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of his will remain in Columbia.
I feel pretty sure you & Maria
advised him to finish his
course at this University.
I hope this will be a real or
little from you or
Maria too now - telling us
how you all are, with
much love to each one of
you & to his to the baby
I am
Yours devotedly
Mother.

Jan 19th 1904.

accepted the offer made him by his
from Maria's card of your having measles but
truly glad it was a slight attack, hope you were
careful not to expose yourself afterwards for a
relapse is often worse than the first attack.
I think you had measles when the other boys
had it did it you? I wonder if Maria Louise
has taken it, Maria said she was "a little
under the weather" at the time she wrote, well,
if she is well now it you will be relieved of
anxiety about one of the dearest children are
subject to. I am anxious to hear if Paul's children
have escaped, it was just across the street from
them, neither he nor Harry have written to

us since we left Auburn. I expect this house
has been pulled to pieces, shingles were in the
yard to cover the sitting room & porches. The
sliding doors were to be taken out of their rooms
& put between the rooms on the other side of
the hall, the space being closed up & an
ordinary door put between the rooms, that
work would throw all down stairs into confu-
sion & dirt, tho' Harry seemed to think it a
small affair.

This morning Reuben was to leave Fairbairn
for Mobile, Henry will join him at Calvert &
take him to Dr. Brewster, Henry has a great
deal of confidence in him. I need not say how
sincerely I hope he may be able to benefit Reuben's
eyes, to see his sight so nearly gone fills my
heart with sadness, I can scarcely think

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of any thing else, he is constantly in my mind, I am so afraid too some accident will happen to him driving about alone.

Yesterday evening we drove down to see Mrs. Hatch, who not long since returned from Europe. Mrs. Macintyre is no better, has Bright's disease, many times some times, or dies at any moment, has also cardiac asthma, that is very distressing. We hoped to find Mrs. Stewart there but were one day too late, she left that morning for Atlanta to see Allan, then goes to Asheville. She did not succeed in getting but half her rent, left the matter with Mrs. Spencer, it was too bad. Mrs. Marshall treated her so, cold so much that he must have been fully able to pay her. The weather has been so good the farmers are getting on well with plowing, where have we

perfect through fare & been able to drive about
in "king's buggy!"

This evening I walked over to Mrs Davies; Mrs
Davies was not at home but Blanche, Miss
Ward & Miss High (the teacher) entertained me
for some time. Blanche tried of teaching & did
not return to her school after 4 o'clk. There is
nothing new or interesting in our community.
Mrs Scott (Green) gives as well reception to
her daughter who was married in a hurry some
time ago, to keep another girl from getting the
news, & to her son Frank who will be married
the day of the reception, was born an imitation,
will hardly accept. Dr Will Bamford is home
for a short visit, rather unexpected, which
enhances the pleasure to the home folks. I am
interested to know if Mrs Robertson (Churley)

p.m. Greenville, Ala.
To Douglas, Colorado,
D.O.

Jan 26th 1904

My dear Lou

I enjoyed your last letter so much.
I think you write such a nice home letter, (other
sort too) telling of the things I like most to know.
I sincerely hope the baby has regained her usual
health & that Minnie is feeling better. I expect
she now expects herself sometimes does it she
& brings me a return of her ailment, if she
wants to rest next summer I wish she could
give us a part of her time, we would be so
glad to have you too, & would do everything we
could for you all, it is so quiet here there
would be nothing to do but rest. We have no
idea at present of going to the Exposition, as
you say, September would be a good time I think,

in St. Louis it would be cool enough there but
 I really do not think I could stand the fatigue.
 I can't do more as much as I could a year or so
 ago. Yes, your family must appear quite small,
 but larger than ours, you have your young
 lady to occupy a seat at the table & amuse
 you with ^{her} chatter. You have had Mrs. Chasely
 ever since you have been housekeeping here at
 you? I don't know about liking mushrooms have
 no acquaintance with them but am glad to
 know you enjoyed the fruits of your labor. I
 did not know you were trying them in Columbia.
 Our weather keeps cold, yesterday not too cold to
 be pleasant, but last night there was a little
 rain, this morning everything was frozen & the
 west wind goes through one's, one's fire does not burn
 well & I am sitting up on the hearth, writing

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in my lap but I must try & run over to Mrs
Browder's before night, she will think I have
forgotten her, expects me over often. Yesterday we
went up to Muttetoe to fix up a carpet to send
Paul, your Father had been twice to do it & failed
as I told him to take care & I would do it. I
fixed it up with the aid of Paul's old woman
& he took it in the buggy to Man Dow but
they said that was no shipping point as he
had to bring it back & we must try to find a
wagon that will call & take it to Minneapolis. I
^{reckon} they need it for the other parlor. I reckon Harry
wrote Maria of the changes being made in the
house, that is a badly arranged house so much
room & still only one spare bed room. Paul's
room looked quite comfortable, blind as he is,
he is always stirring about trying to get some

thing done, hard work it is, for the workmen
 are not to be depended upon at all any they will
 come at a certain time to begin a job & make
 you will never see them again. We can't get any
 thing done, not a ~~person~~ turned in our garden
 yet. Benbow returned safely from Mobile & is taking
 the Dr's medicine but how long he will keep it
 up is another thing. The Dr told him improvement
 would be slow, above all things to avoid taking
 cold, but he has no idea of taking care of him-
 self. I suspect you think it strange I have said
 no more about those chairs, the reason is this,
 we could not get any one in Demopolis to crate
 furniture, the furniture man will not do it,
 now Mrs. Hitchcock the carpenter. The chairs I
 offered you from here are not so badly broken
 5 of them we think can be easily fixed by a

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good workman. Can the white stains (age
marks, I reckon) be removed from Mahogany? of
course they have them. The sofa you wished is
at Mottetoe & the large chair in Decapolis,
some day Mrs. Minicott will bustle your father
out & then what will he do with the things!
He would not have a rule & the office has stood
on the lot a month over the allotted time.
I had no note from sister Sally this morning
she is miserable about Ben Harris, he is in a
bad state, can't sleep at night, every thing
worries, & nothing cheers him up, has nothing
to do but worry himself to death. Your Father gives
the best advice he can, but he says what Ben
H- wants is work & exercise. Sister Sally's health
is not good & his condition is bad on her.
Carrie Deane was married last Wednesday to

Mr Jackson who manages the Decker place.
A very pretty little house wedding, ceremony
performed by the priest, he is a catholic, if I
had been in Leavis's place I would have had
Van Coot's first, & then he could have had the
priest, or better still I would not have married
him. I must help thinking Warr is on the way
home some where, yesterday we found at our
office my last letter to him returned from back.
he must have left there & told the P. M. to
forward his letters to Prairieville. Reuben &
Henry called to see the Sprague's whistles in Mobile,
all looking well. It is time I was getting ready
for that visit so good bye, much love to you all
& kisses to Annie, soon she will be coming
around every where I reckon, want to go to the
laboratory with you -
Your devoted Mother.

Prairie-Ville Ala

Jan'y 27th or 30: 1904.

Dear Ben:-

Your letter rec^d this morning dated 27th inst - stated you thought you had the Grippe - 'tis a very common disease but one not to be slightly considered. Whenever there is a fever with it at all - it becomes a warning to regard it sufficiently to keep very close in doors & permit no exposure & nothing live on laxative food - prunes &c - a strychnine tablet twice or 3 times daily $\frac{1}{2}$ of a grain, and also as much as 6 to 10 grains of quinine daily combined with Phenacetin - 2 grains of each in Capsule form, and carefully watch that ^{no} new exposure should bring on cough or colds, or sneezings.

And the Baby at last had two teeth! - how anxiously young mothers watch for these little proofs of encumbrance! They usually come in good time - at their leisure as it were and require no forcing.

I hope now she may get on continuously well and wax fat & get full strength.

I forgot to say that a letter from your Aunt Thelma made known to us that she had just gotten a letter from you. Somehow Mr Harris is not getting along well; He was always thin as a board, now however he is despondent and losing all energy and would rather die than live, - Nothing seems to stir him up. Whenever you have some elegant leisure and feel like you could in some way glad him up a bit - Write him - Write him a lively letter, anything to put some new ideas into his cloudy brain; and charge it to Charity.

Do you remember how - When you children were growing up how frequently your Mother & I used the Evaporating turpentine (in hot water) in a tin cup over a lamp - till you could inhale the turpentine fumes so strongly in the room. It is one of our favorite treatments for colds - Sometimes I would use Compound Lincture of Scuzoin with the other

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Immigrations, - 20 to 30 drops in hot water.
And never a croupy child coughed much
but we quickly resorted to these remedies.

A copy of the "Breeder's Gazette" came
to me today containing the allusion to
Dr. Ming's visit to Auburn - College
Experiment Station. I thought perhaps
you sent the No. (Jan. 6, 1904). Not only is
there a snapshot picture of Prof. D. but
also one specially giving Little Frederic
and Ambrose in plumed grass. The
write up &c. of course - was by Dr. Ming.
If you have not seen it, look at it. -

We have had severe weather. - The storm only
visited with its severest fury a little place on
the A. & S. Road - Mount Hill - 15 miles south
of Audubon. This was a thriving new
village and the Cyclone swept it almost
bare, with much fatality. Will send
paper giving particulars.

I presume the Parties who appointed
or recommended you with Professor Mearns
thought they knew what they were about.

"Honors Come to the Honorable". —

There is a French proverb = "Kablone Oblige".

Last Wednesday Evening after a little thaw - or stoppage of the cold wind from the South East, - a vast wide spreading gray Cloud appeared & next morning the snow was 3 to 4 inches & just thawing away with all the bluck & mud possible, and as disagreeable as possible. — Ruben just stopped a little while on his way from Lawrenceville to Middleton P. Says Mr H looks like a wild man - sort of half crazy like (just between ourselves) - a monomaniac first on one subject then on another. I have advised a change of scene - Let him remain with his old acquaintances in Tuscaloosa a week or two. — The Sun is out again & the clouds scattered and the wind in the west betokening more cold or snowy weather. — I have been so much disturbed at times in writing this - that you may scarcely read it connectedly —

I suppose with all your other duties you'll have to find time to write up something Physiological: Biological and Botanical to keep out Dr Meisner —

Dr Munsterberg evidently thought you could hold up your end of the "Rope" - as the saying goes - "Eagles don't catch at flies." &c.

There is much excitement over the "Price" that Cotton has reached - recently a party purchased 1200 bales @ 15 cents on speculation. - No wonder planters are offering hands 10 & 12 dollars pr month. This runs out small farmers. Many are preparing all land possible - expecting extra hands in chopping-out-time. Reuben hopes to make corn his chief crop at "Mustletown Park" raise some hogs & small grain.

No news from Dave for some time, he must be intently interested in the icy regions of the West. - Our "Politics" is getting into shape "James W. D." has offered for the Probate Judgeship of Hale. Every Office has 3 or more solicitors. Will write again soon. Let me know how you & the Griffe hold together. Gr Mother joins me in best love & kinship to Mary & Betsy.

Your Father

J. H. Duggan

Fall Creek Cottage
Cornell Campus, Ithaca N.Y.

Feb., 1, 1904

Dear Friends:-

Your calendar
came duly and hangs
in our office where
we may every day
be reminded of
this flourishing
University, and of
the good friends
which we have
there. You would
have received a
letter from us
ere this, but Professor
Bailey, Mr. Comstock
and I eloped to
the Bermuda Islands
during the holidays.

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and as a consequence
I have not as yet
written my Christmas
letters. If I am not
careful, they will be
Fourth of July letters
instead.

I am anxious to
hear about Perretta,
and to have a picture
of her, and to have
other evidences that
she exists in this
world of ours, and is
not a mere figment
of my imagination.

I hardly know
what news of Ithaca
will interest you.
The Cornell Heights
are building up
at a rapid rate
and the price of

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B.-

lots is so high that we expect to buy out near Forest Home. You remember the stone bridge above Cold Spring and remember the high point of land just beyond on the right hand side going to Forest Home. Well, we expect to have three acres including that "Sugar Loaf". A trolley is to connect Forest Home with the trolley to town so we shall not be entirely cut off from civilization. To tell the truth both Mr. Comstock and I

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long for a country
home, and this
just suits us. We
shall not build for
two or three years
probably.

We are having
a tremendous winter;
the paths through
the snow between
the University places
are like tunnels;
but we like this
sort of a winter
and are not
complaining.

Everything looks
very favorable for
our getting an
Agricultural Building
this winter, but
of course, nothing
is sure, with the

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Legislature until after
it is done. I have a
feeling that a good
legislature is like a
good Indian in one
respect, don't you?

Mr Comstock and
I both send our love
to you both and to
the little one and
we thank you for
this nice calendar
and more than all
for the Christmas
remembrance.

Very cordially your friend
J Anna Botiford Comstock

now making it so perfect as to leave other. This is little doubtless with day, he says
My father is "Waking too big"
I hope you black. nothing present
off nicely, that black seems to
give you a great deal to do
You must come better
to I suppose will increase.
Did I know till you Rich.
Notion with, now for company
against Mrs Blackhead who
has been there about 18 years.
Are you much interested in
the water? Mrs. Waller is very
much so. Tell Thomas some
one sent, is the White horse
cock bird, a great many in
sight. I intend to try some
but I know I can beat them
on Mother's pie. I have heard
nothing more from Maria.

We have just finished dinner & I
wished you could have had some of our soup,
beef, tomatoes & other, your Father dined on it & I
only wanted some dewberry pie to finish off on,
my canned dewberries make nice pie.

Yesterday was Sunday, Reuben came from aunt
McLair's in time for dinner with us, the day
was as disagreeable, drizzly & cold, that I was in
hopes he would not come until today. He went
up Friday to look after the other place, today all
his plowmen & mules were to come down to
plow in oats at Minnetonka, the wagon to bring
seed corn, a hog to be sold to the butcher, guineas
&c, they were to bring also a cow & calf, & a fat

should think
his ought with
a few lines &
drop this letter
some where on
the road. Now
I feel this is a
dead fully for
letter, please
specie it.
Must love to
write, but I
yourself for
your devoted
Mother

now for this brother, I mention all this that you
may see how he manages & how he is getting on.
If he only had his right I am sure he would
get on finely at Natchitoches. A good price for cotton
put him out of debt ~~last year~~. If this war goes on
I think the planters will be easily disappointed
this year, every one expects to put in a large crop.
I think I told you, your Father & Reuben did not
go to Mobile last week, wrote for Medicines. Dr
Mention says R will have to keep up the
medicines a long time before there is much
improvement, & he wishes he could be in Mobile
where he could see him often.

I was very glad to have your letter post marked
the 15th, sorry to hear of so many diseases in your
town & above all that Louise was not well, I
suppose the fever must come from some letter

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that are coming. I thought she was so healthy that her teeth would come without much trouble. I am afraid these attacks will pull her down, perhaps when she can go out & get some fresh air she will be better. I can hardly imagine how you all live, being confined so closely to a heated house. Measles, mumps, & pneumonia seems to be every where. The wife of Dr Jones, Uncle John's great friend, is about to die of pneumonia. Bessie Peacock is ill with appendicitis. Lucy Kings is up but very weak. Louise Kings was staying with her while her parents are in Mobile, she now has chicken pox & Bessie (twins) is staying there to nurse them both. Our neighborhood has been uncommonly free from sickness, some few cases of measles among the colored population, very mild. Your Father is about to get off

to Gallin to see about buying some hogs for
 Reuben to raise from. The sun is shining beauti-
 fully now but this morning was cloudy & cold.
 Mr. & Mrs. Davis returned from Bristol much
 improved in health & spirits, but with a bad
 cold. The teacher has left so Rich will run
 wild again. I don't know what they can do to
 have him educated except move to town where
 there is a day school. Fanny Jackson was very
 sick two days & nights, lost her little girl, she
 weighed 9 pounds, the Dr. feared Fanny would
 have forsook afterwards. I have not heard since.
 We had 100 cabbage plants set out this morning,
 some was bought, they were grown out of doors as I
 hope they will do well. It is too wet now to
 plow the garden & now every one will be plant-
 ing corn I suppose. The bad roads will prevent

Feb 29th 1904.

My dear Lou

Monday, my usual day for writing to you has come round again, it seems a long time since I have heard from you (Feb 17th) hope now of you have been sick, but fear the baby has, from your not writing. If the weather is as pleasant with you as with us I am sure you must be enjoying it, we have had no fire for several days & the lots are beginning to show some green, the white clover is high enough for a horse to nibble at & a good deal of "purple alum" is putting up in the front lot, that is rather strange I think - The blue clover seems later this year, but if the weather continues every thing will show green in a short time. Love from

French trees are in bloom & pears in full bud.
 Today there was to be a speaking in Brimstone, Dr
 Spitzmann our dairyman I think, we thought French
 might be there as gone Father was going to the
 speaking & I spent the day with our old lady friends
 but after feeding the hoes he said he was not able
 to do any more, felt so weak & the visit was given
 out, he has been very unwell for several days,
 can't make an effort when he feels badly. One
 day I began to think I would have to feed the hoes,
 could not see a soul preparing to call in, after a long
 time he crept out & fed Annie, I had fed some
 & a head of dry stock, it is bad this way we have
 to live,

Reuben spent yesterday with us, it makes one
 as sad to see him feeling his way along. The meeting
 has not come & I feel he is doing as much time

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that he should be working with his eyes. I want
him to go to Mobile & so does Henry but he says
he will take the medicinal herbs & then go, if
I were here I would lay aside every thing for attention
to my eyes. He has just in fact & expected to begin
planting corn today.

I made a little start in the garden last week,
paid the work extra to fix some corn that had
been plowed. I put in the seed & am covered them,
peas, onions, spinach, mustard & beets, we bought
100 cabbages plants & have them in the new garden.
I suppose it will be some time yet before you can
plant yours. Every thing in the shape of cabbages
killed early in the winter & it seems so long since
we have had any thing green, the merchants say
they can't buy cabbages, there is such a scarcity.
A few days ago I had a letter from Mrs. Rogers

Mr. Lewis is his post office. They (Mr. Higgins & himself) are camping in an old house on the Mountain side a few miles from town, they are in the heart of the white mountains, are "prosposting", he does not say how long they will be there, writes a good deal of the country, seems particularly struck with irrigation, every little stream that has a constant supply of water is used in that way, whether the valley is half a mile wide, or only several hundred yds. this water is used to water the fruits, alfalfa, & occasional patches of corn. Land near Cornwall is worth \$400 an acre, just to think of it!!

Mr & Mrs. Ketch were here Saturday evening, he saw your Uncle John in Mobile, said he was looking very well. Mr. Ketch said he enjoyed being with Mr. Harris at Mendi's two times within of three weeks - many acquaintances & the two old army friends

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stop, his, Maria's & baby for me, with much love to you all. Your devoted Mother.

were glad to be together, but Muenster is rather better now but his Dr says he will hardly leave through March.

I hope the roads will soon be smooth enough for sister Sally to come down, but we generally have to go up to show them the roads are passable.

I wish you & Maria could have seen my hyacinths & violets, they were so pretty, the hyacinths are drying up but the violets are abundant. The roses are putting out beautifully, have already some tiny buds.

I made a picture scrap book & will send by mail for Maria's birthday, hope the bright pictures will amuse her. I keep her picture on the mantle & look at & admire it so often, how I wish you were near so I could see her often as well as Maria & yourself. It is about time to part this I must

March 7th 1904

My dear Lou

How quickly the weeks pass by, how it is Monday again letter day for you. I was much relieved to learn from your last week letter that the baby was quite well again & Minnie feeling better, perhaps the spring weather was in your bones but it did not remain long did it? we had a most sudden & unexpected change of weather, one morning no fire was needed, the next we had all we could make & right thick ice on water exposed, there was nothing in the garden to be hurt unless it was the fruit trees, they were in full bloom but your Father thinks not hurt, the damps & wind saved them perhaps. Yesterday we had a very heavy

rain in the morning. I suppose that was why Reuben did not come up. Cowbatten started up there today but heard Reuben had gone to the other place. I hope he will stop by in the evening.

Fred spent Tuesday night with us. Dr. Spillman requested him to come to Brimstone with him, Dr. L. spoke on diversified farming. Fred spoke also. They made arrangements for a small hog farm at Mrs. Mumfords on the diversified plan, the government gives some assistance. Nothing would do but Fred must ride over Brimstone or part of it, before train time. Wednesday morning as I was up early & had some breakfast ready for him & Reuben before the cook came, they were off a little after sunrise. I felt that I saw only little of Fred. We had at last succeeded in getting

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a little dog which was boxed up for him to take to Frederic, the little fellow is evidently delighted, wrote thanking your Father, & praises very well written & expressed, all about the dog, so boy like! Has been whooping enough I suppose the others will take it. I will enclose Fanny's letter to let you see how the house has been fixed, she has spread the family considerably, I hope they will enjoy better health on account of it. The carpet mentioned is one from Brattleboro they bought. It was a wonder that the mother had not arrived it.

I certainly am glad to hear you are to have good water in your town. I suppose you missed the trip to St Louis, who stays with Marie when you are gone now that Mrs. Charley is not with you? Back our full cations I reckon the baby will soon

feel strong enough to attempt walking, but I am
certain either Maria or yourself can much for her
to walk, she will need more watching to keep her
from being hurt.

We had quite a little excitement here Saturday
evening, I had been out milking our pointers to keep
the hens out of the garden, came in with some
trash in my hands & freshened up the fire, the
chimney was soon a blaze & coming like all the
world, soon the grate was full of the burning sort,
I went outside to take a look & not seeing any
blaze come out at the top or burning sort full I
ceased my labors to keeping the sort off the
carpet, no one was around but me, so when the
burning was over I took up the sort & was about
to start the fire again when your Father hollered
fire, fire, & fired off the gun twice, he had come

in from towards the store & saw the nursery
 roof burning, he was scared to death but I did
 not feel the least frightened, he came & brought a
 long heavy ladder & told me to get a basket of
 coater, then, ⁹ tried to help put the ladder up but
 it was too heavy for us so I told him I would
 run towards the store & call for help, "holles fire"
 he said & I did, before I was half way down the
 lot several negroes & a white man came running
 & tumbled over the big gate, some put the ^{ladder} ~~ladder~~ up
 & Bro Matthews the white man, went up & ~~passed~~
 putting it out when a dog came negroes came
 some very thoughtfully brought buckets. Afterwards
 I could not help laughing at the great excitement
 for such a little thing, but if the wind had been
 in the west, instead of the east, it would have
 been a very serious thing. The chimney has nested

burning out for some times but I did not intend
to do it that way.

Tell Maria I am looking for that account of
the birth day party, with much love for her, your
self & baby Sam as ever

Your devoted

Brother.

With much love to Marie, baby, &
 yourself I am devoted
 Yours truly
 Wm. H. H.

I forgot to say that in the
 last week on the Southern
 New Jersey Railroad was killed
 & his horse was about ninety
 consumed by fire, you remember he
 was a son of Mr Harris' aunt -
 Mrs. Southern Railroad. He was in
 this week I was sent to the engine,
 that & another was sent to the engine,
 on the engine, & nothing occurred.
 This week was found but it
 was a great deal of time, & a few times was
 all that was left of them; another
 was killed up & I killed
 it, it was a terrible accident,
 caused by the freight conductor.

I have not written to you since
 the receipt of your last letter which as usual
 was very acceptable. I was very sorry to hear of
 Marie being sick, it was fortunate the baby was
 well. By this time I hope Marie has quite recovered
 & all are enjoying this bright day, tho' it is
 rather cool, we have had to go back to fire since
 last night's rain, in fact quite a wind & rain
 storm, & it sounded very much like small hail
 but it was dark & I did not go out to look.
 The day had been fine, we had services & ladies
 in the congregation were seeing fine. Mr Harris
 would not stay over to dinner because he left his

wife at home. Our congregation is very small but
 the baptists fill up some of the seats, take an
 great interest in the services. Mrs. Woody Collins did help
 "Mrs. Joe" sing the hymns. I am so glad Lucie
 will be out when the bishop comes, & hope Mrs.
 Patch will be back so there can be some good
 music. Lucie's little girl was born on the 29th.
 And so the baby liked the scrap book & "Dinah".
 I am glad she appreciates grand mother's books.
 It was a pity you had to miss the chafing-dish
 party. I wonder what gave you fever - We had the
 same sudden change of weather here that you
 had the day you returned from St. Louis, felt it
 sensibly after the warm spell. I wonder if this spell
 will end in being cold enough to kill the fruit,
 the peaches have all dropped. I see my one row
 of Irish potatoes is coming up, the rain will delay

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the planting of the crop with us. Saturday after-
-noon we drove up to Reubens, did not find him
any where around so we walked down to see his
garden & horse lot, things begin to look somewhat
cleared up, all the hedge & bushes ~~from~~ in front
have been cut & burned, & the open space down to
the woods is beginning to look green with the oats.
His garden is ahead of ours. He was with us yester-
day, had a boy in the buggy with him, but he
can only have him on Sunday because he is in
the crop. I wish very much he could get a boy to
stay with him all the time, sleep in his room &
go about with him. I try to persuade him to have
white boy but he will not hear of it, says they
are as bad as the negroes, he cant get a negro but
I think could find a white boy.

Henry writes of being constantly occupied, says there

is not a house without one or two cases of mumps
& he has such long sides to take. I hear of mumps
every where & mumps too.

I have been taking the greatest care of 13 little
chickens they have grown so fast & look so well
but a "Blue Darter" has found them out &
taken one each day for three days. I changed the
house cat with their disappearance, but today
I saw the hawk, he darted down & picked up the
chicken in the back yard. I suppose he will get
them all, it is so provoking. I will soon have
three more here to hatch.

Fred has not written to us since the night he
was with us, the little folks are all whooping
I reckon.

Our Guild meets this evening, I must hurry &
get ready to go. I know this is a miserable letter

not have as little time as to send Dick Hopkins to say yes. I don't think he would
represent the people at all, his
own idea is to increase the
money, he would work for that
alone. I am becoming very much
interested in this nomination
for President. Don't you
think Cleveland will be
the man? I hope so, they say
he is the only one who had
not been elected. I have some
very pretty new ones, some
with blue, and quantity,
with I will put a few
brass, now you talk, as I
said in this evening.
With love to the lady
& much love to all there.
Yours devoted
Watson.

but there is nothing of interest to commiserate,
Mrs. neighborhood news & some from other places.
I have answered your last letter, told you of
Wain's last so the only thing to do is to tell
what is going on with us. After some bright
pleasant days clouds began to gather & yesterday
was very cloudy but Rainbow came about dinner
time & got in just in time to escape a heavy
rain, after 4 o'clock it held up but was very
dark & I was glad we had Mrs. Chapmans
company going home but they had not reached
the store before the rain started again & they

must have been in it all the way but I
 said he must go. He is looking very well &
 I think his sight is a little better, it makes us
 hope for greater improvement. Henry will go to
 Madras with him about the first of next month.
 He is very busy getting his crop planted, having
 fences run &c. Cotton planting has begun, our
 enterprising little man Herbert Collins has plant-
 ed what we used to call "hog penk", he made
 about 400 pounds there last year, expects to
 do better this year.

Last week your Father put in a good many
 garden seed, it was late for potatoes but we
 could not get a man to put them in earlier.
 A man selling fruit trees dined with us one
 day last week, he says there are trees in the
 front yard that your Father was so anxious

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to know the names, are filberts, on the strength
of it Abner was put to work setting a number
of them in the different lots today. I would
much sooner have had huck berry trees set
out, they make such a good shade & furnish
so many berries for the chickens, the filberts
have so few branches & it takes them 15 years
to bear nuts.

I hope this spring weather cures your cold & fever,
will be glad to hear how you are all getting
along.

I had a letter from Fanny today, Frederica is
nearly over the whooping cough, had a light
case, Margaret has it. Fanny says she is very
thin & has no appetite, that she lets her eat

any thing she wants but she cuts so little, has frequent headaches, it is strange both those girls suffer with head aches. She says the children have all been in a state of this since the arrival of the little dog, she is so smart & a little nervous, I often think how pleased ~~Miss Louise~~ would be to see her fishing about. Does n't that little lady try to say any words yet?

Mrs Hatch has returned from Mobile, (this is about the fourth trip to see 'Old man' die) bringing Mrs. Knapkins with her, her health is very bad. Mrs. Knapkins is better for the time, no permanent change for the better is expected.

Mrs. Bankhead, our congress man, & Capt. Hobson the ~~would be~~ congressman spoke in Greenville today, but for the rain, goes Father would have gone up to hear them. I do hope the people will

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My dear Lou

Your letter last night was a welcome
reminder we are glad to know you are all well
& that the little lady is progressing in talking
& teething, I wish she could get out a good many
teeth before hot weather, but if you are in Illinois
I suppose it will be pleasant there.

I have had quite a treat in the way of letters in
the last few days, yours, a long & interesting one
from both Wase & Henry, Wase is usually so
short, but this time it was four pages of very
large paper. He wrote how he is situated & what
he was doing on the place. Mr Wiggins had gone
back to Okla to sell some claims, & Wase was
keeping up things in his absence, beginning a
garden, setting out some strawberry plants &c.
He said Mr W- took back a fine mineral
display, gold (free) silver, copper, zinc, & lead.

I on some claims there that are being worked the gold in its native state shows all through the rock. Rex says most of the people seem to have come from Texas but he has met a girl named in Mrs. near Columbia; he wants a few flower seed, says he has one cow back, & some vines on the porch. I am as glad he has come back to civilization as it was. The people are plain, very social & friendly, much delighted every day but Sunday.

Yesterday the bell had just rung for a very poor dinner when who should knock at the door but Green, said he would stay to dinner but not to put any self to any trouble for him that corn bread & butter milk was a plenty for him. I told him we had not a drop of milk (we have stopped nothing new cow) but would give him some nice coffee, gave it to the cook & told her to add some scrambled eggs & bring in the dinner, he seemed to enjoy what I had; your Father was at Reubens. Green is out working for votes, the general opinion is that he will be elected. Rex says Belle & her three children are living with your aunt Sally, the boy

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is at work in a store in town. Your Father said
Reuben's affairs for him yesterday, he had set a
hand he could trust to do it, he came home tired
out with so much walking, it is only now and then
he went over it both ways; first the they had to
improve a barn, make that. Reuben has 12
little pigs, some chickens & a turkey setting, we feel
so much interested in his matters & try to help
him all we can.

Monday your Father made a start for Lindsay
went to Des Moines in our buggy & was to have
one there to take him to Lindsay. I wanted to go to
Farmdale, the only way to get there was to go with
him & take the 4 o'clock passenger to Farmdale,
but that would keep me so long in Des Moines, so
he left me at Mrs. Koenig's, I have been wanting
to make her a visit a long time, then I took the
mid day train to Des Moines, spent the hour & a
half visiting Lillian Muncaster & cousin John

Michael & then took the 4 o'clock for Painesdale,
 went to the Briggs' Mercantile store, found both
 Johnny & Benny there, Johnny took me out home
 in his buggy & you should have seen how surprised
 Bessie was when we walked in. She & Michael
 had been over to our house that day, found out
 a soul to tell them of our move over, now didn't
 I move around that day! I learned by telephoning
 that your Father did not go to Sweden, returned
 home that night as Tuesday morning I came
 home, tho' I had promised to spend that night
 with Benny but made it all right by promising
 to go down to church & dine with them Easter day.
 Henry gives glowing accounts of their Bachelor's Hall,
 they have a man who cooks, cleans the houses,
 does the washing, presses their pants, & even
 hemmed some sheets for the ladies, he is a good
 cook, when told they were to have the Superintendent
 to dinner one day this was what he gave them -
 Roast beef, cold sliced ham, spinners, baked
 sweet potatoes, macaroni, radishes, apple pie,
 cake & coffee, ask Maude how is that for a

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Bachelor are ones? I am only afraid "Sam" is too
amused to hold out long. I would like to have a
woman with his capacity for work, mine is a real
corn fielder, too settled in her ways to learn, the
dish of meat at dinner is as often on the butter cut
in the middle of the table, as any where else, every
thing the same way. The Blue Darter must have
been killed for he has not nested as lately, I have
3 broods of little chickens 37 in all, two more nests
hatched & I will set some more. Your Father says he
will set a dozen turkey eggs & raise them. I told
him I would not know as thing to do with them,
I don't like to mismanage things that way, it does not
do, chickens are enough for one. We are getting some
quail eggs now.

You will not want your garden during the summer
it is true, but when you return you would like some
vegetables; what about Winnie's can you hold on to
her in any way for your return. Why did not you

wrote me about your dress very in much some work?
 we learned it from a slipping sent us by aunt
 (Mabel), she saw it in the Saturday evening Post.
 written by Mrs. Beebe. She said the bottled spruce
 is expensive, I hope you will make some money
 by it. I don't crave riches, but would like to see all
 "the boys" in every circumstances, riches are a great
 responsibility I think.

I see by the card the cup was received, I hope it
 was not battered, tried to fix it securely, that was to
 have been for his birth day. Well, I have written
 quite enough for this time must stop, what is
 Mariae busy about? sewing? With much love to her,
 the baby & yourself

Your devoted

Mother.

Wave said I mentioned the baby so often he thought
 I might send her picture for him to "pose upon" so
 I have fixed it to send, he will return it. I wrote him
 if he did not say she is sweet & pretty as can be I would
 consider him, void of good taste.

Love to you all & kisses
to the baby I must -
close. Your devoted
Mother.

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My dear Son

This is your day for a letter but I
am afraid I will not have time to finish before
the post man comes by. I should have begun
earlier but have been busy all the morning & after
dinner had my little chickens to attend to & eggs to
shunt up. My chickens are doing finely. I have now
46 & two more hens to hatch, I will not set many
more hens for later chickens grow so well here.
What are you all doing? it is time we were having
a letter but perhaps it will come in the morning.
I wish you & Marie could see my roses they certainly
are lovely, & ahead of others around. Last night
I had 2 vases of the "Duchess" (a beautiful pink
rose) on the communion table, a large lamp
between the two. The Bishop & Mrs Harris came
over yesterday evening, took supper & spent the

night with us. I had ~~large~~ acres of roses every
where & as plenty left on the bushes. The Bishop
preached last night to a small but very
attentive congregation, mostly baptists, our people
are resolved to almost nothing, every one was
delighted with his sermon, & with him, he is so
social & pleasant. It is delightful to listen to
him talk, it is like the pleasantest sermon you
can imagine, his heart is in his work & his talk
is with reference to it. I think ^{to} be with him much
would make us good people, we would catch some
of his spirit, what a contrast he is to Mrs. Harris!
Poor man! he is good at heart but that is about
all we can say. I rather dreaded entertaining the
Bishop, but will now do it again but always
look forward with pleasure to his coming.
I tried to get aunt Melville & family down to spend
the night, had all the rooms fixed, but they
thought "brother Josiah & the Bishop enough" for me.
We lighted the church so well, you have no idea
how city fine it looked with two large lamps
2 burners each over the aisle, large lamps on

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brackets on the sides, but it took all we could get to do it, the front was filled with flowers & a bunch on the pulpit, the Bishop did not go near that, most of the congregation sat far back in the church, he came down out of the chancel to the second or third pews to get near them, I suppose, or it may be his way.

I hope you both could go to church. Baxter I was so disappointed, not to go. Uncle Ben invited us to dine with them, I accepted but your Father had scratched his foot on a bush & thought his beauty too much impaired to go. I asked him to take me to the train & come for me at night, but he would not agree to do it, until so late, that just as I was about to go the train whistled & we were at home a lovely Baxter day when with a little accommodation on his part I might have enjoyed the service & meeting all the kind. Aunt Elizabeth Rich & Lucy were there. Rebecca & Uncle Harris took care of each other at Rosedale. Rebecca is so averse to going any where now that he can't see, I could not persuade him to come up yesterday evening

early & go to church with us. I thought his eyes were improving, but last week he said he could hardly see at all. I think he strains them trying to help about every thing, fencing &c, he will stay out all day, & try to write & do other things tho' I have told him I would do any writing he wants done, at any time. As things go I don't see how his eyes are to be benefited. He won't consent to have a white man to stay with him, says he has tried two or three, & been swindled every time. I think I wrote you of Waver's letter. Mrs. Hatten has gone this evening to see Frank Stewart & some others about voting for Green. Monday is the day. I hope our little lady has thrown four letters out, now I would like to have a peep at her, & hear her talk. I have been wondering how you would manage with her at the Convention. I wish I could keep her for you -

Our place is looking so pretty now, the grass & trees so green. Old Syd is working the garden today but cocoa, johnsons, & burnides, are hard to keep down, it must be much time as with much

April 13th 1934.

Dearest Annie

Well, here we are almost the middle of April sitting close by the fire, our little table drawn up close to it. Some Father is looking over medical journals & I must thank you for your letter, it interested me very much. I like to hear what you are doing, Mary too. I often imagine how she looks playing around you & Ben. It would be so nice if we could meet you all at St. Louis, see the Corporation together, but I have not an idea that we will go. I had rather see you, Ben, & the baby than the Corporation, it would be too tiresome for me I think we can't stand the walking we once could, tho' I manage to do a good deal of walking when I am in town. I think the little pink & blue chestrays will be very pretty for Mary Anne. I wish I was run enough to help you get ready for the summer trip, I am very fond of sewing, particularly making dresses

either large or small, but I did not find time to make Frances & Margaret's Carter dresses this year. Fanny wrote she had piles of work cut out, every sort of thing for children & themselves, they would have as woman & "new things," possibly they have done so by this time. Mrs Camp helps her as much. Yes, I should think Ben's numerous trips would help him, when will he get through running around. I know you hate to have him off as much, but the baby is a good deal of company for you isn't she? I have seen some of the cross stitche but have not tried to work any yet, some times much happier with that stitche. I would like to have seen all those pretty collars &c, the young ladies of the Guild did well.

Sunday was our service day, the snow was out but there was quite a cold west wind & you can imagine how surprised I was to see aunt Melville & Uncle Harris come in, they were cold as could be so I brought them in the chamber to the fire, in a little while the Frenchman Harris came & we asked him in to the warm room too, when it was time

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we all walked over to church. Now John Harris left his wife sick, so he would not stop for dinner with us. Sister Sally told me if I would go home with them she would take me to Fannettsdale Tuesday have a visit made. I thought it a good chance to get the visit made & to make them a visit so I gladly accepted, & enjoyed the visit so much. Monday we all dined together. I finished a visit I had begun the week before. Tuesday we went to Fannettsdale & first thing went to Mary Wilkins who said she would make the visit, & if I would return about 3 or 4 o'clock she would get it, & have it ready for me to take home on the 6 o'clock train & she did, sent it to the depot, charged only 50^{cts}, was all that time! I will put in a piece of the goods, I think it right pretty. Then we went to another lady who sees for Sister Sally & Lucy, then made a little visit at the store, stopped at several stores in town & reached Berwyn (where we had promised to dine) at half past eleven o'clock. Of course I enjoyed the day

day with them they have made some little alterations in their house that add much to Lucy's convenience & are now very comfortable, she does her own cooking, has a little girl who can wash things on the stove & wash the dishes, the little girl cleans the house. Lucy gave us a nice family dinner. She wants me to go back Friday week to a strawberry supper, & measuring party for the church. Do you know what a measuring party is? I will tell you - you might want to have one for your church some time. The invitations are written as follows, you are requested to measure your height, & put into a tiny little bag attached, 25^{cts} for 5 feet, & a cent apiece for each inch over, either bring with you the bag or send it, with your contributions in it. Lucy was making the little bags yesterday of different colored organdy scraps tied with baby ribbon.

I expect you thought it strange that I sent only 3 cores but they were the first & only ones in bloom & I was glad to test Ben's suggestion, sending only a few at a time, he thought they would keep better. I do wish you could see my little flower garden, it

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certainly is beautiful, every bush weighted down
almost with snow, the birds are so large & busy.
But the vegetables are a long way behind the flowers
the cool spells keep them back, we had a little
frost this morning. Sister Sally has the best garden
I have seen, a quantity of anemones, spinach, lettuce
radishes & green peas. She brought me a nice dish
Saturday, & had them for dinner Sunday. Reuben &
Berny dined there, R - had to go to Lanesville to
vote. Tell Ben his cousin Green was beaten 2 to 1,
we are all very sorry, but I cant say I was sorry that
Bankhead beat Rich Hobson.

Reuben has loaned us a good cow to keep until
our comes in again, she gives very rich milk which
D. G. enjoys very much after having been without
milk for about 2 weeks, some thing new for us!
They did not take good care of my little chickens
while I was gone, several of them died, one old hen
cant be satisfied anywhere but in my flower
garden, several times during the day I have to chase

lie out. It is getting late & I am very sleepy so must
bid you good night, with much love to all three
& kisses to the baby

Love

Mother

No account news from the boys.

Tell Ben the
Garden is wanting
is done. I am in
a pretty good way
with a plenty of
money.

FROM MEMBERS MARY ROBERTS
MILLER 19 IV 1904

My dear ducklings: -

The picture of the
little Anne yesterday
we are delighted with it. I
am not that it adds to
that just the emphasis which
I know you needed. All feeling
I should tell you that we
have letter her a beauty! -
We agree that such eyes were
looked forth from a baby's
before - and in fact she is
quite perfect. (As we say in our
family "other ones" she keeps it
but such a mother!)

The poor small lady - "Largely"
taking up "for me" pale haired, pink
cheeked, blue eyes today. Says "well, it

that baby may have 2 big brown
eyes - 5 feet in air and a baby's body,
but I just - but "See" her last
good as your baby - she had
a good deal to do with baby's
just as I have and I never see
a baby so good as yours nor
any other near it! As usual
any sympathy over please me
like a shaft - But may the
good woman know sympathy.

We are soon to have a new
set of our baby's pictures -
for Valentine's Day at our
and your name is on the list
to receive one. Can check photo-
graphs are dear in new look and
we can't afford the best yet.

When Francis' letter came I
thought I knew just what they
meant, he answered to her inquiry about them

Summer plans but all is changed and
for the better I think. Several things still re-
main as unknowns so I don't believe I'll
try to tell you what the possibilities. The pos-
sibilities are that I shall go with Ruth to Iowa
for May & part of June - whether a visit in
Ithaca will be possible or not I am as yet
unable to say. The grad. madam desires me
for her guests if I am there during her term
at Ithaca Summer School. Do you still
planning to summer there? It would be lovely
and I wish you would do it. The Baileys
are in Europe all but the Pfr. Why don't
the Duck write him about the down the Lake
place. I don't know as they want to let it,
but it is so charming!

We have a very bad case of county fever just
now, especially since Uncle Bill has had a good
big lift in his salary and we feel that
by rigid economy we might assume the
extra expense. There too live a bit of news re-
lative to my own work. I have need to be in
the country to write a book for which I have
contracted with The Outlook Company. It is
called "Wild Flowers the year Round" & I shall
set forth the whole life stories of the plants
I choose - the idea being that readers,

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now learn to care about
plants at other seasons
than the flowering time.
As means of fastening ideas
among the places of plants
and trees the set forth that
they may be recognized -
as well as I like
best nice to edit, I
abstracted and printed
by the Highland which
is truly ideal arrangement.
I set to go to the country that
spring it nice to be to best
highlighted to a place owned
by Thurst in. Chapman the
bird more used in the same
land with his home - big
trees, garden, chicken yard &c

leaves the sheet lines in.
Page editor of the *Northwestern*
they have used for a year &
set us up there - in less than
a week we shall know
whether we are to go or not.
It is this which is about our
summer plans.

Well, we had a week from
the Hudson last week.
Three days long - but I
was very tired & he said
to say. John said most
everybody - and had a
puller good time though
she had far too much to
do in the short time
which plans are most
interesting. From here in early
May to the *Amstel* *Amstel*

for a month thence to Woods Hole
for three months study of shells. She
will probably go with us to West Eng-
lewood if we go and commute from
then whatever time it is necessary for her
to work in town. Her tree book for D. C. Co's
New Nature Library is getting on famously.

Ruth will be a year old the 29th and
she has been a perfect comfort. The year
has seemed so short and the happiest
of my lives so far. She has not been a
bit precocious - rather slow about sitting up -
crawling, creeping &c and is not trying to
walk or thinking of it yet. She has invented several
new methods of locomotion and abandoned each
in turn. When I get her at the country she'll
begin to do things in a real country baby fashion.
She is even now taking her daily nap - she still
takes three per diem - on the fire escape with an
umbrella over her basket to keep her from sun-
burn & south wind. I think the air out there is
better than that of the park in front especially these
smoky dusty days. - Well, I must wind this up. I
glad you liked the bit of brass - I am repairing in a
quantity of lovely old candlesticks since Xmas. Let us hear
from you soon & will try to do better. Love - Mrs. M. M. M.

every if he would only let me &
write for some for attending to
us & go to the church & hope
I may right at present, &
am not at it every & return
by noon light of the Dr
would, but I don't think
he will. I was so hope you
Father will return before I
close this but I have had
dinner & he is at church.
You send love to Mary & say
little girl has her for one
with much love for you
I am devoted
Mother.

Feb 25th 1844

This is the day for a letter to you
but I fear it will be rather a dull one, nothing
of interest going on. I am alone on the lot, your
Father goes to Reubens to let him know Mary
will join him at Cahoon tomorrow night if he
will go down, but I am afraid he will not, he
said the other day when I was there that there
was no use, that the Dr was doing him no
good. He seems to have given up trying to be
benefitted, I can't understand it, I would keep
on trying until the Dr said there was no hope.
I am miserable about him, but what can I
do!! He will not take care of his eyes, yesterday
sent us a wagon almost to Leiden to get some
goats, that was bad for him. If he consents to
go your Father will go over to the junction & put

leave on the M & B train, our 4 o'clock train makes connection with that so there would be no wait at the Junction & your Father's connection on the 6 o'clock train. Be sure to get your things for Mobile best to wait at this Junction nearly all day.

It is very cool today in the house, a little fire would be comfortable but I have not made one. A good shower would be acceptable but I think the clouds will blow off, the poor showing of vegetables we have, need rain very much.

We were much saddened to hear of the death of Flora Neil yesterday, all winter she has been confined most of the time to bed, the Dr hoped she might be kept alive until warm weather but it was too late coming. Of course we have not heard what Mrs Stewart & Miss Henry will do, but perhaps remain in Ashville & take care of the children. Mrs Neil built a nice house there because the Dr said Flora would not live any where else, they have not been in it more than two or three months. Mrs Stewart expects very much having leased her house in Ala for 3 years but she did

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for Frank's good as she thought. Our neighbors
the Howards are very high for some thing about
know what unless it is a reception for them when
she returns from her bridal trip to St. Louis, she
will be married a week from today. It was invited
to the reception after the ceremony, only ~~near~~ relatives
& intimate friends to witness the ceremony, to be
performed by the Bishop, as I have not a wedding
garment I will not go, of course I have some
pretty white & a new black skirt but that isn't
just "the style" for such an entertainment. Although
it would not pay to buy a handsome dress when I
seldom have use for one. Hattie came in one card
for you, Marbury & Cornett, Baltimore I will forward
it & enclose something else that came for you.
I wonder if you are through with your trip, I
speak Maria is glad if you are, & the little girl
too I expect misses her papa, what does she

call you? too young to say Father yet I suppose.
Is she as fat & cozy as when I saw her?

Miss Bogle, the teacher, stopped in a little while late
yesterday evening & you don't know how much she
admired the cover altho the first binding is nearly
over, but I had some Paul Verone as large as
muslin & eye cancer, put on with a white
Perry & other ones into a bag for her, she is a
pleasant little woman.

We have had no news from Auburn in a long
time, all busy I reckon, hard with his numerous
duties & Fanny with her sewing.

I have not told you we bought a nice little book
case not long ago, 3 sections, we put it on the corner
of front hall behind the door, back, against the
chamber, we have our saint books in it, you Father
bought a book case from the office in Decapolis,
that will go in the back hall & I suppose he will
put in his 20 books he Waver left him & some of
those that were piled on the big sideboard, then
there will be some left on the floor up stairs, as
many of the old school books might be thrown

thoroughly & business
[1904] I want you to
Aggie; you beautiful Easter
gift & one I am enjoying every
morning, it is very becoming
(every one thinks) & I need a
Memento so much; I had very
sweet in you & remember your
old "home" Aggie & I went to
town yesterday & she purchased
a very pretty hat & a beautiful
wrap, very fairly; the experts
I wear them this evening, King
invited out & entertained by
a north side Quind, all the

John, Mr. ~~Smith~~ & "Robert" & "Percy". And I have been this morning
& Sunday here & will go
the are there; everything but a most elegant & beautiful
will be lost & more & we had known: the "Buddhism"
a fine report "p. 13" & which "Halle" was covered & the
the "Buddhism" the most of the "Buddhism" & the
will be something good & of the "Buddhism" was placed
the "Buddhism" is very close & substance; I will hope
the "Buddhism" for the first. I expect the "Buddhism" very
about: you must be kept frequently; for "Buddhism"
will be by the "Buddhism" will be the "Buddhism" of the "Buddhism"
the "Buddhism" of the "Buddhism" will be the "Buddhism" of the "Buddhism"
must be good: I am glad
Buddhism is engaging the most. It is just as good as
I was not "Buddhism" will be the "Buddhism" of the "Buddhism"
I have told of what you will be the "Buddhism" of the "Buddhism"
will be the "Buddhism" of the "Buddhism" of the "Buddhism"
very happy & comfortable & the of the "Buddhism" of the "Buddhism"

& wish I could see you, also.
Your new suit, Love & kisses
to Ben, Lomora, & the little Bob
also remember your Father &
myself & Mr. Hill. Do you
have many Strawberries? We
have them very often in
our room. & Aggie comes
over often & we have little
lunches together. Bobby went
to Sunday School this morning
& behaved beautifully. Got "more"
a new white dress Aggie made
her. with a white & pink
ribbon sash & bow on her head.
Bobby had on a new blue flannel
suit. He is improving daily &
Aggie is as pretty as a picture
& Jack seems desolated to hear
"if change had come you the spirit
of his dream" will be made