretty well last night as it was
so cool and pleasant. As I told you I struck up quite an acquaintance
- ships with the only two other ladies on the car. I told you wrong
about going by "Poughkeepsie". We went to Jersey City, crossed the ferry
(the whole train did) and went through New York City, arriving in
Boston on Tues. that is across 5 o'clock instead of 6.15. I awakened
while we were on the boat and Mrs. Parker and I had quite a conversation
with I remembered that other people might not enjoy it. Someone did
occupy my upper berth, but I didn't see him either this morning
or last night. I asked for an inner curtain while Mrs. Parker did not
hence the occupation of my "upper" and the non-occupation of hers.
But at least is my solution. We arrived in dear Boston at 7.15. I
took a couple's alms the city (fare 50 cents) and reached the North
Union Station at 7.15. I inquired immediately at the Bureau of

about two cool with the window
open two inches and a half even
though I pulled the heavy horse
blanket close up about me. How

I did miss you, my Darling!
I declare my time that we are separated
it grows worse and worse. Did you
miss your little d'nepe?

If you can't read this you will
know that I am writing without
my glasses, besides which I am
sitting alone in the pink room
with things creaking on all sides
of me. This room with all its pink-
ness appals me (is that spelt
correctly?). I know that I never
can sleep in here alone. I had
no hoped that Alice would give

JULY 1907

Information and found that
my train left Truck us. 9. at
7.30. I saved my luncheon re-
mains with a beautiful large
piece which Mrs. Parker gave me
to eat on the train.

I arrived here at ten o'clock. Dear
Daddy and Lorrana were on the
platform to meet me. Chue sat
in the trap with Mary and Vincella.
The rest of the family were all on
the piazza and all seemed glad
to see me. The children have
all grown so much. They are pretty
independent and mischievous. Such a
crowd of them and no control!

But cheer up.
Oh my dear precious boys

He's not very uncomfortable so far,
but bids fair to be so some day.

I mustn't waste your strength
and eye night reading this.

I have written some of my
nervousness off and am sure
I shall sleep soundly dreaming
only that your kisses are still
warm upon my lips.

Love you Schatz so so very
careful of yourself and come
Saturday to your lounge and
must loving and devoted
Wee Wee.

I hope you are feeling strong
and well. Do don't work too
hard or worry. I love you
with all my soul. Do you wish
I would say something new?
I want to make your days warm
about me. You must love me
lots to make up for my leaving
you.

I have almost made up my
mind to go to Texas with you
even if "there is a crowd". Will
you take me?

Do give my love to Fred and
tell him to take care of you
for my sake.

Bugsy-ty-loo is coming along.

Tuesday A. M.

P. M. JULY 2, 1907

My Own

Last night we had
quite a gathering upon
the piazza. First came
Mr. Keith to say "Howdy".
Then up came Mr. Mullen
and dear old Mrs. Mullen,
followed by Professor and
Mrs. Rane and little Fannie.
Before long Mr. Beard came

day to go up the Weve on Lake Winnipeg. (My
Gemma for spelling has deserted me entirely.) Just Mamma,
Papa, and I are to go. It will be a relief not to go on
the prairie with all the children.

Dearie I am counting the hours until you come. It
is so cool and lonely in this country village that I
know you would soon grow strong. I am thinking of
you every minute and wishing that I could be with
you to take care of you.

Duskane seems happy there usual and — coarse.
Humm it is lonely and cool here and glorious to be

bringing two shippers to be
used at the Christian En-
deavor picnic to-day. Laura
is the head of the Committee
in charge and feels her
importance vastly.

It is cloudy this morning
and is about to rain. I
think. The picnic is going
forward regardless of rain,
and Daddy still insists
that it will be a fine

JULY 21, 1904

with Nance, Daddy, and
Alice. Come quickly, won't you,
when once your lectures and
the evolutionists are done?

I love you from that ring
with hair down to the tip
of your patent leather shoe
mine Liebschen and am

always, yours very own
Machin Padric.



GREAT SOUTHERN
FIRE PROOF HOTEL

Tuesday
FIRST CLASS THROUGHOUT
BEN. H. HARMON, MGR.

2 P.M.

Columbus, Chic. July 8 1912

Dearest little Daddie,
What
do you think I found for me
down at the Off. of the
Graduate School of Agri-
culture? It was the
sweet little note written by
my Dolly just out of Balti-
more; and I was made
happy indeed to have a
littya letter so soon. Fred
was there when I received
it, and he was looking
vainly for a letter from his
spouse, - he having re-

ceived no news since he left
Ala. several days ago. I'll
tell you, there's nothing like
having the sweetest d'wife
in all the world, and
somehow I just don't mind
telling her about it!

I wish so much that I
could know now that she
made the trip through to Dur-
ham without any trouble at
all. Think o' it: two whole
days gone, and in four
more I'll be 'wid ye' again.

Well, do you want to
know the history of things
since the morning at Wheel-
ing. By ten o'clock I
reached a restaurant, and
was able to resuscitate my



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FIRST CLASS THROUGHOUT

BEN. H. HARMON, MGR.

Columbus, Ohio.

July 19, 1901

famishing demons. Remembering the evening before, I tried chicken again, and again it was good. Soon after eleven my coach (and it was almost a private coach - only one other passenger, and he a little man) left on a round-about escapade for Columbus. One, two, three, four, and five o'clock came and went. Still we were creeping along, running very slowly over bad places. Finally, there was an hour's spurt, and Columbus

was reached soon after six.
I came straight to this hotel,
and whom do you suppose I
met first after registering. Fred
it was. He wanted to take me
out with him, but I had
had neither lunch nor din-
ner; and as he could not
recommend his boarding
house too highly, I concluded
to remain. When I had
bathed and eaten, I rode
out to the university and
sat with Fred until time
for him to attend the
inaugural exercises; 8 P.M.
Well, I thrashed about for
two hours, but was finally
asleep, and made a good
night of it pounding my ear.

July 8, 1902



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FIRST CLASS THROUGHOUT

BEN. H. HARMON, MGR.

Columbus, Ohio.

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I have a fine front room, and
the evening breeze is good.

One lecture 'gone'! Yes,
it went, and (strange to
say) it did not seem to
make me quite as sleepy
or tired (!) as perhaps some
others. In the audience
were two of my old Profes-
sors, at the Miss. Ag. & Mech.
Coll. After the lecture, I met
lots of people whom I know,
among whom were Wing, Stone,
Laumann, Ford, and others
from Cornell. I remained

to hear Webber's lecture, and here I am. No: that is not all. On the way back to town I was riding with Dr. Briggs (of Soil Bureau), Prof. Lazenby (Prof. of Hort., O. S. U.), and Mr. Jones (Presdt. Bd. of Trustees O. S. U.). The latter invited us to dine with him at his hotel; and we had a pleasant little chat. I was also able to "make a dinner" on nice roast beef, ice-cream, and coffee.

Now I am having the best time of all; and I wish I could just do something to make you know it, by ruffling your silk gingham, or pouring water on your linen skirt,

July 21, 1907



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BEN H. HARMON, MGR.

Columbus, Ohio.

1907

your little Polly - woddle, sweet
littya m — Yes, I am
feeling finely, and I had that
ginger ale on you last night
as I returned from the University.
Don't be worried about me Dar-
ling. I am going to take it
easy; and, I love you
and good attention and
sweet, loving care too much
ever to get sick away from
my sweetheart what ran a-
way and left me — to go
two hours later.

Columbus is quite a

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nice town, and the University
end of it very pretty.

Well I am not going to tell
you any more 'bout loving o' you
right now, for I am going to
send this off, and then I
am going to lie down.

Aufwiederschen, and be real
good to yourself for the sake
of your Loger, and give a little
bit of love (proportionately) to
all the people, so would
wish, Your d'loving Husband

must go home, it was about dark then. Sunday he was here again, spent the night at Mrs. Stewart's & Monday about 12 o'clock up he drove with a watermelon & a pig on a log, wanted to eat it but we persuaded him to put it in the well until after dinner, the poor little pig had to stay in the buggy all day. The water was out, I ate a very small piece & gave another one that gave me the fever but I can't think of it. Parker left us at 11. Mrs. H. Davis' Wednesday, saying he would go to Monticney next day, seems to

around again, but really there is nothing of interest to make up a letter, the days are long, tiresome & oh! as hot, we feel sometimes as if we can't breathe well, & must give out there is stove heat all over the house, I mean it feels like stove heat. This morning is rather better, the air a little cooler owing to rain that fell somewhere yesterday afternoon, but we did not get any. I had fever after dinner yesterday & spent the afternoon on the sofa in the hall dozing, tho' I had a terrible headache. I am taking quinine this morning to keep off a return, don't know what I would do without my girl tho' she is rather on the wild cat

the plantations Saturday night & come home Sunday, this is Wednesday & we have not seen or heard from him, I am so anxious to hear the Dr's opinion of his eyes. More has broken his leg & seems but extremely satisfactory, very satisfactory, said he was in Lawton, Spidger from what he wrote that he must have had chaps of an exhibit of various form about Beattie's when he mines. A short fair was going on, he said, our display holds its own against these all."

I tell Maria we have found such a nice crop of potatoes; among being her father for crops. I send a paper from a cow, she may like to try it when you get home helping, we gave only 10 to a cow. It must be now it would be nice for lunch in the winter, so early prepared. The note from Maria

I thank you for your letter of the 1st. I know you were relieved when the packing was finished & hope you will be as well pleased in Columbus that you will not have to move again in some time. Mrs. Hatch says it is such a nice place, Judge Mansfield was raised there & has relatives in the place. I am so glad you & Maria admire the family silver, but tell Maria she must not let that make her extravagant in dining room furnishings, but you will entertain I reckon, & have need of nice things &c. This is your last day in Columbus as I will send this to Durham, intended writing to Maria while you were away but felt so badly & had so many interruptions as this will do for both. I know she has been

enjoying herself with her relatives. We had a letter from Fred, he seems pleased with Columbus & in better spirits about his throat than when we saw him. I am so glad he will stay a month & hope it will be some what of a rest for him, I should have said recreations, for Fred never rests; how absorbed he is in his work! hardly thinks of any thing else.

Uncle Wm did dine with us on the fourth after all, he came up the evening before, next morning went to Gallows ordered & waited for ice, did not tell me what he was going to do, (I would not have been surprised if he had brought back half a dozen people to dinner but he did not). He brought John made him saw off a large lump for us & sent the other to his pet "Frank" (Mrs. Breathing) who could have gotten it

I enclose that you may see the manner of these French beds. Still you of best she
has not found
near all of them
I had more than
a dy I think, she
may come across
some more times.
It is getting very
hot again, I hope
you are in a better
place, with much
love to Frances &
yourself
Your devoted
Mother,
Mrs. Eden left
yesterday for her
new home; she is
a good, charitable,
woman & will be
a great asset to the
community.

for himself with much less trouble. I gave him
some very nice soup, fried chickens & vegetables,
tried to borrow a small freezer to have some ice
cream but could not do it, they substituted ice
butter milk. Of course a bottle of wine had to be
opened & many a toast he proposed, our absent
one was not forgotten. That evening we had quite
a wind & rain storm & what do you think he did?
his buggy & horse were under the cedar tree as usual,
when the rain began he deliberately went to his
buggy, looked at it & the harness until quite damp,
then instead of coming in the house he got into
the buggy & sat until the storm was over, when
he came in I asked, "why did you go out in the
rain?" he answered "to protect my horse & buggy".
He was driving around for your father to pick up
his horse when suddenly he turned, said he



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FIRE PROOF HOTEL**

FIRST CLASS THROUGHOUT

BEN. H. HARMON, MGR.

Columbus, Ohio, July 7, 1912

How is Durham, and how
are all of the Folks?
I can hardly await my next
letter to tell me all about
everything; and especially
all about my darling little
girl and the remainder
of her trip.

I have not heard
from Mother this week, so
I suppose she wrote to you,
and I will see her letter
in time. Fred received
short letters from both
Mother and Father today,
but I did not have time

to read them this morning.
I will go out to see him aft-
er supper, however. Fred
sends love, and thanks for
your prompt inquiries of
Jack concerning throat spe-
cialists. He states, though, that
the last examination in Mont-
gomery was so very encourag-
ing that it is now wholly un-
necessary for him to undergo
further treatment, so he will
not go to Chicago.

Well, another lecture is off,
and does my Persis want
to know what I talked
about this morning? The phys-

JULY 9, 1907

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FIRST CLASS THROUGHOUT

BEN H. HARMON, MGR.

Columbus, Ohio.

1907

iological role of the different elements (except lime), the influence of extreme conditions of temperature, &c., upon plant growth, Photosynthesis, and the physiological significance of selection and crossbreeding. In the first lecture I did not cover sufficient ground, so I had to hustle this morning.

Dr. True has asked me to give another lecture Friday morning, as he is very much afraid that Prof. Bailey will not show up until Saturday. Since I have material

in abundance, I could not
well refuse, though I did want
'werry, werry' much to be home
with my Daddling on Fri-
day afternoon. As it is I
shall endeavor to change with
Prof. Spillman, coming on Fri-
day at my usual hour, 8-10,
rather than from 10-12, which
is Prof. Bailey's hour. If
I come at the latter hour, I
cannot get away at 11:40 A.M.,
and the latter is very desirable.
So it stands thus, Thwetty: If
I leave at 11:40 A.M. Friday, I
arrive Boston 10:30 A.M. Satur-
day; while if I leave here at
4:47 P.M. Friday, I arrive at Bos-
ton at 3 P.M. Saturday.

JULY 9, 190~



FIRST CLASS THROUGHOUT

BEN N. HARMON, MGR.

Columbus, Ohio.

1901

I had a nice talk with Prof. Waters this morning, and I see quite a little of him and of other nice people here at the hotel. Only the lecturers put up here, because the others are to remain so long, and I judge that it is about a \$4⁰⁰ house.

Last night we took dinner with Prof. and Mrs. Kellerman, — by ~~me~~ I refer to Haber and myself. Mrs. Kellerman is a pleasant, quiet lady, and Miss K —, who was one year at Ithaca, you

know, seldom says a word.
They have a pleasant little home,
and their icecream was good.
I stopped a few minutes with
Fred on the way back to ^{from the} Uni-
versity.

I don't like this widower-
hood, I'll tell you I don't, and
I will be happier when I start
for the "seashore", - happiest when
I arrive at the "Elms".

It looks a little like rain
now, and I much hope that
we do get a shower, for it is
almost as hot here as it was
in Washington. However, it is
a drier heat, and the breeze is
better.

My own Lettya Love, I love
you, love you, love you, and
want to kiss you many times right
now, - does your old baldy hubby!

July 10, 1902

My dear Mrs. Duggan:

I know of two rooms here of which Mrs. Mum may not have told you, but I do not think they are as desirable as the rooms she will report. One is up on "Cott Hill" not far from us, but a good half mile from "The Mess". The other is less than a quarter of a mile from The Mess I believe but it is in a low heavily shaded place where there is no view. The room itself is good, clean and well cared for. I think they can be had, either of them for three dollars a week.

The chief objection to the first one is
that it is a ground-floor room
now only used for a "pauler". The
chief objection to the second one is
that the old Captain keeps cows and
his goat is unsavoury.

It is the hardest year I have ever
known to get over. Both the houses
I had in mind for you were filled
long before we came.

Law feeding is too cold and
damp for my own comfort here,
I think old age is telling on me!

We look forward to seeing you both.

Yours truly
Mrs. H. H.

Yours cordially,

W. A. H. H.



GREAT SOUTHERN
FIRE PROOF HOTEL

FIRST CLASS THROUGHOUT

BEN. H. HARMON, MGR.

3:30 P.M.

Columbus, Ohio, July 10, 1902

Dear Dollie, I am very happy
to say that I have bought
my ticket, and by this time
tomorrow I hope to be on the
road between Cleveland and
Buffalo, travelling eastward
to my Madrie Padie and
my Gogly. Sweetheart, I
had the joy of two little
letters today, and was so
happy to have news of you
after arrival. I did not an-
ticipate anything like your
getting lost in Durham, etc.,
but you see I had not heard

from you since Philadelphia.
Don't worry about me, Deenie;
for although the climate has
not been all I could wish,
nor do I feel as vigorous as
a vine growing on an ash-
bark, still I am getting
along nicely; and soon I
will be resting most comfy
with my Daddling.

I am only going to write
a word or two now to tell my
Love again that she is my
own, sweet, beautiful Love, ^{and}
that I am coming to her on
the train leaving here at
11:40 A.M. tomorrow, unless
I am very badly mistaken.

JULY 10, 1902



**GREAT SOUTHERN
FIRE PROOF HOTEL**

A train (on old
schedule) leaves
Boston for Dan-
bury at 11:30, arriv-
ing about 2:15 - I
will be there... my sweetie.

FIRST CLASS THROUGHOUT

BEN H. HARMON, MGR.

Columbus, Ohio,

1902

I have not seen Spillman yet,
but I feel quite sure that he
will exchange with me. If
not, I may just close the
work at 11 and catch my
train anyway.

This morning I talked diseases,
and listened to Hebbert talk
Mendelianism.

Last night Fred came up to the
hotel, and we chatted together
until about ten o'clock. How
does my Dolly, my soon/sweet
Bonnie, and my loving divines
With all, all my soul's love,
Dearie, I am your own Ben.

The Brackroft,
July 14. 02.

My dear Mrs. Duggar:

We found your letter
awaiting us when we arrived
on Thursday. We were very
glad to know you had so
comfortable a journey & that
you had good news from
Dr. Duggar. We felt rather
worried to have him start
on his travels alone, he

looked so tired out when he came back from putting you on the train. I hope he was able to go through with what was expected of him in Columbus & that by this time he has begun to gain flesh - Lou evidently did not spend any time in getting rested, but began at once to have a good time. I saw a notice in a Boston paper of the Colonial Wars banquet, & your brother-in-law's

name was mentioned, but nothing was said of the ladies who accompanied him!

We had a pretty hard trip & mother has not really felt like herself since we reached here - The place is beautiful; we think really the most attractive season place we have yet tried, but it is partly the weather, which has been perfect since we came - very warm in the sun, when one exercises, but always cool & breezy on the

piazza in our room, which
has windows in two direc-
tions - You can lie in bed
& look out on the water
& the sound of the waves
on the beach is delightful
to listen to in the night. No
doubt you will find some-
thing as charming at Woods
Hole, where I suppose
you go today - You must
let us know about it -
Write us to Kenne. M. H.,
minh you? I meant to

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tell you of our journey,
but wandered from my
subject - We took a day
when the mercury was
94° in Wash'n, & tho' we
were only five hours on
the way to N.Y. it was ex-
tremely uncomfortable. We
arrived there at 3 o'clock, ex-
pecting to go on board the
Priscilla at once, & were
much upset to find that
owing to an accident the

night before she was disabled
& two smaller boats were sub-
stituted. Of course our state
room had been engaged days
before, but everything was in
confusion at the pier no-
body could get any satisfac-
tion. We were told at first
that the Boston passengers
were all transferred to the
boat that was to sail later
& which would not be in
until 6 a.m., so we waited
on the lower deck of the
other steamer, very warm

& very tired, until about
that time, when we learned
upon further inquiry that no
state room had been reserved
for us & that there was none
to be had on either boat!

Of course then there was
nothing to do but to go up
to 42nd St. & take the mid-
night train. We were lucky
enough to get lower berths oppo-
site each other & after a
good dinner at the Grand
Union & getting cooled off, we
felt somewhat reconciled to

the change & were glad to
turn in early. Of course
mother had a hard night,
but I really slept a good
deal. We reached Boston
in a cool rainy morning
& not knowing the time of the
first train to Gloucester, lingered
over a nice breakfast at the
South Terminal & reached
the Union Station five minutes
too late to take it & had to
wait there two hours & a half,
until 10:45 - I thought how
much more sensible your
plan was, but we felt that
we needed to be sustained by break-
fast -

JULY 14, '07
It is so lonely here we feel
repaid for the struggle of
getting here, tho' I did make
up my mind, during the
journey, that I would prefer
to spend the next summer
quietly in Wash'n. with all
the comforts of home!

Today we are going over
to Rockport, where some cousins
have a house for the summer.
First we took a trolley ride
to Long Beach, a pretty
stretch of sand with waves
breaking on it. The day
before I walked to the Eastern
Point lighthouse, about a
mile & a half away, & met

up into the light, which
was a new experience &
very interesting -

We walked down to the
Hawthorne Inn one morning.
It is quite near every
fashionable. There are thirteen
different buildings belonging
to the end of people in it -

I am sorry that the en-
closed letter should be so
long in reaching you. We
received it this morning -

We directed the Washin
postmaster to send our mail
all to Kame, supposing
that yours would go to the
laboratory & be forwarded

from there - If you are likely
to have many letters perhaps
it wd be well for Mr. D. to
send an address to the P.O.,
tho' I shall be very happy to
forward anything that comes
to us, if you will keep me
up to date on your address.
I hope you are both resting
& recovering from the last
week you were in W. - You
must write us about your-
selves -

Mother joins me in love to
you both, & I am

Affectionately yours,
Mabel Hatch.

I have had some as long time, I wish you & Ben had come; when R. goes up I send
 a card & bread, sometimes apples
 to help out their table, their
 garden like you one does is
 bare & up. Oh! I want a
 note that there was a letter for
 me on the 13th in Columbus
 waiting for a stamp, I
 enclosed one just as it was but
 the letter has it now, I thought
 it must be from Ben & and
 you fellow I wish to see
 thinking as much of Ben as he
 pays for a stamp but what
 shall I say when he does
 this come thing with you?
 to much on his mind, but
 you think so? Maria came
 ashamed to send the truly
 written letter & so many wishes
 please excuse it, you will love
 to see Ben & send a post

I am as glad to have your
 letter tonight, it has seemed a long time since
 we have exchanged letters. My last Washington
 letter to Ben must have reached there after
 he left & I thought would be forwarded to him
 at Columbus, then I intended writing you at
 Durham but some how did not do it, by that
 time I thought it would be useless to write Ben
 at Columbus but addressed the letter to Durham
 & hope it has been received. I thought Ben would
 hear from us through our letter to Fred.

I was truly sorry to hear Ben had such a severe
 little spell before leaving Washington, but very glad
 to know he was able to stand the trip to Columbus
 & improved, he will work too hard & in hot

dear for
yourself from
the Dr.
very self from
your loving
Mother.

he can't stand it, it is a great comfort to me to
know he has you to take care of him when sick
& do pray try to keep him from doing so much. I
dread the Texas trip & wish he could get over it.
It seems the heat is greater & of longer duration
this summer than I ever felt before, usually we
have during the summer some long pleasant
spells, but this year it has been hot, hotter,
hotter. Today we had a heavy rain & I do hope
will have a pleasant change.

I have often thought how you must be enjoying
the visit to your sister, & meeting your Mother & Father,
there, by this time I suppose you are on the river
again, to Woods Hole, Ben said after the 12th
I must address him there & of course you will be
with him.

Yes, we knew I had thought of going to Chicago
to see a Dr. about his throat, I am so glad he
found it necessary, his letter was very cheerful &

he seemed so pleased with the plan. I hope he
will gain a little in weight, he was so thin
when I had that letter of him.

I hope you are now feeling quite well & ready to
enjoy the new coast. How do your two little folks
expect to occupy 9 rooms, Ben's room, father's, sitting
room, study or library, kitchen, storeroom, & the rest
bed rooms? Well, I think we will have to make
you a visit to help fill up for a little while,
but how can the world would we ever be able to
leave home for such a trip, would it be equal
to going to Europe for me!

I wrote Ben the Dr's opinion of Reuben's eyes, feel
so thankful they have improved, but as I told
Reuben today, I am afraid he is taking liberties
with his eyes since the Dr. pronounced them
better & that should not be. He went this morning
to Linnville expecting to go over to Hannibal

tomorrow to make some little purchases & then

fresh ops spend a day & night at "Uncle John's"
on these trips I am sure he does not take the
medicines regularly or wear his shawl. Last night
he called on Miss Lou Browder's guest, (it was
moonlight & a young man came to go with him)
a niece of Mrs Powell. I was to have called this
evening but the rain prevented. I hope Reuben had
some rain (I think he did) he had about 10 acres
of late corn planted last week, said the ground was
so hard they could hardly get up enough ^{earth} to cover
it altho they had snow a day or two before planting.
Very few planters are trying for a late crop but he
thought it worth trying. Mr Colby was to have
had services yesterday, but was sick his daughter
wrote, I feel anxious to hear how he is. Uncle Waver
came up & oh! he was "so poorly" shivering,
swimming in his head &c. &c., dropped into a chair
on the porch & began talking, said he had taken
3 different kinds of medicines ^{that morning} & more had some more

any good, I soon learned he had had no coffee that morning & no hot breakfast so I ground some coffee, made him a cup, put it on a waiter with a little plate with a biscuit & some butter, he soon made the platter clean & in a few minutes was quite lively & "all that circling in my head is gone", "I feel like a new man", then he had strength to drive to Mrs Du Bose to take a birth day dinner with her, (her birthday) carried up 2 bottles of claret & an orange for her to make a promised Roman punch, but the punch turned out to be sangria, he seemed much disappointed the punch was not forthcoming. He returned to spend the night with us, bringing a large piece of ice which I think he must have ordered out for the occasion, he left us this morning. I enjoyed a glass of ice tea for supper & that is why I can write all this between supper & bed time, Dr

D- has laid him down to rest & I think I must follow, finish this in the morning, good night my dear -

Tuesday morning before breakfast - Well here I am seated on the front porch to finish my letter, there is no sun & it is nice & cool behind the vines, from present appearances there will be more rain today.

Yesterday D- had John wash off his cart & put on a coat of varnish & today I think he contemplates having the buggy wheels painted by the same person, ask Ben if he does not think John is seeing. My kitchen help is about as light fingered as Mary was, fresh eggs go before the sun is low enough for me to visit the nests, the finest fattening chickens went one evening & a hen came up with an old cat sitting hanging to her leg, evidently had been caught & tied but loosed herself by her efforts, is not it too bad then are no honest servants to be found now !!

Mrs Button sent me a half gallon of the nicest

My dear Mr. Duggan:

Your very charming
letter was late in reaching me -
there are disadvantages in
living in the country - but since
reading the good news you
have been sent in my mind,
and this is the first opportunity
I have had for writing you.

Indeed I rejoice in your news

happiness and I hope it
may continue always; increasing
only as it grows older.

I congratulate you too, for
although I do not yet know
Miss Robertson I have such
faith in your good taste
that I am quite prepared
to admire her exceedingly.

I am sorry that I do not
know Miss Robertson, but I
hope we shall meet ere long,

and that we shall be friends.

I shall give you no message
for her, because I wish to
write her a note, if I may.

"You found that you could
for each other too much! We
ist das nur möglich?"

Your new position will
prove, I hope, quite as
pleasant as the one you
are leaving. Of your success
in it, I have no doubt.

It seems strange to me
that our large universities
cannot afford to keep
their good men.

Poor Mr. Demand! I was
as distressed to learn of his
wife's death, but I felt
that I did not know him
well enough for a note
of sympathy.

My sister is not gaining
in strength, as we would

wish, and I fear she cannot
in this climate. She is to
spend the winter in the South,
and until that time must
go to a climate better
suited to her condition.

Poor child, she regrets so much
her inability to continue her
college work, and I fear
she will never be strong enough
to go back to it.

In September I return to
Brooklyn. My work there

is in fact my congenial.
New York is such a central
place that occasion will
surely be offered now and
then for a call from
you and I hope also an
opportunity for meeting
Miss Robinson.

My holiday leisure is mostly
employed in being very busy.
Just now we are effecting
installments of cousins, whom

it will be my pleasure to
'tote' about.

Twice I have been to the
Exposition. The effect of the
buildings is very pleasing
both in coloring and design.
But the exhibits are disappointing.

Write me when you are
to make your visit, then
perhaps Fortune favoring
and cousins permitting I may
be able to run away for me

afternoon. I want to see
the glory in your face.

My sister wishes me to
thank you for remembering
her, and also sends her
best wishes and congratulations.

Again wishing you all
possible joys and happiness
I am

Very sincerely yours,

Anna L. Waggoner Chittz

July fifteenth.

230 Oliver Street

N. Lonsdale. N.Y.

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Woods Hole
Wednesday aft.
July 16-

My dear Mrs. Duggar:-

I received your dear
letter Saturday night and
would have answered it im-
mediately except that there
was no mail out of Woods
Hole again until Monday
morning and acc. to your
letter I expected you that
afternoon or yesterday at
latest. - I met both after-
noon trains both days

reaching Hood's Hole. - It is beautiful
here. At first it rained every other
day but now the weather is perfect. I
know you will enjoy it here if Mr. Duggar
is well, but it is a poor place for any
body who is ill, so if he is ill, stay with
your sister until you feel that he
is again himself. For I wish I
could see you this minute and know
what the trouble is, and talk to you
instead of writing. - At any rate I am
thankful the heat of Washington and
Ohio are behind. You are certainly in
the best place.

I have two rooms for you. - That is,
I left it to you could have your choice
when you arrive. -

Brother is so well and happy. We have
been having such a delightful time to-
gether - I am going to Falmouth this
afternoon. - Tom's sister, ^{her} husband
& son arrive next Saturday morning. -

The first dance was last Friday night.
I had a very nice time after I
wished for you too. I do hope you
will like to be here well & happy for the
next one. - There are about sixty more
studies - here than ever were before and
dining halls are crowded. - This is in
noway the answer your good letter deserves
but I wish it to reach Hood's Hole in this
mail. - Tom & Kama join me in the hope
that our dear old home is so near that we may see

and now greatly fear that
you did not arrive last
night, and sent us no word,
because Dr. Duggan is ill -
We had met Mr. Chamberlain
& Mr. & Mrs. True but neither
had mentioned Dr. Duggan's
illness, so that I learned
it for the first time when
I received your letter. We
are more sorry than we
can tell and I am so
worried for fear he reaches
Durham ill. - Even before
we left Washington the 15th
was the day you had set for

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CHICAGO, ILL. July 16, 1902.

Mr. J. D. Robertson,
Durham, N.H.
Dear Mr. Robertson:-

We are glad to receive subscriptions from you in the Chicago & San Luis Valley Oil & Gas Co. and hope you will secure several more. We mail you a paper which is a little old, but it gives a brief account of what the Company are doing and the prospects would appear to be very promising. We understand their well is now down about 1500 feet, and should they get oil in good ^{paying} ~~paying~~ quantities, it is likely they will discontinue the sale of stock altogether; at least Mr. Paddon informed us that the Company would likely pursue this course, and would then continue to put more wells down at their own expense. We note that all of the parties interested in this Company are reliable people and will not make any misrepresentations. Should you wish to secure 5,000 shares, as mentioned in your letter, you can have it at what it costs us, namely 10¢, less 25% commission. That would make it 7-1/2¢ net. We do not wish to make anything out of your personal subscriptions. We hope you will be successful in placing 20,000 shares, and it would be wise for you to push the sale of it as much as possible at present as the Company are working so rapidly that the sale of the stock may either be withdrawn from the market or materially advanced on short notice. All of the indications so far as they have gone lead experts to believe that the Company will get a good flowing well.

How about the Georgetown Tunnel proposition? Can you not interest some people in that? We regard that as an absolutely safe investment. The transportation feature alone will give this Company when their tun-

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nel is completed an income of something like \$450,000.00 a year, and they should receive at least half a million a year net from their own claims. These figures are made on the most conservative basis and the terms on which the stock is being sold would return investors about 60% per annum on their investments. We do not know where anybody can beat it. Of course, it is not to be expected that the Company will do this the first year, but they will be shipping ore before the summer is over. The tunnel is in 700 feet and the air drills are working in first-class shape and the work will be carried on without any interruptions.

Hoping yourself and Mrs. Robertson are quite well and enjoying your visit, we are,

Very truly yours,

Dict. D.A.C.

Don Campbell

Fort Hill, S.C. July 20/92

Dear Ben,

I write to tell you a little more fully of our trip yesterday.

We left about 9 a.m. the train was already crowded when we got on. Before we reached Tallulah, it was packed, - there must have been six hundred persons. It is about seventy miles from here to Tallulah & partly through the mountains. The train was so heavy that it got stalled several times, once up on a mountain where we saw a pitiable sight. An old, old woman, poorly clad, who was one mass of wrinkles and shook all over with palsy, stood watching the train.

The excursion was much
enjoyed, and during the fifteen
or twenty minutes we staid there
money was poured into her
hands. I guess she never had
as much before.

Just before reaching the Falls
we stopped five minutes at
Turner's point, some hundred
feet above Tallulah river. Far
below the turbulent stream
winded and twisted over its
crooked, rocky bed. On all sides
rose mountains of solid
rock down whose steep sides
dashed numerous silvery cascades.

Reaching Tallulah a few
minutes later, about 1 P.M., we
ate our lunch, and started
out to view the Falls. We went
down the almost perpendicular
side of a mountain hundreds of

feet high. Some places would
^{have} been one long stretch of rock,
slippery with oozing water. Some
of the ladies in our party gave
up, but a few of us pressed
on, and the sight was indeed
worth the effort. Occoee Falls
are the first. Here the Tallulah
river dashes over a sloping precipice
of forty feet. The whole is one
mass of pure white foam as
it descends. Then the river flows
on boiling over rocks for some
distance, and then makes another
leap of eighty feet. At this point
we saw a perfect rain bow in
the spray which of course rose to
some height after such a fall.

The walk to this second fall, was
on a ledge of rock only a few
feet wide, to a wooden tower
of five stories. Through this we

descended, to see the Fall from below. While in the latter place, the clouds gathered thick, and the thunder rumbled. Mr Dundy, who was showing us around, told us we could not ascend those rocky paths in the rain, so we hurried back without seeing the third Fall which is said to be ninety feet.

The remainder of the time, we visited the little observatories built along the sides of the mountain and thus gained different views of the river and numerous cascades. The Falls cannot be seen from these places on account of the thick growth of trees, and the continual bends of the river.

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The mountains, extending as far as the eye can reach, fit into each other as it were, causing the river to bend sharply every time it goes around the foot of a different slope. It was remarkable to me to see the trees growing apparently out of solid rock.

We went to the train early to get seats. Most of the crowd did the same wise thing; however, we were fortunate enough to secure seats together. We reached home a little after ten, very weary but very much pleased with the day's trip.

Perhaps you would like to know a little more about the Maryland chain of Agriculture for

which Mr. Duggar is applying.

The salary is \$1500. The college is just thirty miles from Baltimore, and just seven from Washington. It certainly will be a delightful place if he can only secure it. Mr. Brink, whom Mr. D. knew in Texas is Prof. of Hort. there and he wrote him of the opening. Mr. Duggar is keeping his application quiet and hopes it will get on before others know of the vacancy.

Of course this latter part of my letter ^(about Maryland) is confidential.

We are anxiously awaiting a letter from you. Do hope you have gotten the Union Town place.

Prof. Newman has treated Mr. D. so unkindly here ^{that} it would seem like just retribution for a

Duggar to succeed a Newnan there.

The Fort Hill S.S. is to have an entertainment Friday night; a Japanese wedding and several tableaux. I think they will be very pretty.

With much love to grandmother, mother, father, and the boys, I am

Yours affectionate sister,
Lizzie

P.S. A recent letter from a Starkville friend of mine contains this sentence: "The banquet was an elegant affair. Your brother made a beautiful after dinner speech - one of the best that was made and he looked so young. Wish you and Mr. Duggar could have heard him."

It is about 3 o'clock there is
 great thundering all
 around us away here
 a shower, I hope!
 Parker's place will
 get some, the cloud
 seems in that direction.
 You must spare both the
 comparisons & personship
 of this letter, there is nothing
 to write of & this pen is
 almost dead, I was too lazy
 to get up for another one,
 with much love to Maria
 & yourself
 Yours devoted
 Father
 19th 22
 We expect letters from Maria
 or Henry -

Writing day has come round again,
 I feel as if it has been only a day or so since
 my last letter which was to Maria, I think
 I addressed it to Woods Hole, by the way -
 what is that name? Holl, or Hole? some-
 times you write one away & then another, I
 suppose you are there enjoying the sea breezes
 & what ever fish the salt water affords, not
 pompanos I reckon, that fish I believe belongs to
 Southern waters. I hope you have recovered your
 strength & some flesh, since your sickness, for
 you must have lost weight with such an
 attack. How do you & Maria amuse yourselves?
 I suppose there is much bathing & you will
 practice swimming too, that reminds me

so much moving around must interfere with
Minnie's nurse practice, doesn't it?

I was glad to have your letter of the 15th, I would
like very much to meet Mrs Robinson.

Your Father is busy in the office getting his prices
ready for the Watchman, it takes as long as a
series of lectures would any one else. He has to
mention the arrival of a new young lady in the
neighborhood, Miss Powell from Texas, a niece
of Mrs Lewis Powell, "Miss Bonvick" gives her a
card party tomorrow night from 9-12. Miss
Low is getting so stylish we don't always under-
stand her. When invited to Lucy's party she
sent her card, we don't know whether it
meant she would accept or not, but she was
there. Reuben is invited but I don't think he
will go because he can't see well enough to
keep up with rapid card players. He went to

the plantation Saturday, I am expecting him
home tonight. All yesterday we had clouds &
thundering in every direction but we had only
a shower, the rain seemed to be about Ansonia,
Greenboro & Dayton, Uncle Waver drove us just
ahead of the rain, spent the day with us. I think
he is a good deal better, perhaps it is because he
visits now & gets a little better fare, I think he
must have gone to Mrs Stewart's last night, he
had a few green pears in the bottom of a basket
for her.

Tell us and your aunt about that 9 room house
you two little folks are to have, are you going to
take boarders, have a co-operative household or
what? Fred has not written to us but once,
I hope he will not bring back his throat
trouble talking, so many around who are
interested in the same work he is, he seems

completely wrapped up in Agave trees could
talk of nothing else when I saw him.

We had a visit from a travelling picture
man some days ago, your Father was from home.
I positively declined to have any work done but
today he came again, these travelling agents are
a regular nuisance, no matter how busy one is
he must stop & look at their wares.

Miss Lou Browder sent us as treat the other
day, 1/2 a doz splendid peaches, the only eatable
ones I have seen this summer, they were sent to
her from Sampson Co. We have not even had
any nice water melons, or cantalopes. Will have
only Sweet's pears to preserve & if my cook
continues so light fingered I don't know how I
will manage to make them - She actually took
8 eggs out of a basket in the dining room the
other day & I was sitting in the hall, after that

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"East Aurora" July 23rd

My Darling Aunt. Mary
a few words
this morning to let you
know that we are well &
lovely cheered in Douglas
comfortable little home.
We had a pleasant trip
to Buffalo. Charlie was
at the depot looking well
& handsome, & we took
great part in the "Burgess"

house. & then went to see Alice's place & welcome us.
The boys at their office see the & see such children's look
Main st. We had a warm well & plump & Alice & Long
greeting. From them & we want you to be sure & pay
pleasant Chat. after which when you promised school,
'Papa' attended to some business. Alice seems so fond of you
& Charles went out to the & arranged for you to come
down & also to Long's Shop at soon as you can. Long
to look at his machinery & let me take a little trip
about noon we all went somewhere in the new palace
to lunch together & had a fun 2 weeks, but as yet no
jolly time. At one we came to a fine place. We enjoyed
me to Aurora, & found me well. & Alice & the

same say much & pleased
about it fact, she is as true
as gold. I think she loves
her little fact, say much
to her 'Charles', therefore
she does not see his defects
in that line. You & Ben
visit to us all not a ray
of brightness, only make it
could have lasted longer. Jane
little reached here the morn-
ing of our departure. You
must be having a good time
you being sleepy all the while
is a sure sign of pregnancy,
with most women.

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I you must take all the
cost & sleep you need; The
table cloth & napkins are in
my trunk & I will gladly
send them for you when I
reach Chicago! "Papa" seems
tired out & is napping.
He preached last Sabbath
& the people went into raptures
over his sermon & we had
quite a levy of collect on
Sunday evening; I say good
bye, & I expect to see you

having to leave. Mr. Jones night. He seems well & happy.
Mrs. Angus' husband died. Mr. Lawrence was here last in
last week of blood poisoning very & he played "Murmured"
after a short illness. He had he is also coming tonight
abandon me his throat. To Annie, Mr. Lawrence is
& Mr. Colby had a fall from away for two weeks. Alice
his bicycle on the sidewalk & "Papa" & daughter since
which induced him into Ben & yourself both of the
seems for some time & but on which I heartily join
heart was very weak. But he we expect to be here until later
and then when we left. Day when we were with the
Charles is coming to Annie & Edmunds & go from
this evening & will spend the time to Chicago. Alice

has "Ita" shee a something
is nice & pleasant. Manu
is a little lost, to some extent
by "Ita" I am sure fully at one
Douglass is looking & feeling
better than he did last sum-
mer & needs a change
How delightful the sea breeze
must be at your charming
retreat. I hope you & Ben must
be very happy together. Love
Hest you both. Write soon
& direct to 190 Main St &
Misses full forward our letters
Give your loving & devoted
Mamma

your last sweet letter of the 9th inst. Me I lat. being shame shocked at
telling me of your arrival in haste to warm for me to wear it on
myself. And make interesting in dressing. So if you say so I will
effect nothing at sea & in Europe send it to you for you to wear
how much we enjoyed them - while dressing is the beautiful
all. I want you to continue Slipper Ben & yourself with me. I
have much confidence, & you appreciate very much. They would
can with. assured they will be to lovely on you ^{more they smaller} with a pretty last
served to me alone. My thoughts were wrapped. I have not sent
are now with you. & that man you Elizabeth address at the draw-
ing. I commenced to wrap up not reply to my letter telling her
a Christmas Meringe & small cakes you were going to Washington &
I send you, but as I had seen Papa thinks too the way a little
in several times to breakfast I felt & not just the kind of a kind
fear you would not like to see to know. but I don't feel that way
I think she may have left Washington

Mrs. Phillips is in Europe. had
been there ~~for~~ since the Revolution.
I sent her a Gunt lake for "Thank
sgiving" & her son wrote me a note
of thanks &c. Did Aunt Kate send
you a pair of slippers? Bluffton
is looking up. Northern men of wealth
are buying up land in that section
so I may hope for better days in Siqui.
Phoebe Darling sends I & Charlie some-
times he needs sympathy & love.
Alice is all right but she is grieved
too much by Charles' ideal of manage-
ment. Do you still think of having
your picture taken in your wedding
dress: it would be beautiful. I

of the chance. No, your brother would be a great deal of company for you if he was
and might go off without you, it would be wise to leave him any how. Oh! I must tell you of our little pet. Bertha thought us a little black puppy very pretty, now that we have a white, a white tip to nose & tail & some legs with white feet. It is the prettiest I ever cared to pet, in July I gave away the white & yellow dog we had had, which you were here, she is worthless. Dr. Duggan writes with love much love to you & yourself. How loving Mother!

day was read with pleasure, I was getting anxious for a letter from Bern or yourself, was a little afraid Bern was sick again, and as glad you both are well & in such a delightful place. I wish I could have joined you there during the hot time here. I am sorry about your tooth hope you will not have to part with it & that it does not cause you any much pain. I think tooth ache is dreadful, I have had my share of it in days gone by.

We all feel so sad over the death of our beloved Bishop, he was buried yesterday in Schuss, some of us could go as we did not know the hour in time. I expect there was

great crowd. Just to think what a healthy looking man he was & taken after only a few days illness! I do not believe in operating for appendicitis, I have a personal knowledge of only 3 cases it is true, but 2 of those died. I would rather take my chances without the knife & if I had to go, die a natural death.

The Bishop will be a great loss to the diocese, & what will become of his family? You know his wife is about crazy & his old Father who lived with him in the same fig. Where will we find a man to fill his place?!

Truly the ways of Providence are mysterious. Uncle Warr came in this morning about 8 o'clock, just from Des Moines, took Mr House in town yesterday, that big, heavy man on his poor horse, a snow prevented their coming out last night so they took an early start. Don't breakfast had been over an hour but I finished

up some for him, it is now 4 o'clock & he is about to get off, has been trying to summon energy to move ever since dinner. He brought us out some nice steaks but that is something I never succeed in cooking nicely, but was managed to eat it & enjoyed the change.

Reuben went to Greenboro Thursday & I spent his home last night but he has not come yet. Green is so hospitable I reckon he insisted on his staying longer. Dr & myself drove down this morning to call on Mrs Allen Stewart, Mrs Anna Stewart insisted on our remaining to dinner, said she had a nice piece of mutton for dinner & would not make any change for us so we consented, had a very pleasant day & enjoyed the dinner too, she had prunes & cream for dessert which is an almost unheard delicacy this summer. We enjoyed the day but were so tired to get to our rooms

that all the eggs laid during the day, & a fine
young cooties had been appropriated. That night
our camp was visited & 4 nice fat chickens large
enough to bake taken out. I had been fattening
those chickens for weeks. A Sunday school "association"
has been going on mens by & I suppose some of
the "delegates" had the benefit of my fat chickens.
I think the cook took them.

Have you heard from Fred? he has not written
to us but once from Columbus & that this day
he arrived. Henry keeps silent also, if they
only knew how anxious I am always to hear
from them I think they would do better. I hope
the little Auburn children keep well, Fanny now
writes unless I send them some thing, & then I
suppose she thinks politeness requires it. I can't
help contracting her with my youngest daughter
who writes such sweet letters to "Mother dear"
Minnie I think so often of you & the quiet, cozy
times we spent in your rooms while here. I

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never go in the chamber without thinking of
you & Ben. Reuben occupies that room now
to save me going up the steps to give his
morning dose & to clean the room. I thought
I wrote Ben the 1st and there was "big
improvement" in Reuben's eyes, still when he
reads, or writes, they soon begin to sting as he
expresses it. Last week I helped him book his
accounts but have a good deal to do yet.

As Mrs Allen Stewart was so polite to us when
in Selma, I feel as if I must ask her to
dinner, think I will try & have them Wednes-
-day, will get Sadie to help with dinner, she is
a good cook. I must make a cake & get up
an ice of some sort, probably peach cream,
had to order my ice out yesterday, see how far
ahead we country people have to look. A man
brings out ice for all our neighbors once a week
10^{cts} ^{a each} for the hauling, so we have to take advantage

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FROM MARIE'S BROTHER

Dear Marie + Ben:-

your dear
letters came last week
and I cannot describe
the conflicting emotions
which they roused in
this poor heart of mine.

I have thought it all
over and have decided
to come with you.

Marie dear, don't you
feel that you are taking
an elephant on your
hands? after all that
you have heard and seen?

New Hampshire after all my
pleasant times and successes
but then, there are good
times coming.

There is a chapter of Happa
Sigma at Missouri and I
know that I shall be happy
there.

I went out to East Aurora
Saturday noon to spend
Sunday with Mama +
Papa and had an awfully
good time. They came through and to make a reputation
Buffalo on their way to Medina for myself at U. of M.
today and expect to come back

It makes me feel sad
and distrustful of myself
to think of the failure
which my domestic efforts
at Durham met with, and
I hate to have Alice feel
the way she does.

I thank you from the bottom
of my heart my dear sister
and brother for your kind
offer. I will try my best
to keep your home pleasant
and to make a reputation
for myself at U. of M.
It is rather hard to leave

on their way to Chicago
Wednesday.

Doug + Alice leave
Thursday for a vacation
at Derby (or rather Sturgeon
Point) and they want you
Marie dear to come when-
ever you feel like it and
stay with them either at
Derby or East Aurora. I
long to see you and talk
every thing over again.

We are all very busy
in Buffalo but it has not

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been very hot here yet.

My heart is too full to
say much more so with
love from us all to our
dear sister and brother
I am

Your affectionate brother
"Chuck"