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him he could not
 do it. I have written
 a long letter, hope I
 have not tired you
 out, must stop now
 & see what I can get
 to wear the plants,
 much love to you all &
 a kiss to Charlie from
 your devoted
 Mother.

April 1st 1907.

Well, here I am sitting by the fire
 again after such a long spell of warm weather,
 the sun is bright but the sweet wind is cold.
 I was so cold in the house I thought I would
 get up some weeds in the flower garden for
 exorcise, consequently my hand is a little shaky,
 snow so than usual, I am rather disposed that
 every three days old age. Poor Father is out
 trying to find a turkey that has repeatedly
 "given him the slip" off to his nest, he has
 one sitting but we have found very few eggs,
 unless one of us makes the rounds of the
 nests (hen & turkey) before dinner we are sure
 to find empty nests, such a good time for
 somebody else to go round while we are at

summer! I sent it too bad to have to wait so closely! Your letter came the day after I wrote to Maria, (later perhaps) was very acceptable for I began to fear some one was sick but I try to think you are busy, I know there are so many calls upon your time. I expected to hear Maria would have a hand in getting up the exhibit of pottery as I am sure she is well qualified for the work, such things take lots of time from home affairs don't they? I wonder what sort of an Easter day you had, I was surprised when I looked out to find we had rain during the night & it was still cloudy & continued so all day. We were doubtful if Mrs Harris would come in the afternoon but he did & preached to a little handful full. The ladies concluded it was too much trouble to come in the morning & have a regular devotion, only brought some few flowers for the church.

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I took over a large bouquet for the Communion table & two others for the pulpit, after service I took them to that neglected square, it made me think so much of how your grand mother used to work to keep it in order & now your Father never has any work done there, would let the man who keeps the Cemetery in order go inside the square, says he will go with him some time & see about it but the "come time" never comes. Tomorrow is the day for the monthly meeting of the Medical Society I am so afraid he will go & I will have to ask some one to take me in for 2 nights I think I mentioned in my letter to Maria that we spent the day with aunt Melville, she was looking so much better. She spent last week at Norwood. Julia said none of the Norwood or Harris family were at church yesterday, I can't imagine why, unless the clouds frightened them off. Lucy was to

have sung in the choir at St. Michaels. Lucy
 & her Mother are great church workers - Lucy
 had orders for 20 lbs of ~~vanilla~~^{vanilla} candy to make
 her Father money, she makes very nice candy &
 sells that kind at 50^{cts} a pound. Sister Sally had
 a cake baked off that brought her \$7.50, & our
 ladies did not make a nickel! I can't help being
 provoked with them when they put in a nickel
 Easter day, but it is not my business I know.
 Reuben could not make any arrangement
 with Mrs. Komegay, he could not go into
 partnership, & she only offered a man to help
 her \$5.00 a month expecting him to rise at 2
 o'clock in the morning, attend to feeding, milking,
 & getting off the milk wagon, help with if
 necessary, work her corn & potato &c. &c. of
 course Reuben could not undertake all that.
 I am afraid this weather will cut short her
 Strawberry crop, she expected some, but it is

Apr. 11, 1907

the first year. I stopped for dinner. I think it is getting colder & we will have frost tonight, we have some apples up, I must certainly cover them, & the 2 dg. new tomato plants. Miss Low sent me Saturday. We have butter beans & okra up too. I hope it is not so cold with you as to injure your vegetables, & keep Snuggles from enjoying out door play. I know she likes it, tell her for me to always wear her hat or bonnet & take care of that pretty skin. If she needs a new bonnet I will make her one if she will let me know.

My first chickens (11) are doing well but younger ones looking droopy, & disappointing, some thing catches them I think. Henry seems much interested in his new industry, turpentine making, instead

of 'boxing' the trees he has the cups, had twenty
 five thousand put on, expects to make 10000
 gallons of turpentine & 1000 barrels of resin this
 season but says they scarcely expect to make a
 net profit with turpentine at 70^{cts} a gallon, but
 he has leased some trees besides his own, & has
 bought 200 acres more of timber land. I suppose
 all that will come under this years expenses.
 Mr. Johnson is in with him, he does the practical
 part of the work & does the writing but he
 says he finds himself much interested in the
 practical part too, their little plant is called
 the 'Washington Naval Stores Co.' I think they
 should be as rich men some of these days, he
 seems to know what to take hold of for
~~profit~~ profit. I wish Reuben had the same
 turn. I have not heard from Fred lately.
 John Briggs has given up trying to break the
 will, the best lawyer in Birmingham told

Rosedale Apr 5th 1907

Dear Sister

I am just able to steady my nerves enough to write & try to give you a faint idea of our awful, awful fright today about 11 1/2, ~~the~~ Lucy & I all alone, were watching a dreadful cloud in the south west when we heard a dreadful roaring a little boy ran in saying "Something was tearing up trees & things at Mr. Drake's" I looked out of my dressing room door, & right over the double cabin by Lewis' stable was this awful sight, an cyclone looked like fire & black smoke whirling, & coming right towards us Oh! it was frightful, I tried to get Lucy to leave the house, but she was so comfised & begged me to be quiet & resigned

to our fate (destruction we thought, I look-
ed out the front door & there it was pass-
ing through the grove, we went on the
back gallery ready to leave the house, &
it was behind the garden it, passed
on in the bottom knocking down some
cows & little children coming from the
swamp, & they picked up *Moltus* blown
from cabin in Mr. Drak's fracture, &
blown to pieces, a bed tick picked up in
our grove, & we hear 50 of his sheep were
killed only two trees damages in our
grove, only the goodness of God turned its
course & spared our house, it seems like
a horrible dream, I have never been so
alarmed, & unnerved, don't know why I
did not drop dead, God's goodness of course.
Lucy held her arms around me, & poor
Hella did too, but I was not conscious of it.
She told me afterwards, she gave me Valerian

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& hot water my flesh was all quivering
& my feelings were so strange, Lewis ran
up to see about us, & we sent to Mr Peacock
to phone to Prarieville, Hannsdale, & Broom
place to know if any damage was done,
but heard of none except a woman hurt on
"Drake place", & come at Mr Drake's, & tried
to get Mr H. & Rich not to go to Selma today, it
looked so bad when they left here at 7 o'clock
but as they would, said they would tell for
flut if it looked like rain this eve - he could
come here in the morn, & they would stay all
night as it would be dark coming home,
but we may have to get old Lewis to protect us
tonight, & have tried yesterday & today to get
find out Beuben's where about to get him but
cannot, he left her Wednesday morn, didn't say
where he was going, We think the plain mus-
lin would be prettier over your blk silk, if
you could see my hat & liked it I might

get the lady to trim one like it & send by
Richd. Melville has invited us to dine one day
during Council with her, but it is too far to
go & come in one day, she will have the Bishop
& wife & two others to stay, says her children will
have to take cots, or she would ask us, I expect
you have my letter are now letting you of my
stay at it. I hadn't heard of the Brown boys
shootings, I am so stirred up forgot to say your
letter had just come, I have such awful feel-
ings when I think what an awful fire we
might all have been in now, & it will be
more afraid of storms than ever. The cold
killed our snags & some tomatoes, I hired
two women yesterday to hoe the garden all over
as Lewis can only do light work & drive the car-
riage in good weather, he helped me plant some
such in the evening, our chickens are doing badly,
have 3 turkeys sitting on 60 eggs, I must stop &
send this to the store before the little boy has to
milk, our mail leaves so early in the morning.
We will go down when we can, I kiss you in
best love, Your aff Sister Melville

I cut the pattern for you, I have heard
nothing from cousin Mary since the card I
sent you from her, may hear when she

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My dear Lou

My morning work, including
churning is finished, there will be about an
hours time before starting about dinner as I
will devote it to writing to you. My cook had
been sick 4 days & this morning sent word
she had to go to the field as I am in for a
plenty of work. I have no idea that we will
find a cook at this season, all the women
want to go out for day labor, can hoe a
few days in the week & make enough to sit
down for the balance. It is quite cool today,
wind from the west but fire is not needed,
after noon it turns cool, we had a hard
rain yesterday evening, also Saturday & Friday.
You may have seen mentioned in some paper

the cyclone that passed through part of La
 & Alabama. I will enclose aunt Melville's
 note for you to see its work in her neighbor-
 hood. She must have been terribly frightened.
 The track of the storm was only about 300
 yards wide they said. Benke Collins was
 on horse back in the road, (he manages Mrs
 Garber's place) heard the noise & saw the
 cloud a mile or two off, he put spurs to his
 horse & went as hard as he could go in the
 opposite direction & got out of the danger line.
 Several cabins were blown down at Mrs Garber's,
 3 at Mrs Deuk's & 7 on the Pickens place, much
 damage done in Okmulgee. I felt very thankful
 the cyclone did not strike us, we saw a
 terribly black cloud in the west, the direction
 from which it came, & we had a good deal
 of rain & wind. Syd had come that day to
 work so after the rain we begged of Mrs

Daidero come some tomato & cabbage plants & he put them out, next day Henderson's wife brought some tomato plants & set them out for us as we have quite a lot. I begin to feel as if we will have some vegetables to eat this summer, with no work the trouble will be getting them gathered, your father & myself are both so much afraid of red bugs. I expect your radishes & lettuce are nice by this time.

That was a pleasant surprise "Dear Colverley" gave you all & I know Maria was delighted. I hope she is feeling quite well again. I am very glad she succeeded in getting up such a good display of pottery, we would have enjoyed seeing it very much.

It is fine to be near a "colored lady" cotton, and city like one enough. I wish I could be helped out in the same way. I am expecting sister

Sally & Lucy down almost every day & see chance
of help. I would not mind the extra work of
getting dinner for them but they would feel so
badly about it.

Old aunt Frances will churn for me but I
almost as soon churn as listen to her everlasting
talk. Maria should have seen her when she
was here, she is an old curiosity.

There is nothing interesting to tell you, only our
every day doings. Cous. Potter is much interested
in the turkeys & I work faithfully with the
chickens but they are still diminishing in
number.

I have not seen Ruben in 15 days, don't
know where he is, sometimes he goes up to
Gover's cow mill & spends several days. It
is such a pity he has nothing to do. I am
afraid Frederic is sick again. I had a
letter from Margaret, she said "brother is

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not any better" so I infer he is sick. I must
write to know. Mother Paul or Fanny have
written in a long time & Henry is behind
time with his letter, so many ions in the
fire!

I believe I will get a nice dress & hat & be
fixed to go to Council as it will be in
Greenboro on account of Mr. Hamlet's death,
it was to have been in Haverhill. I think
Rev. B. — was 89 years old & had been the
minister in H. — 44 years. Well, any how is
out & it is time to end this scattering,
interesting epistle. Give Doris a sweet kiss
for me, with much love to you all

Your devoted

Mother

To D. Columbus MS

Give much love to
Mama & Maria &
accept a full share
for yourself from
Your devoted
Mother.

April 14th 1907.

My dear Son

It is one o'clock, our usual dinner
hour but I am not cooking any today, we will
take something cold when your Father returns
he used to be a woman I heard of some days
ago & have been trying ever since to get him
to see her. I thought she might be induced to
cook for us, but I am afraid he would offer
moral inducement for I only believe he
wants me to cook, he seems to think I have the
strength of a horse, & should esteem it a
privilege to do all the work, & wait on him
at all times, if he would work with me some
it would be such a help.

Today is cloudy & still the west wind, this
morning for a few minutes there was a little

about, then it looked as if we might have a
 cyclone. I was considering where would be the
 best place to run to - but that look has passed
 off, while on the subject that cyclone was seen
 at Auburn, passed across the old poor house
 shed and did no damage other than
 uprooting a number of trees. Frederick is well
 again, he was kept at home 10 days, suffering
 with cramps caused by a blow in the stomach,
 given him thoughtlessly by a school mate.
 Yesterday morning we had quite a frost, nearly
 all the bush beans were killed but the corn &
 potatoes in the old garden not hurt. We covered
 the evening before the tomatoes & squashes, but
 nothing can look well & grow much such cool
 weather. Mrs Harris preached for us yesterday but
 they would not stay to dinner, say they will
 give up their 11 boards the 1st of May, that
 it is too confining for them. They are to have a

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straw berry festival in Hannesdale tomorrow for the benefit of the Episcopal Church, it begins in the day time. I wish I could go, but don't expect to.

We had made our arrangements to go to sister Sally's last night, & this morning to Newbern, returning home tonight, but Syd disappointed us about coming to take care of the place. I had cooked provisions to last him the time we expected to be gone, also "dog bread." I wanted to see a milliner, & your father Dr. Huggins, he is going to Mobile tomorrow for a week's stay as your father will not care to go this week, & may be out of the notions next. Mullinary is very high in Danopolis & Uniontown, this lady is very reasonable & has pretty taste. I don't think I have written to you since sister Sally, Mrs

Harris & Lucy spent the day with us, it was
 just Sunday, a cold windy day. I was certainly
 surprised to see them. They waited until just
 the day after my work left. Mrs. Powell was in
 town, & he in Gambel's I thought, (but he came
 home the night before) so I asked Lewis to take
 a chicken over & ask Susan to cook it, she
 did so; I cooked some vegetables, some bread, &
 made some coffee, had canned pears apple &
 tea cakes for dessert, oh! I had some canned
 soup, so we made out a dinner without much
 work. Lewis washed the cooking things & sister
 I would help saw with the dishes, I was going to
 put them up until they left.

I am glad your vegetables were not killed but
 am afraid you are having cold weather now.

I don't know how it is with our fruit, killed, I
 reckon I will take pleasure in smoking a pipe

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honest for Annie as soon as I can get some material.

I saw at church Anna, her husband, & Mother, they are on a visit to the Katsie, & Spence family, she is just as ever & he looks so small by her side. She has 3 children, the eldest a month, baby 10 months old. I have forgotten how to spell her husband's name, you may remember it, it is pronounced Conal.

Tell Annie she is too young to be stiff, take a walk & rub well, that helps it. I am stiff all the time, it is old age with me. It is singular how many persons complain of that stiffness. I hope you keep right well. I know you are both much entertained with that smart daughter. I don't know what you will do with her.

I am writing a whole lot of nonsense, think I had better stop. The wind, & stove heat make my eyes feel very badly. No news from Henry or Warr.

EXPERIMENT STATION

—OF—
Alabama Polytechnic Institute

AUBURN, ALA.

16 IV 1907

Dear Ben:-

My delay in replying to your letter relative to an elementary agriculture has been due to the fact that I have had very little time since then to ^{consider} it entirely the plan of the book. I think that some of your suggestions on order of topics will be helpful. I am still not entirely confident of the wisdom of the general plan first decided on, namely the treatment of ^{the} flower, germination, etc. (as the more ~~at~~ interesting subjects) before the more logical ^{topics} order of soil, plant roots (and how they make use of the soil) leaves, flower seed, germination, etc. Classes may ^{begin in the fall or soon after Christmas.}

My idea is to have a book not exceeding 250 pages, preferably 200; especially well illustrated, and with rather large type, somewhat like Burket's in general make up. This would be about 5-pages per chapter, including usually about one page of illustrations.

I am more concerned about suitable illustrations than about anything else, for the reason that there is only one growing season in which to secure illustrations from nature. Of course most of them could probably be borrowed ~~with~~ by permission from station publications, books, etc., but many ought to come from nature, using, I should think, first the camera, and then drawing them.

My idea is that the first draft of the book ought to be written very promptly so as to

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^{abundant}
give time for recasting, selecting and preparing
illustrations, etc., etc. I am getting along
fairly well with the chapters on crops and on
soils. I am far less confident about the first
incomplete drafts of the physiological chapters,
Nos. 4, 5, & 6, which I hastily wrote ~~at~~ during leisure
of the Cornell summer school in 1905, without
having especially looked up on the treat-
ment of similar subjects in other elemen-
tary agricultures, college texts, nature study
leaflets, etc. A little time put on these, and
adaptation of suggestions from other elementary
texts, should greatly improve this group of
chapters. But before making a serious effort
to put them into improved shape, I stand
in urgent need of Chapter 2, "The flower." If
you will at any time soon be able to give
any help I should be glad for you to
concentrate it on this chapter. The next
^{either Chapter III, fertilization, etc., or}
one needed in order is how germs help the
farmer (not including nitrogen fixing germs).

You certainly have a load of
writing for the immediate future. If any consid-
erable amount of work on an elementary agriculture
would tax you too heavily, I would not ask you to

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—OF—
Agricultural and Mechanical College
of Alabama.

such as I need the help and attractive are the possibilities 3
of a book so carefully prepared, not to be adopted
by several states I hope, for the sake of both of
us that you can join me

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go into this, But even if you should not, I should
ask your help on a few chapters, especially II, and
also on XIX (How germs help the farmer) and XXXIX, (Plant
diseases). I think I should encounter no insuperable
difficulties in an elementary treatment of
the common insects, trees, weeds etc., but limitation
of time for looking up subjects not entirely familiar gives me some concern.

In regard to your suggestion that
if you assume responsibility for a number
of chapters that provision be made whereby,
with permission of the publisher you could
~~now~~ prepare an edition for the Central West.
I had contemplated proposing to the publisher
the right to use any or all parts of the book
for special rewritten editions for other regions
than the South. Indeed my thought was, with
the experience gained from its reception or use in
the South, if sufficiently encouraged, to associate
with us, some time in the future, some one
especially conversant with the agriculture of
the Central West, some one else with the agriculture
of the New England, etc., etc., with a view to getting
his help help in rewriting a special edition for
his section & his prestige in getting the book
adopted in each section. If this were done
the proportionate interest of yourself and of myself
would remain as in the several possible southern editions,
merely taking in a third partner. (over)

I shall be glad for you to write me regarding anything bearing on any of the matters touched on in this or in my former letter.

I desire to learn whether the cost of some small scale colortype illustrations would greatly add to the expense, - such as plates of each showing several breeds of cattle, or several breeds of poultry, or colors of clover heads, or possibly colors of some common easily grown ornamentals, as alltheas, hollyhocks, verbenas, sweet Williams, etc. I notice that children's readers for elementary grades are often thus ornamented, & yet they sell at a very low price.

You know that there would be no change for the adoption of a textbook in agriculture more expensive than those now in use. It ought to retail (cloth binding) for 60 cents or less, better 40 cents. Yet it must have paper

good enough to bring out illustrations in attractive style. ^{as you ready} please make note of any probably suitable illustrations relevant to any topics of any chapters.

After repeated and general spells of indisposition, we are all in the best of health. I expect to spend the summer in Auburn, ^{probably} except for a short trip to Jamestown & Washington for the benefit of the young Duggars. Tell Marie, her Uncle Fred sends her a kiss. With love for all of you,

Your aff. brother

Fred.

Excuse blotting due to fountain pen getting almost out of ink.

Dear Mary dear
 I wrote last evening but very few
 that evening evening.
 They showed several
 day at our church
 young but it was that
 day we went to church
 as we were not passing
 next morning we took over
 some beautiful flowers &
 placed it in the Digger
 again. They have not put
 a flower on top of it or
 white paper, there
 without it or without better
 about the holding forth at
 night. You will have not
 or the bird & it is
 a fine town. I wish to
 to you. I all to his to him
 your devoted mother.

There is a funeral going on at
 our church yard this morning but as it
 is a very damp, cloudy, day & my rubber
 air bad, I decided to remain at home &
 devote this time to writing to you. The person
 is a Miss Greenford, her husband some ages
 Medow Hill. I never heard of her before, her
 death was sudden, heart disease I believe.
 We certainly have had some hot weather since
 I wrote last, since sunny days in succession,
 & so much cloudy weather, the plants are
 growing up their cotton & planting over, so the
 crop will come in later. The last rain dried
 off rapidly so that we were able to drive up
 to home able to spend Friday by a special

immediately to meet Mary Nelson, Maria
 Brown brought her & Lucy Winger over to Sister
 Sally's, Benjamin's business men by & dropped
 in to dinner, so we had a very pleasant
 friendly party. Mary is stone deaf but talks
 very pleasantly, understands by the action
 of the lips entirely, & much better than
 Bessie does. I think I wrote you of my visit
 to Mary at Mrs Brown's. She leaves for home
 today. I was so sorry not to have her spend
 a day with us but she had so many
 engagements thought the ride over here &
 back would be too much for her at least
 Maria did. She was to spend the night
 with Sister Sally. I took all the photos of
 my boys & grand children to Louisville, she
 admired them all so much, particularly
 Lovie, as every one does. I hope she is quite
 well & able to play out with her boys & girls.

Apr 29, 1937

perhaps the days are not as damp with
fog as they have been with us. We had some
dinner Sunday, I did not expect to see one
bird they were all killed. I hope some more
will be brought around today, they help out a
poor dinner. I don't feel like cooking any, today
either take some bread & butter. No hope of a
cock yet.

Reuben came from Kintetoc yesterday morning,
spent the night day & went on to Sister Sally's
in the evening, altho' we had a hard shower
after dinner. He told us Mrs. Kone-gay's head
mistress took her horse & buggy, as usual, & "all
the cold grub" he could find & went off in the
night. No news of him that we have heard yet.
I don't think I have told you that she sold
out to a syndicate for 40,000, is to give
possession very soon we hear. A merchant in

Demopolis had an option on the place, he would not be satisfied with less than 5,000. Mrs. Korrugay gets 5,000, that is all the cash paid, for that reason your father has no confidence in the sale. The balance is to be paid in 10 years. If the trade stands it will be a fine thing for Mrs. Korrugay. She will go to Birmingham or Lebanon & open a boarding house I expect. Have you any idea of going to France tomorrow? A good many are dissatisfied with the tickets and they say board will be as high. Tickets are \$15.00 now, reasonable enough I think. A kind woman of ours has sent out her cards for a lodging house, six or eight, lodging \$1.00 a day. She is a widow, the daughter of Jimmy Demole, she was out here once but I don't know that you were old enough to remember her. He was a noted by bad boy on that street. You must tell Lince about her cousin Mullall's chickens.

Kimberley Mining & Milling Co.

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Mountain Home, Ark.,

I believe me to be always your loving Daddy
Kimberley business Compelled me to come here for 2 days.

My dear Marie,

To day I have sent you by Pacific
Express your birth day present It has been delayed
by the Taxed armist, but I hope it will be none
the less acceptable on account of the delay
In opening the box you must be careful
not to injure the contents, The pointed address
is the top to be opened first, Then on the side of the
box look for 3 screw nails which carefully unscrew
after which you can lift out carefully the
paper bundle, Carefully unwrap & you will find
a beautiful deer skin with head & ears all right

It will look beautiful for years if you brush the
hair in dusting it from the head to the tail & from
the back down to the sides, let it lie on the red
flannel side to the floor. The ears will keep erect
a long time if not kicked & knocked about. When
you handle it roll it up loosely from the tail up
towards the head, but do not fold it, roll it
I have prepaid the express charges—

I hope that you are keeping well my dearie
& that this cool weather is good for you
I sent the package to the house, If Ben asks
for it at the Ex office he will hear when it gets
to you, It should reach you on Friday or Saturday

I have a bad cough & have lost strength lately
but that is to be looked for now, Kiss Ben & Louise for me

[illegible]

Aggie. & it is wishing that she
should have a home of her
own. Mrs. Matheson. Make Aggie
very miserable. I feel the very
the the matter but it may be
all for the best & we should
not be troubled but leave it into
the hands of God in whom
we live & move & have our being
& in whom I lay with all my
heart. To leave the care & happiness
of my dear children "Papa"
Mabel - Mabel - her long continuance
but that she has been asked
The hour seem long before we had
it is now 2 o'clock. I have made
many friends here who have been

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Newport, Ark.

May 30

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My dear Marie

On account of very wet weather
yesterday your dear skin could not be
sent as I did not wish it to get wet.
Today however it was shipped by Pacific
Express, & I inclose the Company's receipt
for it. I prepaid the Express charges.
It will get to you by Saturday morning.
Ask Ben to be careful in taking it out
of the box, so as not to injure the head or
to break down the ears. Cut the strings & take
off the paper covering & then unfold it. Take off
the top first, then take out the screws on
the back & then lift it carefully out of
the crate.

I am here at Cotton to meet your mother.
I go with her to St. Louis & from there to Chicago
where we expect to stay some time.
I am not very well. But hope to get better as
the weather gets warmer.

I am always thinking of you my dear
hope to hear good news from you soon
Be of good cheer I believe that the angels
are watching over you, as they did on the
Plains of Bethlehem 1900 years ago.

I have been travelling all day &
am tired now, Kiss Ben & Louise for
me & believe me to be always

Your loving
Saddy

Auburn, Ala., June 7, 1907.

Dear Father;

Commencement has come and gone and left us much as usual. You have probably seen accounts in the Advertiser of what was done—a chair of architecture; from which my former assistant Mr. Gady to the Chair of Animal Industry, with my approval, and of which Department he has been practically in charge during the past year; the retirement of Gen. Lane on half pay, with his consent, it seems. Gen. Lane had something like a slight stroke of paralysis several months ago and one leg is still stiff or weak, although he walks about as usual, though more slowly and more feebly.

We entertained the Governor and Mr. & Mrs. ^{J. A.} Thornton of Talladega all for "three days. As I was invited to all the "outside" meals where the Governor was a guest I was in active social circulation.

We found him a very pleasant guest. Of course we had a number of people at different meals ^{to} meet him, professors, alumni, ^{trustees,} and others. You saw the statement that hereafter an old rule will be revived and the trustees stay at the hotel and not accept hospitalities. All seems to have been smooth sailing in the trustee's meeting. A committee of trustees takes charge of building plans & meet in Montgomery tomorrow. We shall probably have the first

year a dining hall for several hundred students, a library, and a president's mansion. I hope to get the agricultural building the second year, at least a beginning on it in 1908.

The Thorntons are strong in the praises of our children's behavior, intelligence, etc., and I think they were so won by Dorothy that they wanted to steal her. She is chattering a long list of words now, - at 18 months.

Between ourselves I must mention the fact that my salary was raised by \$100, making it \$2,500, this being the amount for which I asked a year ago, and which was then raised to \$2,400.

We still planning a trip to

Washington, via Jamestown,
probably in August, and
expect to forego all shorter
trips in favor of that.

I expect to attend a
meeting of the Canebrake Board
June 14 and shall then proba-
bly run down to Greenville
for one night.

My Bulletin on varieties
of cotton is just out, but I
do not expect to distribute
it until farmers have more
time to read. I send you a copy
and can send others if wanted
for any one else.

With love for you and
mother,
Your aff. son,
Fred.

looking into eye.
 They don't remember
 me your father
 will be 78 next
 Christmas. You join
 Morris celebration
 70 birth day today.
 He looks so much
 younger. To think!
 My youngest boy
 Joseph is 3. It felt
 day just long since.
 Cannot live to share
 service & yourself
 service to the world.
 Mother, 1907

It's not this month getting
 away in a hurry! it seems to me the
 weeks never rolled around so fast as
 they do now. So far Mr. Hicks' prophecies
 for June have not been fulfilled, it is
 a blessed thing for the country! He
 predicted it would be very wet & many
 electrical storms, also earthquakes, then
 he says July, August & September are
 to be the hottest months we ever have
 had, if so I don't know what will
 become of me in the kitchen, I am as
 thin as a whiffpoor will now, but it
 surprises me how I keep up. Well, I

suppose commencement is over & I hope
you are taking a little rest before beginning
on the summer school work.

They seem to have had a pleasant time
at Auburn. I may find in Hae's letter
telling some thing of it.

This is a nice breezy day, some what hot
as yesterday.

Mr Harris & wife came over, he had
dinner but would not stay to dinner, was
expecting his son Wm. to meet him the 12.30
train. Henry & Lucy came over by special
invitation from myself. I let my best
waiter's cook come to cook dinner for us.
It had been so long since Henry had
been here that I enjoyed very much
having him & Lucy too. He is looking
as well now & reminds me so much of

June 10, 1907

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Father, not only in looks but in his
grave demeanor. He has changed very much
I think since that spell of sickness, &
particularly, since Johnny's death, he was
devoted to "Jack" as he so often called him.
Reuben was with us yesterday, came
down from "Johns River" (Cane Creek
St.) by church time, this morning early
was off to Lanesville, he sat a long time
in a place, so restless & miserable with
nothing to do, says he would work for
his board & horse feed if he could find
the work. He talks of going to Galesburg to
see if he can get Mr. Knight to look
over his papers & see if there is it just
cause for him to sue the Mercantile Co.
for damages, by the way - the Griggs
interest in that concern has been sold.

out to Saml. Bethen, & Mrs. Smith, after
July 1st it will be the Smiths
tile Co.

Reverie is as poor as a church mouse
but is going to Jamestown with Harry,
George Adams & Harry's girls pay her
expenses. Mrs. Tenker has just returned from
a trip to Jamestown, says nothing is finish-
ed, but she saw a great deal to interest
her. Mrs. Hatch has gone on to Sparta for
Mrs. Hatch, she will have lots to tell
I know.

I expect Lories is enjoying this good weather
& I hope Revere's clearness is still better.
Tom Hatten has lost another of his flock,
an old sheep this time, & is all.
I had quite a long visit from Mrs. John
Walter a few evenings ago, she gets better

Monday, June 10th 1907
just a little while ago as
I sat on the front porch
reading McLehrie's Monthly & I came
to this expression = "There must be some-
thing happening - I feel it in the air",
said by one person to another, when a
Voice at the "Gate" cried "Oh Doctor! I'm
up right away & he delivered a message
coming to me by "Phone" from Gallien. "Lizzie's
Brother are this morning. Marie & I am doing splendid".
Hurrah - Hurrah for the little Alphonsa
Princess of Columbia. My Congratulations
are also in the air now - as I hurried to your
mother & sent it out. —

My Dear Son & all, a Father's best
wishes go to you at once -

Affectionately —

Wm. S. Suggs, M.D.

Monday 2.30 P.M.

My dear Son

Your telegram just this
minute received. I am so glad to hear
of Maria's well doing. I know there is
great rejoicing in your house today. I
wonder how Louise takes it. I congratulate
you all, will hope for a great
every few days saying how Maria &
baby are, now for his name,
Benjamin 2nd? Or how so.

Your Father wants to put in a few
lines, with much love

Your devoted

Mother.

[illegible]

Hull Court—University of Chicago

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Baby's eyes were some darker, and
you did see a month or two
perhaps. You are certainly most
fortunate. I have had such an
easy acquaintance, almost at hand
at home when England was born.
The second bearing term pain, brought
her in the world. Which perhaps
accounts for her early success
in interest. No darling to say
careful of yourself. I do know
a great deal. Standing up for any
angle of time is important. While
those female organs are restored,
I think normal condition.
I hope you are enjoying the same
delightful weather. We are pleased

with in Chicago. I feel also happy
that Ben has been appointed a
Professor at Cornell for I know
you would both paper. I think
of all circumstances & associations
at Columbia. Do write me
a line at soon as it is decided
what your plans will be. I
enclose you Rogers' letter & his
address. I must be headqu岸ely,
but rejoice that she ^{enjoy} such a
delightful summer. Write & see
be at peace for a couple of
months at least. "Papa" is very
busy & is successful in his efforts
to develop his mining interests. I
think we will be here all winter.

would we decide to spend two
months in the Bangalore in a bungalow
where it will be warmer. I must
make plans these days. but here in
the present to make the best of every
thing. believing all our ways are
directed by a kind Providence, & he
cares for us. as he does for the
spendard. Should you go to Lowell.
We must see you this summer
& that dear sweet Baby. but we
will be in Buffalo probably.
myth summer & then we can
visit each other often. How jealous
Charles Parsons will be. when he
hears that Ben is ahead of him
but he is all right when he is with
his family get older. For his expenses



June 27, 1907.

Mrs. R. N. Harris,
Laneville, Hale Co.,
Alabama.

Dear Madam:-

We have your favor of June 22 and are very sorry to learn that our prices seem high to you. We, however, beg to call your attention to the fact that the quality of workmanship must also be taken into consideration when comparing the prices of other manufacturers. Our windows are all executed in the best style of workmanship, and all the material is of the very best, the American opalescent glass being used throughout.

We can only repeat again our prices mentioned in our former letter. A figure window could not be made by us under \$250, while a floral window would cost \$125, and an ornamental window from \$50 upward.

If any of these prices would prove satisfactory to you for the style of work you desire, we would then be pleased to send illustrations.

Hoping you clearly understand our situation, we beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

CJS/DH