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To D. Colburn & Co.

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MAIN OFFICE AT THE SPRINGS.



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Vossburg, Miss., Oct 1st 1907 190

My dear Son

I promised a letter on reaching this place but so much time is spent sitting around talking, waiting at the tables for meals, going to the spring & that my letter has been postponed.

I think of you all today as being happy in your home once more. We all stood the trip well, & that the weather is not hot. We have had cool nights & mornings ever since we came, yesterday morning was particularly cool. I am glad to have a rest & change but I do not enjoy hotel life. Sister L. talks of being willing to "tough it out" two weeks, but really I think she enjoys being with the ladies. This is a 2 story, airy house, plenty of halls & porches on which the guests spend a great deal of time. Sisters are few, come leaving every day & only occasionally one or two coming in, there is always much interest in a new arrival. There are only 7 ladies now & a few gentlemen, but all are very pleasant & sociable, it is something like a large family, we sew, write, or do any thing we choose in the office which is sitting room as well as office. Sister Sally writes them but I prefer the quiet of my own room. I cannot tell you how brave we are, we have a room off in the last row of rooms, 2 windows on the gallery, no near^{one} on

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this floor, the hall opens at each end on a porch & the doors stand
wide open all night so we feel rather unprotected, one thing in our favor
is, sounds are heard so plainly we could hear those above us if any thing
happened. Sister Sally can't stand going up & down stairs. Ask Minnie how
she would like such a situation? The most trying time we had was
when I was stopped off the train, ^{at dusk} & negro walked up & said "are you the
ladies going to the Springs?" we said "yes," "I have a hack for you" he said,
we hesitated about getting in & I inquired if any one else was going, "no";
1 1/2 miles to ride over a strange road with a strange negro! I was so angry
I did not know what to do, we had to see about our trunks & the baggage
man told us the driver was perfectly safe & with faint hearts we stepped
into the hack, an awful experience we imagined we might have, but to our
great delight a white man jumped in with the driver & said I will ride to the
top of the hill, where that was we did not know & decided his getting out, he
came all the way, I think he must have taken compassion on us & took the whole
way. I think your aunt Rebecca is improving in health & spirits, does not suffer
much at all with shortness of breath, has a good appetite & the food agrees
with her. I had a letter from your Father yesterday written Sunday, Reuben was
there then, but I don't think he can stand your Father's house keeping long.
Mrs Davies sent in a nice dinner that day, soup, dinner, & ice cream. I am
sorry to miss helping Mrs Hatch at Minnie's wedding. I think we will leave
for home Saturday, sister L. would stay the 2 weeks but she says she knows
I must get ready for my visit to you. I will be glad to go. We may have to
spend the night in Meriden, there is so much uncertainty about making
connections, we missed the train coming was why we were in the night, should
have arrived at 6 p m instead of 8. I have not had a letter from any of the
boys since I came & I have no family news for you, hope I have not tired you
out with it though. We walk to the park every tree every morning & up the
Long road in the evening, some ladies are always wishing to join us. We must go to
the Spring now, I will put this in the office as you go by, but I must tell you,

Oct 1, 1907

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the house keeper is a white haired lady, 50 odd years old, is to be married next Wednesday, her beau was out for Sunday, they afforded much amusement to some of the visitors, the marriage was to have taken place here but she decided to meet him in Meridian & be married there, she is a yankee & all the rest connected with this place are yankees. It is said by the visitors that 400 dollars worth of water is bottled every day, all from the one spring that furnishes the whole place with water, & then some goes to waste. With much love to you all & a kiss to this children.

Yours devoted
Mother.

902 1907?
Sweet, are you tired of little
letters just to remind you
of the very deep love of your
own d'husband *longer*? I know
you are not, and just as I
sit here the minute hand
is crawling up to 6 P.M.

Oct 2. — There it is!

Two weeks to the minute
and I will be the happiest
of all the many happy. I
don't look with awe (!) upon

that sweet and holy companionship: no, I yearn for it.
all that is the individual will not be lost and debased,
but under the influence of that sweetest of relations the
good will grow in goodness, and love in its only possi-
ble perfection will reign.

Dolly, dear, I think it would be far bitter if you will
not send that poor note I wrote to Mr. Burr. I cannot write
to men as I feel, and such notes seem a slander.

Deane, I was very happy over your letter this morn-
ing, and the nice little note from Mistress Mary I was
so glad to have you send me. But I only wrote this to
ask you what about two weeks from this hour? Will you be
so happy, dear? I shall have to admit that there was one other
purpose, too - to tell you again that I love you and love you.
Goodnight sweetest and Best, Ma ^{my} ^{Ben.}
I will try to write to the Madam ^{and} Mother ^{very} soon.

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Midi - Chami 27^e X^{bre} 1903

Mon bien chère amie,

Si je vous disais que j'ai
beaucoup de peine de ne recevoir
de vous aucune nouvelle, peut
être ne me croiriez vous pas?
Et pourtant c'est bien vrai.
Ni l'espace ni le temps ne sont
rien quand on aime.... et je
vous aime toujours beaucoup
comme je vous aimais lorsque
nous nous volions des baisers
dans le train entre Rel. Abbes
et Chamon.

Je vous ai écrit de France et ité
et vous ne m'avez pas répondu.
Vous savez que j'ai passé l'été
chez ma grand'mère dans le Nord;
de là j'ai été en Angleterre à
Buckingham dans le Sussex où ha-
bitait la jeune fille qui s'est
marisée avec mon cousin Jean
Habault professeur à l'Université
Laval à Montréal. Ce voyage a
été très agréable, très amusant sur-
tout car nous étions 13 jeunes
messieurs et jeunes dames et nous
avons eu beaucoup de plaisir
tout le temps. Le séjour à
Baillouville entre ma très aimée
Grand'Mère, mes sœurs, mes cousines
qui sont charmantes fut très agréable
aussi.

Mais ma santé assez mauvaise
ne m'a pas permis de me pro-
mener comme j'aurais voulu
le faire. Depuis mon retour je
me suis soignée, je vais mieux
et je pense être désormais une
femme forte et vaillante.

Et vous, chère amie, comment
allez-vous? J'ai eu par une carte
que vous avez passé un mauvais
hiver, c'était sans doute l'attente
de votre petit garçon. Vous devez
être bien heureuse avec 2 beaux
enfants! Je pense souvent à cette
foie et je prie pour que le bon
Dieu n'assombrisse jamais
votre ciel bleu, qu'il n'envoie
chez vous que bonheur et joie.

sur tout à cette fin d'année je
suis plus près de vous par la
pensée et je vous souhaite pour
1888 une année rose, une année
sans soucis, sans larmes pour vous
tous.

Je regarde souvent votre photographie
c'est un reflet de vous même, je
voudrais beaucoup vous avoir en groupe
avec vos bébés, cette chère petite Marie-
Louise surtout que j'aime tant.

Répondez moi une longue... longue
lettre, dites moi ce que vous faites
et je serai très heureuse.

Mon mari se joint à moi pour
vous offrir ses vœux à M^r Duggar et
à vous même, nous embrassons
M^r Louise et son petit frère de tout
cœur, et moi chère amie, je vous
sers de cœur et vous embrasse
comme la plus aimée des amies

Mathilde Caudel

Nov. 3/07.

Dear Ben,

I don't know whether
or not Mother confided in
you and Marie the secret
that she had for some time
known, tho' she had no in-
structions not to do so.

I have intended for some
time to write you of it, but
have been rather pressed
for time. This tho' I have
at last decided to forsake
the path of single blessedness,
for, on Tuesday Dec. 10th I am
to marry Miss Ida Morgan
in St Louis, at the home of
her aunt, Mrs Duncan, 4916 Forest
Park Boulevard. Miss Morgan

Nov 2, 1907

is a Florida girl, but since
the death of her parents has
spent most of her time
in Ala. and part of that
at this place with her
brother, who is my friend
and bachelor-mate.

Our marriage will be rather
a small quiet affair, and
but few of our friends can be
present. The Buncans occupy
a flat and that means limit-
ed room, but as you are
so near, I hope you and
Marie can come over. We
really want you, ^{and} I trust it will
be convenient for you both to
do so. With love to Marie and
the children I am

Yours aff. Bro.
L. L. Duggar.

I was very
 be interested
 in reading of the
 ladies meeting to
 sew for the League.
 The I must tonight
 thought of helping
 something to do with
 the ladies at her
 home tonight.
 What a pity it
 was too late.
 Mother
 Monday Nov 10th 1907
 My dear
 I read your interesting let-
 ter the day the ladies were all here, had to
 write so hurriedly next day to Lucy, & had so
 much to tell her, just enclosed yours to her, as
 I knew she would enjoy reading it & hearing
 about David's plans, I am glad to hear he is
 going to be married & do hope the girl is a
 superior one in every way, or at will not be
 satisfied, but what difference will that make
 I have been wondering where he met her, & where
 she has lived, I can't help feeling a pride
 about who my niece, & nephew's marry, he
 has to go a long way to get her, & there any
 thing I can do towards helping you to fix
 up? I have no sewing except another 1/2 doz
 napkins to hem stitch, I had planned that
 we would spend today with you, but the rain

last night - & ugly clouds today prevented.
But I shall continue to try to go to see you, there
has not been a day this last week that I
could have gone. I was so disappointed that
you could not have been with us Wednesday
the day was perfect, & every thing passed off
so nicely, & every body seemed to enjoy the
dinner. & the day we sent Tuesday ^{morning} (by request)
for Brother J., Bulie, & Bessie G. to stay a
few days, but Bessie did not come until eve-
ning with Lucy M. - we made all the pre-
parations that we - we could for the dinner.
Lucy brought chicken salad & celery, Bessie a
doz apples to bake, & Bulie brought ingredients
& made two bowls of jelly here, I furnished a
goose, & most of the 9 vegetables we had, got
Squash & radishes from Katie, M^r Nelson sent
new Irish potatoes, & Egg plants, & I had turn-
ips, sweet potatoes, snaps & clams, & two bowls
of whipped cream to go with Bulie's jelly. We
dined on the quilt until 9 o'clock that night.
got up early next morning had breakfast, & all the

table & were sewing when the ladies arrived
at 10, 1st a buggy with Lillie (with a beautiful
cake) M^{rs} Bondell with peanut sandwiches & M^{rs}
Margaret Bailey of Senapolis, then came M^{rs} Wat-
kins with 3 loaves bread, a jar of pickle, & Apples
& M^{rs} Mosely with broiled chicken & beaten brood
then M^{rs} Mary Walker, with 1/4 lamb & pickle. Her
nie f-, nurse, & baby brought crackers & stuff-
ed cucumber pickle, so you see we did have
a nice dinner, then I handed coffee, Lucy &
& Della waited on the table & it was well done,
the ladies sewed industriously & we finished
the large quilt, put it in the frame, backed it,
& put a border around with two rows of bias
stitching, then did a good deal on the child's
quilt, the quilt is beautiful, never saw as
many fancy stitches & figures on anything,
it will be 2.50 a chance for large one, & 1.50 for
small one, the Bazaar is postponed until 21st they
think now, & no place can be found yet to have
it. Lillie & M^{rs} Mosely gave us some nice min-
ies. This old house looked real nice, & removed

all day, eight except the cracked walls, but
Lucy's lamp about in the house, & had quantities
of beautiful roses from Bates & crysanthemums
from our garden all about the house, Lucy &
Bessie returned that eve. & we had to send Ben
ie & Brother J. the next day. Oh but I forgot to
tell you of my misfortune, in the midst of dinner
the plate in my mouth broke half in two, & I
nearly had to take it out in my belt & go to the
loo, but fortunately Dr. Green was with me
it for me yesterday, it was a relief to get it back.
Friday was Rich's birthday, but he did not come
home until yesterday eve. I came to our swamp
with young people from St. Louis, early birds
& found none, had I known in time he was
not coming Friday could have gone to see you
his having the horses two days in the week do a
drag back, & how I da. has come to cook for you.
I hope to see you in a few days, With best
love Your devoted Sister
Melville

This is a budget-
is not it?

"Aunt Hale" about the "christening"
of little Paul's robe being used on
the occasion. I know she is
much pleased; Bluffton prospects
are brightening, the streets are paved
& the streets are lighted, & very
soon there will be rail road
communication between Savannah
& Bluffton, isn't the "Three Sisters"
enjoy having a uncle home
from there? Hale says the "Hale
Leont & the head" are abundant;
& meat are only ten cents a pound.
I wish Papa would give up the
"Hole-Hole" Bungalow. For one on
the "May Punt" the trip from here

York to Savannah by steamer
is short & delight full; Reggie is
well & has given me Paul's ring
for his today. We three went to
the "Solomon Shows" on Saturday
afternoon, it was simply han-
some & yesterday "Papa" & I attended
the Church service. In the morn-
ing we heard Dr. Lumsden
who gave us a great sermon
in the great Auditorium, &
last evening we went to a Church
near by (Presbyterian) the latter
quite same. I think you are
seeing safely to remain with your
kind devoted husband until after

Ymat. After all there may be
a vacant room here when you
are ready for it. We will move
into the large front room, the
end of this week, if not earlier
yesterday. Parker has gone to House
keeping; the room is comfortable
& bright, but we want more closet
room & so, Mr. Glendrick has
not left for Solihet yet, his room
was the one I wanted for you.
Have you seen Chuck recently?
Please send me his address
if you have it. Willie is again
in Buffalo. Has he sent you a
Houlston paper with his picture to

col. one at table & have
 every chip & water brought
 in. I will be spoiled with
 it. I don't know very much of
 the water but to be sure it
 is not that blue with water
 to go down. But I have
 a few in the dining room
 the ships there, perhaps
 being reading until bed
 time. One church window
 even. I don't like the
 it is for us the other way.
 Please excuse this program
 story. I have a chance
 this place. very good place
 even. I am writing with my
 old pen. I don't know for my
 eyes. I don't write, with
 much love & kisses to all
 your devoted
 Mother.

Now then as week has elapsed since
 I wrote to Marie. I was waiting to hear from you,
 what you & Marie thought of the patterns for
 silver ware. Perhaps you are waiting to get other
 patterns before writing, time is getting away fast
 we must be making our selection don't you think
 so. I wrote Fred of our idea of getting up a sett
 as we did for you, he has not replied. Harry
 wrote & did not even say Fred had received my
 letter, he had had full time to do so.
 I do hope some of you have been sick, or the
 work left. I expect you have had cold, perhaps
 rainy weather, it has been cloudy & cold, I may
 say, last night very cold, things were killed that
 had not been before. By the way there were not

they can't be mine from my garden that your
 Father hurriedly put into a box & sent off. If he
 had let me know I could have furnished some
 prettier ones I am sure, had not sent any because
 I did not think they would stand the trip, tonight
 they will be blighted for it is as cold as last night.
 I am disappointed about Henry's girl, I had pictured
 her to myself as a clear brunette, very black hair &
 eyes, Blanche says she is a blonde, not that I
 object particularly to blondes - Blanche says she is
 very smart & a very sweet girl, she spent a week
 with her at Healing Springs. Did I tell Benjamin?
 had a very nice letter from her in answer to
 mine?

Fanny wrote that Frances had been sick with
 bronchitis since their return, had fever several
 days. She was over flowing with servants, had a
 good, clean cook, Willie wrote she wanted to

come to them for a year, they had hired a boy
Nellie ~~had~~ cooked for them several years, left to go
to "her folks" perhaps now she is growing old they
want to push her off. Fanny says Dotty has a
fine nursery, she talks of Grand Mother & "little
cousin Louie"; they think she remembers last
Thanksgiving.

I wonder how our fat boy is, I think of him on
the sofa, & Louie amusing him, wish I could
see them both. I forgot to say the Duggan family,
minus Dotty, spent 6 days in Washington &
3 or 4 in Norfolk, all enjoyed the trip & learned a
much. I send letters from the children that you
may see what they took in, Margaret fattened on
it. I forgot to say, Elmer's girl hopes you & Marie
will be down to the wedding, says she will be much
disappointed if none of Elmer's kids are with her.
Old Dr. Hamlin, Rector of the Episcopal Church

Danopolis, died yesterday, he has been very sick
a long time. Reuben spent Saturday night &
Sunday with us, in spite of a bad cold, & a very
cold weather he left Monday morning for Linden
expected to stay several days as I soon expected to
see him ride up yesterday evening, he spent
one night, it was a useless trip but I could not
talk him out of it, his cold was not improved by the
ride. He went to Brattleboro this evening.

I do began cooking yesterday, to cook until the seed
of her cotton opens. John Amos let us have one
of his girls for 2 months, she is to ~~help~~ ^{help} me give
the house a thorough cleaning & act as house
maid also, she waits on the table very well &
seems apt & willing. It will be a great help to
have her when Henry is here. We went through
our room & the hall up stairs today, tomorrow
take another. It does not seem natural to be wait

Durham N. H.
Nov. 18. 1901

Dearest Grandma:-

This is only
a line to tell you that
Father Parsons died Saturday
morning at three o'clock &
was buried yesterday (Sunday)
morning at nine o'clock.

We have only had a telegram
so far. Chas. could not get there
in time for he died suddenly
and was buried the day after.

We have been expecting this
for several weeks & were
not surprised & we can
not wish him back for he
has been so miserable
for such a long time & is
hard to take care of for
he was so irritable & misg-
nether is just completely
worn out. He was eighty-one
years old the month of this
month.

Enclose the clipping which
I did not put in my last letter.
We are all well & I have been

so busy all day cleaning up & putting
to rights - besides getting kindred that I feel
all mixed up & am going up stairs now
for a little rest. I

With much love to darling baby
& your precious self in which all
united yours,
Your ever devoted daughter -
Alice.

more a great; Mr. Court can open
into each other & he will be like
"two peas in one pod"; Aggie
has just telephoned me. She
& her are well & she of course
is delighted that you are soon to
be with us. I hope "Chuck" will
come with you, as you will
need his assistance, I am
glad to know his address. Also
that you have enjoyed a visit
from him; I & Dr. Suggs
Germania & Dr. Louis Guil. & in
what day in December will he
be married? I enclose you a card,
Alvise letter; Mr. Parsons was a

good upright man; & I regret
to know that he suffered so much.
Mr. Manly should have sent you
Father Mr. Klotzman's letter. Which
he had refused to do. Mr. Johnson
had never thought of doing the
Lead mine Co. A friend of Mr.
Klotzman's at "Mountain Home" heard
Mr. Klotzman say he was going
to write & furnish Mr. Manly about
it; you know I told you at "Hull's
House" how Klotzman did not
pay the men for their work & had
mismanaged the shaft work &c.
Now he does not know what to do as
the Lawyers want & can't bring suit
on either Mr. Johnson or "Papa"

at Mr. Johnson but Klotzman
all the requisite money to pay the
hand. & "Papa" only is involved
by recommending Klotzman, as
he thought he was an honest
man. I called himself a civil
engineer, & not out of work.
"Papa" had been greatly deceived
but I never liked his sneaky
look. Mr. Manly. Does not under-
stand business, & is a conceited
"Miss Nancy". But the last said
about the matter the letter it will
all end in smoke & Klotzman
Man had had to leave "Mountain
Home" as he can't find work & no
one trusts him now; Love & kisses
to Ben & the Babes. You are certainly
having a good, jolly time & so
many entertainments &c.

Chicago Dec 1, 1907.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of Nov 27 would say I have vacant the rooms Mrs Duggan's mother occupied when she passed through here I expect to have the rooms next to that one soon, but perhaps not by the elevator if it is a larger room, for the first week spoken of the terms would be \$5 per week for Mrs Duggan and two children the other would be \$6 per week.

Dec 1, 1907

You spoke of Mrs Suggs as
having a maid to take her
baby if the maid has her
meals each day my terms
are \$5.00 per week but I will
make the price \$9. for first room
spoken of and \$20 for the other
If these terms are satisfactory
please let me know at
once so I will know what
to do as some one else might
want the room. Hoping these
terms will meet your
approval I am. Very truly yours.

Eva Vanderwalte

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Dec. 3, 1907.

My dear *Mrs. Duggar*:

Owing to the large number of students now attending the Assemblies, it has been decided that it will not be possible to serve refreshments in any kind of finished or dignified way.

It is hoped that every member of the Faculty will endeavor to become acquainted with the students during the social hour, and to introduce them to others.

Very truly yours,

Alice G. McCloskey
Secretary.

Chicago Ill
 Dec 4th 1907
 Name 1907
 I am counting
 when you will be
 & name one more.
 Mrs Vandewater told me yesterday
 that she received a letter from her
 asking about rooms to rent & she
 hoped to hear from him soon
 again. One former room will be
 \$15.00 a week & while it is doing
 & warm, & it heated with a Radiator.
 The other room for \$14.00 a week it
 a little larger & has a North window
 which makes the room brighter &
 more attractive. The look colored.

Wanted she can get you a young any thing, for you know I don't
light to send you the know, to go out with me I see & know &
to send you, but when you come you will be delighted to see you I think
you can see about this. Charlie & "Benoni" when you want to go
under that he expects to accompany me in the evening & when the girl
you & Chicago. I know I don't want to be here. I am troubled a little
how long you must be & how little money in this damp place
hard to live to get with Ben of me, but otherwise I am
but times that these short days. well & happy: "Papa" is too tender
& he can soon be in Chicago himself you love of love. & says he long
for you to come. He will be here for a few days. This time
we are having quite a snow storm one can talk to me about most of
the first of the season, but we see the time & every thing will be
glorious of the sun. While I write are right. If "mat" will soon
this & Reggie say the way what is he here. & we will have a good
this afternoon, Don't worry about time even if the presents are few.

I hope Ben. can join us. & that
it be delightful for Alice & Charles
I have a room here too, when
they come: You had better bring
your kumming, for a ymat
free. for he can have a small
one in one room for Louise &
"Dottie" "Betsy" & "Benoni". I am
so happy I don't know what to
say & if my Southern ship comes
in next Saturday I want I have a
cake walk. I ought to have walks
when I have grand children like
the sea shore & a big generous
heart in the bargain. Well
Dearest; I must close my epistle

To Mary, Chicago

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Dec. 11, 1907.

My dearest Madrie,

after the inspiration
of a 3-hr. wait in Centralia
you may be sure that I am
in an interesting state of mind,
this after having my family
flee from me to distant
ice fields, while I wander
lonesome and undirected
in this barren waste.

Well, Honey, I do hope you had
no number of unpleas-

and incident en route, that the children were quiet and contented, and that ~~there~~ were not on a strain. I was so glad that there were along some persons you have met, and I know it must have made the time pass somewhat more quickly.

I thought of you all the way and have caught myself saying "they are now at so and so" they are just about arriving, etc.

But I cannot write a letter now. I am merely sending along the Trunk Key - the one which does not fit my trunk. I hope the lack of trunking facilities will cause you no trouble.

Give my love to Nance ^{and} Daddy and Agnes and hers.

Kiss our own Gerlie and Prycie a thousand times, and remember Sweet Love that you ^{are} every day and all days all the world to your own Benj.

There was no lecture at 2 P.M.

To Maria, Chicago

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Dec. 12, 1907.

My own sweet Madrie,

I am on my way to supper, and here is a word to tell you what you don't know, — that a man on his way to supper may be thinking about his wife and his family to such extent, that even though the supper bells are ringing around him,

he has time to write and to think!
I love you, my sweetheart, and
I hope that both you and the
chickens are feeling finely - that
you rested well and will rest
better yet tonight. How is the gland
below the liliiform ear and
just southeast of the petaloidal
cheek?

I was a sound sleeper last
night, but I lay awake some time
wondering just how the family
might be faring. I was at the
laboratory early, caught up with
most of my correspondence, went
over some chapters of my book with
Dr. Reed, physiology work with Mr.
Borer, etc. This afternoon I have
packed a box of books, worked on the
fungus which is the subject of Mr.
Brooks thesis, and am ready after
supper to write a few pages for
Professor Bailey.

I have caught glimpses of Mrs.
Spaulding and also one or two of

your other admirers, and
all have asked after you
most cordially.

Kiss the dear little ones,
take care of your sweet
self and get rest and
happiness all you can
for the sake of your

Own devoted
Benj.

I will send you a check next time
for your Dec. balance. Pardon-
nez moi that I forgot it in
St. Louis. B.

To Marie, Chicago

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Friday, Dec. 13, '07

My own Darling,

I was so glad to learn today from your sweet letter that you had a comparatively easy trip. I am sorry, though, about the increased colds. You must surely have those neck glands looked after, and Boyce's ear too. I would not have anything happen to his hearing for worlds.

This was my busy day — a lecture in the forenoon, and a seminar in the afternoon at which I was

he advanced - some few to \$3000, and this not later than Jan 1909. Further the Board refused to consider a petition of students to advance the salary of Prof. Roberts and request him to withdraw his resignation!

They also adopted a new rule with reference to leaves of absence. It is practically the sabbatical year on half salary. No statement was made as to whether in abrogating the old rule it would apply retroactively, and I have not yet inquired. Dr. Howard has been, in a way, offered the Professorship of Horticulture at the Mich. Agr. College, and he is anxious to have it. And so the glad - mad world moves on. How is my sweet Madrie today? And how is Gabe and Boyie? I cannot see how I could have let you go; but cheer up, I shall not complain, I shall only tell you how much I love you and how much I love you all.

Your own Hubbard.

I send you a \$5⁰⁰, and will send a money order to-morrow. I intended sending a check, but it occurred to me that you might have difficulty in getting money for it.

head nurse. This reminds me.
I see by the paper today that
both Miss Batson and Miss Sher-
man have gone to California,
presumably to positions. There is
likely to be a nurse famine, and
when the doctors go to St. Louis
what will be left in Columbia?

I have seen no one today
but Legevre. He wished me to
express regret that he did not
see you. He is thoroughly hop-
ing that the prospects of his
going to Cornell will material-
ize. This is in spite of the fact
that the full Board at its meet-
ing Dec 10-11 voted in their
opinion "that salaries should

To Marie, Chicago

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Dec. 14, 1907.

Ma Mie, Towards four o'clock

I started out for the bank, depending upon my Ingersoll "kissit". The doors were closed and no more "dough" was to be had for the day. However, I had a tenner in my boot and so had a Postal money order drawn for that amount. I am also sending you a check for thirty-five dollars. Now Honey if you will just consider the \$35 as a starter for wash-

I do hope that your colds will improve promptly. Sleep long, Beanie: it will surely help you somewhat, and help Boycie too - "may be".

No word from the Jesses yet. I am quite sure that they returned Wednesday, but I have seen no one from their house, and no note has yet come. I met Mr. Williams on the street this morning, and he talked casually and naturally about my successor, so I think matters are drifting homeward nicely.

I will phone Mrs. Miller tonight and try to drop in for a few minutes tomorrow, also at the Browns and Spaldings.

It quite takes my breath away to see Christmas trees in front of the stores.

There is no special news today, Sweet Love, except the good old news that I am

Your very own Hubba.

I'll write to our Gidie soon, and kisses to both the little ones and the Kisser.

(make over)
ing, etc., give ^(2 weeks advance) the check to
Mrs. Vandewater, and have her
give you a five; then this, togeth-
er with the money order and
the cash of yesterday will make
a twenty for your Christmas
allowance. I refuse to deduct
the additional dollar and cents.
Moreover, I will send you an-
other money order shortly for
washing, etc., etc.

Your sweet letter this
afternoon was both a delight
and a comfort. A card from Lewis
says they are enjoying them-
selves, with others of their
class. It was surely a bridal
Pullman. I will send the card.

Rules and Regulations

OF THE

Grand Council Alpha Omicron Pi

Revised Dec. 14, 1907

FLAG.

1. The fraternity flag shall be a cardinal banner with A O II in white.

COLOR.

2. The fraternity color shall be cardinal.

JEWEL.

3. The fraternity jewel shall be the ruby.

FLOWER.

4. The fraternity flower shall be the Jacqueminot rose.

FRATERNITY JEWELRY.

5. J. F. Newman, 11 John Street, New York City, shall be the official jeweler of Alpha Omicron Pi.

6. The only fraternity jewelry authorized or permitted for members or pledges of Alpha Omicron Pi shall be the fraternity pin and the pledge pin and the seal in the form of a gold ring or fob.

7. The fraternity pin shall be made only in the regulation size. It shall be set with a ruby or garnet in the apex of the Alpha, and shall otherwise be plain or jeweled, according to the wishes of the individual members.

8. Each member of the fraternity shall procure a fraternity pin within three months after her initiation. Chapters shall require a promise of compliance with this regulation at the time of pledging candidates for initiation.

9. Fraternity pins shall be worn only by initiated members of the fraternity. They shall be worn on the left side about midway between the collar and the belt lines.

10. Pledge pins shall be worn, in the form of a sheaf, in the regulation pattern. They shall not be jeweled, or bear any engraving, except the Greek letter representing the chapter, on the back of the pin.

11. Pledge pins may be worn by members after initiation, provided they are attached by chains to guard pins representing the chapter initial. The initials and class of the owner may, in such case, be added to the engraving on the back.

12. Except as provided in Regulation 11, pledge pins must be owned by the chapters. They may be lent to pledges until the time of initiation.

13. All orders for fraternity or pledge pins shall be countersigned by the Grand Corresponding Secretary before delivery is made by the jeweler. The Grand Corresponding Secretary shall sign all orders countersigned by the Corresponding Secretary of any chapter. The jeweler shall be instructed to fill no orders without the countersignature of the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

My dear Mr. Suggan:

Please accept
our warmest thanks for your
kindness in sending the beau-
tiful roses. The sympathy
of friends has been very grate-
ful to us both. I feel that
I have been a long time in
writing this note, but I am sure
that you realize how constant
have been my interruptions
since our return from

E 41

Mississippi - Come to see me
when you can. The winter
will be passing so quickly
& I want to see as much of
you as I can. Hope the
children are keeping well.
With kindest regards from
both of us, to Dr. Huggan and
yourself - I am

Your loving friend,

Addie Polk Jesse.

Dec. 16th 1907

P.S. The five
dollars came
today. You
are my thought
about the P.O.
money order.
It will be sent
soon.

pm Dec 16, 1907
Chicago
Sunday -
To J. Columbia

Ben dearest.

I suppose, because
of the blizzard and snow-
storm, I did not get your
letter yesterday. Daddy went
to the post office this morning
to mail it, and brought it to me.
How I miss you and how
homesick I get for our dear

didn't go out. P. Baynes' car remains
the same, still running properly. I wish
it would hurry up and get well. It
makes the poor little chap so hard
to take care of.

I am enclosing you your Art Lovers ticket
Thinking that perhaps they may have an
exhibit. Will you send my resignation to
Mr. Alvestedt. I don't know how!

By the way, Dearie, don't forget my
picture of The Column before you leave
Columbia - for good! It would be nice
to get several souvenirs of the university.
I had intended purchasing them that
last week.

Agnes is going to take me down town
to-morrow to shop for Xmas. Will you
get something for Fred & Fannie or a
toke for their children? I will try to
get something else.

How I wish you could be here Xmas!
It will be hard to keep things until you
come at New Year, for home is to have a
Xmas tree here for Father & Pauline & Jennie
Louis would feel it if she had nothing at
that time here inside Baynes. I will
have to make it up next year. I do for you,
old sweetheart and am your own person

little home! It must be long,
though, until you are here
as we must possess our souls
in patience." Louise enjoys
playing with the two children
in the house who are nearly
thence — one six, the other
eight years old.

We had quite a fire in
his section the other night and
the day was brilliant. It was
a blizzard & there were 45 fire-
engines there. Of course,

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Dec. 17/97

My own Madrie,

The six o'clock
bell is just ringing, but I
am going to write my let-
ter before I go to the Powers.
The Powers is not so bad
now I can tell you. They
certainly try to give satisfac-
tion, and the table is far
better than it was during
the summer. I can have
eggs or milk at any meal,
and we get chicken at least
three times a week. I am only
in my room to sleep. It is

too lonesome to spend any more
time there.

Your sweet letter came this
morning, and I am beginning
to be troubled about Boycie. I wish
his car could be seen by some one
who knows. I shall go to see Dr.
Noyes tomorrow evening about it.
Meantime, Dearie, please have
a consultation with a good ear doc-
tor if Jack can suggest one.

I am glad that Louise has some
well behaved children to play with.
It will give her exercise and oc-
cupation.

J.P. inquired this morn-
ing if you could come to a
Directors' meeting tonight. Why,
Honey, did you neglect to give

notice to J.P. that you were leaving.
Today much of my time was taken up
with administrative duties, writing letters,
seeing deans, etc. However, I wrote a few
pages, and will doubtless get something
done tonight. I shall postpone further
visiting until Saturday or Sunday.

By the way, Madrie, you certainly
made Mrs. Miller jealous about a
few things, among them being your
nestful, honey parlor and your
lace dress. Incidentally she brought
these into the conversation Sunday,
and I could read between the lines.

However, that only helps along - in the
case of Mrs. Miller - her lasting good
impressions, which are a part of their
friendship.

I miss you, My Persia, all the
time, but I shall possess patience, although
I must tell you occasionally, not mean-
ing to disturb you. I miss the little
ones, too, and I love all of you
dearly. Your old Hubbs.

pm Dec 17, 1907, Chi -
cago
to D, Columbia

Direct -

Agnes and I went
down - from this morning, and
a time of it we had. Everything
is crowded and it takes long
to get started on. I went down
at nine and we didn't get
back until almost three, so
dear mamma had quite a
time with Baby Lewis. We

Telephoned her at Lincoln &
she said he was sleeping peacefully
and had been so good that
I could stay down as long as I
wished. Of course after that
he cut up! Anyway I am stronger
as far as down town is concerned
and am my wife's & - night.

Today -

I didn't finish last
night - as I was interrupted.
I have been making X marks
to-day trying to help out my
list. Mamma says now that-

we must have a tree for Louise, and
as I couldn't find what I wanted
yesterday for her, I am afraid her
Xmas will be small. I looked at pine
(white) but they all cost \$6.00 and
over so I thought - Not too expensive.
I hope to find some of the other things,
I failed on in the big stores, in one
of the little stores near now.

Daddy is out and Agnes has just
been out to bring the things which
we bought yesterday & we sent to her. She
is so sweet and generous. She seems much
happier and it makes me very glad.

How I wish I could send you a big
Xmas box! You must take the will
for the deed, nevertheless, this year.
We will have a double opening next year.
I think we will have to give a double
house to Louise for her birthday, don't you?
We couldn't well send it from here. They
have parties, though, in the city. Dear
little soul, I have a ten cent doll for her!
Excuse Xmas excitement & write soon
my darling to your own adoring mother.
Haven't you a minute for Clark & Mabel?

from Chicago. To D,
Columbia.

Dec. 18th.

Wednesday.

Boy. dearest,

It is very cold
to-day, but I have just run
out shopping in some of the
small stores in the neighborhood.
I certainly wish I could have
shopped in Columbia for down-
town is so crowded & of course
the small stores haven't even

the remedy that Columbia affords.
But there I couldn't have
gotten to Fredenbells' if I had
been in Columbia as the mold
is the same everywhere.

Bessie's ear seems much
better though still running
slightly. The discharge is quite
thick now & a quantity comes
out when I use the syringe.
My glands are all right and
Louise's old much better.

Dear Agnes telephoned a little
while ago that she has tonsillitis.
I do hope she isn't going

& X mite.

The wind has made me a sleepy
as a cat.

I am yours devotedly, more Benjamin.
I had a letter from Church mother
on the train to Buffalo. Will telegraphed
him to come on to consult about a
position. He was glad to go as he had
been worrying having nothing to do.

He sent by express that little
old grip filled with necessities and
the madam's robe. We can't lose
that grip! I don't see how the
necessities are overlooked unless they were
in the grip!

I have a little girl who comes & stays
with baby while I go to meals & I give her
\$1.00 a week. It was unbearable before.
I get so homesick for you "my dear
my pet." Write soon again to
your old flame
Persis.

Louise sends much love & is
brazz to answer your letter.

Paris - Vice Ala

Dec 18th 1907.

Dear Marie:-

Some nice letter
was very satisfactory
in telling us of the marriage
& wedding arrangements and
other particulars. The paper
forwarded arrived giving us
the fact that little Louise B.
was a ribbon girl - How
glad I should have been
to have witnessed it all. -
I know it was a great
pleasure to L.H.D. to have
you & Ben to give him the
family countenance. Perhaps
there was another paper or
two giving more in detail
but I have seen none. For

drops at a time allowed to gently flow down into the inner ear. This organ is usually so very tender & liable to attacks of congestion (the eustachian tubes are so delicate).

Especially when the baby is at all exposed to draughts of cold or in windy weather exposed much. Several times I have relieved the intense pain by dropping about 3 or 4 drops into a small reed (which has been warmed) then blowing very gently thro it the warm breath being impregnated with the C.P. & its anodyne qualities are very soothing without subsequent irritation.

Let us hear from you often, for letters are always acceptable.

A good letter from Leeway. Today, they are enjoying themselves at the "Raleigh" in Washington City. Another couple

have we seen any one ² this in an Alabama Paper: - but there ^{may be} three or four notices as to the announcement of the engagement.

Dear poor fellows & you had a time no doubt in getting out of the way of that "insomniac" in Columbia and you may be sure we sympathized with you whilst the little fellow was suffering so much from his cere. I presume your Physician recommended "Diopogen" $\frac{1}{3}$ to 2 parts of warm water as a wash, or to be dropped in the ear affected so long as it was running; slightly warm applications &c. I have often used the "Camphor Phenique" as a medicament. 20 30 drops warm glycerin ($\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful) - add C.P. 5 drops, a few

f.

No. 1000

"Honey moonish Pair" is along
with them, I ought up see something
The L. will write a page or so
to go in this.

We are having harrid
weather, rain, shock-
cold & east winds & are
Cook - isn't that terrible.
You will surely pray for us.
With best love & kisses to all.

Affectionately

Your Father

J. H. Duggan

P.S. The very Dorkago I have
helped so much are
the ones deserted us at the
last moment, just when
we were needing them most.

To Moe, Chicago
c/o Mrs Vandew
Wells

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Dec. 19, 1907.
Dearest Madrie,

On my way
down here after supper I
dropped in at Hubbells and at
Harshe's to see what there might
be in the way of Children's
books. Punk!! is the only word,
and that is insufficient. After
waiting an hour I bought one
or two little things in sheer
desperation. I can't spend much
more time looking about, but I
must send something to Mother

and Father, and write a few
postals.

By the way, I am going to take
Christmas day off for letter and
card writing so please help me
out in my list, that is, by
telling me to whom you will
write. There is the bridal couple,
the Flahaults, the Moore, the Mad-
am, the Craige, the Wilhelm^{and}
Mary, and many others.

I shall get some little thing
for Louise that she may at least
have a message from her Daddy.
For you, my dear Sweetheart,
I would like to send a hundred
American Beauties, or a whole

bed of violets.

You did have a day of it, shop-
ping surely. Madrie, I trust, you must
not spend a cent more on one person - that
one being your old hubbaus - nothing but
postage stamps. You have already been far
too liberal with him, - but yet you may
send "a kiss by wire" through the mail,
yes, several hundred for Christmas day.

What do you think we had for din-
ner today? Turkey and Goose! Ice cream
and Indian pudding, etc. Thursday
is the semi-weekly feast day, being
the day before Friday.

Yes, we shall have a great Xmas
next year together to make up for this con-
fusion, and that is my prayer: the doll
house on his birthday for Louischen, eh?
Tomorrow is the last day of the regular
work, then there will be a certain com-
fort in the stillness of the laboratories, a
chance to work, in spite of a kind
of aloneness. Everybody is going except
Dr. Reed. The library will be closed, and Dr.
Reed will have his hands full getting ready for
his bacteriology.

I must, however, give you a chance
to do the daily choir, so here's breaking
off until next time. I am so glad that Agnes
seems happier. With all my love, dearie,
Your own Boris.

p.m. Dec 31, 1907 Chicago
T.S.D., Columbia, Mo.

Wednesday evening.

Dearest Marie

I am writing a hurried letter to you, I must put in a few lines to thank you for your most interesting & much appreciated letter, you can't imagine how we enjoyed it. I would not take any thing for your account of the wedding, yes, I would have given any thing to have been with you all, but could from you better imagine how every thing looked & the happy faces of the young couple. What a pity Louise was feverish & could not enjoy the dainties. Mary thanks for the flower from the marriage bell, you forgot the other, but never mind it was as sweet of you to write as soon. I do hope baby Ben is all right again. Louise alas, you must be having

severe weather judging from ours, do pray
take good care of the dear little ones & yourself
too. A letter from Henry today says they will
be here Monday or Tuesday night, they are having
a fine time, 4 newly married couples were on
the sleeper the first night, one couple is at
the same hotel with them in W—

Oh! Maria I have had such a time
getting ready for them thinking they might
drop in at any time as I had not heard
when they would come until today. My
cook (a mean wretch) left Friday & I have
had every thing to do, no help, no chance
as yet, of getting any. I am sending messages
to every one I think there is a possibility of
getting, actually begging them to come, a pretty
mess isn't it? The cook was afraid there would
be a little extra work. The house is all fixed &
I have baked & iced 2 cakes, now every now I make
them so early but have wrapped them up well &
will put on an apple & hope they will not get

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state, a nut cake & a white cake with
fruit filling. Melville brings & Mrs Hatch
will each bake a cake for me & I will make
an orange cake later. I wanted so much to
give them a nice dinner, if I can get help
will have tea but it is a very long day & ask
the Harris family, Penny & Lucy to meet
them. Bessie's two girls will not be able to come
she said. I will make jelly, cook ham & do
every thing I can before they arrive. I do hope
the weather will be better than it is now. I
have some for my note I hope you will be
able to read it. Bushels of love & kisses to
all.

Ever devoted

Mother

The family present arrived the day after
Llewelly left, our parents, the Daggan
family.

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Dec. 22, 1907.

Dearest Persica,

Here's the dullest
Sunday that you ever saw:
drizzle - dozzle all the live long
day, that is the time to which
Old Time is marching, although
Christmas is but ^{that} three days a-
way.

I hope it will be a bit brighter
later, as I would like to pay my
call at the Whitten's, also one
at the Sease's. Last night I wrote
a letter to Mother, and this morn-
ing to Dr Moors, besides a lot of

postal cards. Tonight I shall
work at the laboratory, thereby
beginning a week of uninterrupted
(I hope) work for the MacMillan
book. The new artist for the biological
subjects, McKline, is now
with me for a very few days. He
will try to do one or two of the
more difficult things for my
fungous book. He seems to be
very good, and has done some
excellent things for Leperre and
Curtis. I did not know there was
such a man about the University
until about ten days ago, so thinks
I, 'make hay'.

Just think of little Boycie
and his specialist doctor, and then

had to trouble with his little novel. Isn't that a travesty! I am glad to know that his car seems better, and I do hope he will now rest more comfortably, and let you rest better.

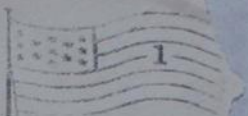
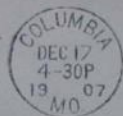
Last night Lefevre asked me to dine with them on Christmas. Of course I accepted with thanks. The loneliness of the hotel will not pervade their home, and while I shall miss equally my own dear little family, still I shall feel the day more cheerful, and it was certainly very kind of them.

Mr. Howard and Dr. Gibson are down here writing, and they are by preference talking so much that I can scarcely tell what I am writing.

Anyway, Sweetheart I love you dearly, and hope you will just have a real merry old-time Christmas.

Did I tell you that I have read this week, at odd moments about fifteen chapters of Fred's book? Some of them are very good, but the botany chapters were greatly in need of revision, and it was some work.

A thousand kisses ^{my love and} a hug and a kiss to each little chicken ^{from} Benj.



Mrs. B M Duggan
1 Aldine Square,
Chicago,
Illinois

% Mr. Underwater,

To Marie,
Chicago

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Dec. 23, 1907.

Marie, Dearest,

Last night I took
supper with the Seares. You see
just after finishing my letter
to you I set out for Westmore
to pay the Whittier call, but
it began to pour down so
hard that I had to seek cover.
Finally I gave up Westmore
and went only to the Seares.

They had a very nice supper,
really a dinner, consisting
of roast duck and several lit-
tle French side dishes. Mrs.

patch printed a few days ago a long article concerning Pres. Jesse's resignation. It was promptly denied in a half-hearted way in Columbia, and today the Kansas City papers come out with a long account of how much Dr. Jesse has done for the State - a very creditable account too - and closes with the statement that if he resigns it will be on his own initiative, etc.

I was so glad to have your letter this morning, Dearie, it was just like an old-timer; so you do love your 'ubans don't you? I am so glad that the little ones were so well, and I would just give anything to be with you on Wednesday. Tell Louise, too, that her Father is very sorry he cannot be on hand to welcome Santa Claus.

This will probably reach you Christmas Day if there is a mail delivery. My heart goes forth ^{to you} in love and merriest good wishes, Sweetheart, and give also of love to all the family and the family's family, and don't you forget to save a "powerful" lot for old Benj.

P.S. I was very glad to have the letter from mother. She will hardly have time to write while "company" with a bride is there. You did not send Father's. I dread a letter which came to me from Miss Cass ^{see Miss Martin}. I am now ^{convinced} I have done with the Reds.

Seares is enthusiastic over Algerian truffles, and thinks Camille could secure them for her. I discouraged her all I could, but it is of no use. She told me where to find the garret at the Laidie Exchange, and I went there this morning to see about rugs.

We were greeted with quite six inches of snow this morning most of which melted during the day, producing intolerable slush. It is now snowing again, and since it is no colder, it will be worse tomorrow.

The St. Louis Post-Dis -

pm Chicago, Dec 24, 1907
to Dr. Columbia, Mo

Benj. my dear -

Merry, merry
Xmas! To-day is as bright
and beautiful as I hope to-morrow
will be in Columbia. I am so
glad you are to dine with
the Leffers - as you are not to
dine with us! How we shall
miss you and think of you
my dearest one.

A package from Columbia came
containing a beautiful set of
silver knife, fork & spoon for
Beyrie, also a lovely blue hair
ribbon for Louise but no name
was on the card. From the
handwriting I think it must
be Mrs. Miller. Do find out
I thank her. They are perfectly
beautiful.

Any wider when my precious
& husband. What day will you
arrive? Again many thanks
& much love from us all.
Especially your Percia.

pm Chicago, Dec 26,
1897. To Dr
Columbia

Dearest -

Again Merry Xmas!
And now Xmas is almost over
and a lonely one we have had,
but Oh! we have missed you
so! I know you would have loved
to have helped fill the two
little stockings and to have seen
the children's joy this morning.

The box and sweet thought as
well as your lovely gifts. The books
are just what I wanted, and with
the money I am going to get a pretty
black silk vest which will be so
serviceable.

Agnes, Jack, Dotie and Pauline dined
with us and spent the afternoon.
They all received plenty of gifts and
seemed very happy. We had a
nice dinner and have shared
"Pops" candy with us.

It has been a very full day.
I wish we might sit together in
front of the fire & talk it over!
I hope you enjoyed yourself at Dr.
Lefevre's and had a good dinner.
I have thought of you all day
long, and, O how my dears, I
love you more than you know.
Your own
Pessie.

Prairieville, La.
Dec. 29/07.

Dear Ben,

Since the interesting occasion at St Louis it has been very difficult for me to confine myself long enough to write a letter except it be some of those short "I thank you" kind that I have been helping Ida dispose of. Of course she has had her hands full trying to send all of the necessary words of thanks!

We want to express our appre-

"citation to you and Marie for the
posting and contributed in the hand-
some sheet of xlv. Mrs. Duncan
sent us all the cards, but did not
indicate the post each member of
the family contributed, and Mother
could not give us any more light
on the subject.

He had a very pleasant trip East
and an enjoyable stay in Wash-
ington! He fell in with two other
young married couples in Knoxville
and were all very soon acquaintances.
Naturally, there was a bond of
sympathy between us. One of these
stopped at the same hotel in Washington
and ^{there} were with us ^{at} great deal in
aghtening and at meals.

He reached here last Monday
night on a delayed train and
surprised the folks. Fortunately, there
was a vehicle to meet us at the depot.
We have had miserable weather
since our arrival and more mis-
erable roads. We have been out
one afternoon for a shoot drive. Uncle
Ben and Aunt Lucy and the two women

"Minge girls ventured out to see us, and a very few of the neighborhood people have called.

We leave tomorrow afternoon for Mobile where we go to make some necessary purchases before taking up housekeeping at Fairford.

We continue to rejoice in the fact that you and Maria will visit us in St. Louis.

Mother seemed to enjoy Maria's account of the wedding and it was well she looked to M. for it, because we could not have told much of the detail.

She is writing to Maria, and gave me in love to you both and the letter falls from off Bro. Lewis.