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Jan 6, 1900
To D. Columbus,
Mn

New Years night.

My dear Love

So much has been crowded into the
past week that it seems a long time since I have
written you, after Henry came there was no time
for writing & yesterday & today I have been very
busy straightening up the house & doing other
things.

Today no doubt you are enjoying having the
children around you. I hope little Ben's ear is
entirely well & that they all had a happy Xmas.
How much we would have enjoyed having yourself &
family with us!! The roads were bad, 2 days terrible
snow, so all had to stay in the house & get again-
sted, only one day could Henry take Ida out in the
buggy, & broke a trace then. Only that day did we
have any visitors. Uncle Ben & aunt Lucy came for

a morning visit, also the twins. I begged them to stay to dinner but they had an engagement for the afternoon, & the Minge family were to dine with them. I wish, that since Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday were the rainy days, & Monday Henry & Ida left on the 3.30 train for Mobile. Our old business could not be trusted to get them through the mud so they had to go to Gallion in the way on with their trunks. I was sorry to see them go that way but she does it seem to mind anything. Both of them had bad colds, Henry had high fever with his in Washington. He was as lively as could be, I think he liked the visit to W-very much.

Now I must thank you very much for the pretty little book you sent us. Maria & the children remembered us also. I want to write & thank them for their pretty gifts. Mrs Powell & Miss Mary Mrs Donnell were admiring the belt this evening. Miss Mary did not

Jan 1, 1902

come up in time to see the bride. Miss Hampton Collins called on Friday a/c. Benbow was with us all the week & Wava was home from a/c the Auburn family. Fanny wrote that Frances was sick, missing the 1st case of sickness in the family since Dec 1st. They had their usual tree.

Now, come how the jeweller or some one else got it wrong about the presents from our family. Lucy & Edna said Fred's present, spoons, & forks was opened while she was dressing but there was nothing from the set of us. I told them Fred sent the ^{no forks,} spoons, but they could not believe I was right until my letter came from Fanny, saying they thanked her for forks which they did not send, & for spoons. I told them what each one gave except yourself but could not say positively what you decided upon so just write me what you ordered for yourself & I will write them. Wava sent a saving set. Edna said she

the hurried look she had at the spots she thought them very pretty, liked the plain pattern. Her brother sent her at approx 160 dollars to buy a dining room sett, she says she will get nice new furniture. I don't admire her taste in that.

This is the new year & no prospect of a cook, my cook (Ida) has moved to Mrs West Daines', I have also, as my helps are all gone. At present Joe both milks, & I do the rest of the work. Those 2 rainy days old Syd & Ida both deserted us & I had to cook, Reuben helped all he could in the kitchen & Henry in the house. The birds helped out with the dishes, we washed them in the dining room.

I have not written all I want to write but it is getting late & I am very tired, with much love & wishing you a prosperous New Year I am

Your devoted

Mother.

Jan 15/1908

Dear Ben:-

Yesterday & today we have a snow & the ground is drying up a little - but O, what a time we had for a Bride. Robin Robin all the time - I look & send her to the front gate. I hope you will soon be able to make all your arrangements to leave Columbia & be with your family. I can't get say how I like the bride - I will never live the thought this - that I never say any one so completely

sub-bond - i.e. we could,
none of us, interest her in
any manner - or could
we get her on one subject
of conversation. Apparently
nervous and absent minded
even with special company.
She surely is concentrated
on "my Handsome Husband"
as she calls Lewey.
We had a hard time, servants
so perfectly democratized.
And it was a difficult
matter to find what
she liked - or what wd
suit her taste. By
degrees she will improve
I guess - or she'll have a
hard time of it. Many thanks
for your remembrance - a happy New
Year to you always. Affly for Father & Mother.
J.H.

at large for us to quit
this country - I send
many regards for you
and family, and hope
you will be as happy
as I am. I am hoping
for a letter tonight
from Ben or yourself,
it is late & as dark
little doves and my
eyes are getting sleepy.
I am right the same;
some times before is
with much less & now
but wishes for a happy
new year to you all
I am devoted
Mother.

& just by the fire & now I must try to write to you
before bed time, but my hand is very untidy.
I have been trying all the week to write this letter
but have been so busy all day there is no time for
writing. I want to thank you for the beautiful belt &
the sweet little apron from the children, give them
my thanks & a sweet kiss to each. The belt is certainly a
beauty & has been much admired by all the ladies
who have seen it, tell doves to kiss you for me. I am
anxious to hear how you all are. I do hope the
children & yourself are standing the cold climate

well. I suppose Ben was with you at New Year, I wonder how long he could stay, know he is lonely without his family.

Your present was the handsomest I received, next was a pretty pair of slippers from Melville, Henry & I also gave me a large box of paper & envelopes, this is some of it. My brother Ben & his wife gave me a bureau scarf & 2 large linen hand towels (hemstitched), Sister Sally a gay coronet trimmed with black. Fanny sent me a large post card album, & the children different little things, Frank sent a year's subscription to the Liberator & Ben sent me "Winter pieces of Reynolds" my friend Mrs. Coker, a hunt piece holder, & another friend a beautiful little booklet. I was well

remembered was it I? I expect you had a great many pretty things. Did the children enjoy their stockings? I forgot to say, I do seem much pleased with the little lace bow you sent her, perhaps she has written you, she was busy a good deal of her time writing letters or notes of thanks for bridal & 4 years presents. I am afraid she did not like the old folks much, she never once said Mother, or Brother, said she could not say it, but would begin some time. I think she is good hearted, but between us I think there is a little of the spirit child about her. I trust she may be all she should be to Henry. This evening I was over at Mrs. Powell's to see an old friend who is visiting her, she is so lively &

pleasant it is a treat to be with her. The roads
are so bad that only those who are seen enough to
walk can visit. Mrs Hatch came to see I do, also the
Mingos twins, Henry & Lucy, & Miss Hampton Collins
but we had 2 days of rain after their visits &
no one else could come. Mrs Powell came over the
day after they came.

Isn't ^{it} too bad Maria that we are beginning the
new year without a servant! no help at all except
the milking, which is done by a triffling boy, many
evenings does not come at all, & when the month is
out I think he will stop altogether, then the "old gentle-
man" will have to try his hand. I do, my former
cook has moved away, & John, the boy we used to call on
many times, as there is no one for an emergency. I think

To Marie, Chicago 811 Virginia Ave
pm Columbia, Mo
January fifth-
1908

My very dear friend-

Before the new
year is a day older I want
thank you for the pretty
little collar you sent me
and for writing so promptly
to your underserving
neighbor. The collar was just
what I needed and I had
to Christian it right away.

advertised for next Sat. first.
You know Harry leaves for
England at that time.

If we can't rent the house
I shall stay here, but how
can I endure it with you
and Harry both so far away?
They are tearing down the
Millers' house and they
have bought the Hall place.
But you have been told all
this and more for Mrs. W. Mc-
nab just phoned for your

address.

We had a lovely little
visit from Dr. Duffer last
night. It was so thoughtful
of him to send to see us
but it made me more homes-
ick to see you. Please pick
up the children and come
back for the next three weeks.
Every body on the hill is long-
ing to see you. Dr. Duffer
tells me you are doing awfully
up there in the dizzying city-

I do miss you so much;
more even than I expected
and hate saying a good deal.
I hate to look out my
north window for all I see
is your sewing machine
in the dining room window
I think they eat in the
kitchen, or Mrs. W. hanging
out clothes in the back yard.

Things ain't the same on
the hill and I'm going back
to mamma. The house at

Jan 5, 1907

of Chicago or perhaps you
do not miss our humble
rough breakfast, but I can't
think that. I am as glad
the baby's ear is well again.
I had no idea he was
having such a hard time
of it. How is Louise? Allen
often wishes for her. Christmas
he got a most frightful
looking animal that napped
its head and tail. As soon

have to sweat in some
table necessities now that
there is no friend in need
to hand things out to me
through the back way.

This has not been a very
cheery letter but the next
will be, I'm sure. Remember
me to your father mother and
sister and kiss the children
for me all. With a great deal
of love for yourself, I am
As ever Ethel Belden

as he saw it he said, "my,
couldn't I send Louis good
with this?" Annie had
talked a little now and is
much improved in disposition
we think. New Year's day
we had the young English
men in to dinner. Ada
had to wash plates between
courses. Doesn't that make
you feel ashamed? I'm
terribly afraid we shall

To Mary,
Chicago

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Jan. 8, 1908.

My own sweet Love,

It is rather late tonight, as I stopped at the laboratory to do a bit of work, that being, this evening, on my homeward route. I dined with Prof. Mumford, being invited with Profs. Whitten and Townbridge, to meet a few out-of-town participants in the events of Farmers Week. Mrs. Mumford gave us a very nice dinner indeed consisting

of consomme; oyster ^{and olives} patties and
little sandwiches; turkey, cranber-
ry jelly, celery, potato in moulds,
^{carrots} and green peas; Waldorf salad
and cheese wafers; ice cream
and cake, and coffee. Marga-
ret and M^{rs} Louise Brown waited
on the table. Mrs. Brown was
also in the Kitchen, for I
heard her.

Today I had the afternoon
full of a lecture and lab.
work; and this morning I
went through and straightened
out our collection of photo-
graphs. and packed a box
of miscellaneous books. Also

ribbed weather which often greets us about the middle of January. ^{It will ail my love sweetest, hoping you are much improved, thanks to the little ones which} sent notice of "change of address" to sixty-three experiment stations. I have not had a moment for the Farmer's meetings, but I hear that they are well attended. This morning I saw Mr. Williams on the street and congratulated him on Dr. Hill's appointment. He seemed pleased, and ended his reply very charmingly with the remark, "but we shall miss you all the more." I also wrote a note of congratulations to Dr. Jesse on the appreciation of his work and service, and seeing me at long range this afternoon he gave me a very cordial bow — if you can tell how that would look.

I did not hear from my Marie today, and I am very anxious to know how fare all. I am sending a check for the half month, as it will soon be due. Well, our anticipations came true in one regard. Bills came in from most unexpected and long-forgotten sources, but all seem correct as far as I can ascertain. Two dozen are among the lot, and there are two yet to come. ^{The weather has been superb, and I speak} on wood as I speak, remembering the ter-

Jan 8th 1908.

Very dear Son

I was truly glad to have your letter this morning, began to think some of the family must be sick as I had not had a letter from either you or Beanie since 4 weeks. I am sorry the baby has been keeping Beanie awake so much but as the two teeth are nearly through it is to be hoped she will have a resting spell before others come. You were longer in Chicago than I thought you would be, am sure you enjoyed the time spent there.

I regret that the fork & spoon matter gives you so much extra writing. I feared Fred's tardiness

would inconvenience you. I think it was much better for him to send for a few smaller forks than so many spoons. They received a great many presents but I can't say what they were, asked Ida to send me a list of them but think she will be too busy fixing their house to do any thing else. I have not heard from them since they left. The day after they left a telegram came for Henry telling him to come home at once every thing was waiting for him, that was from Mrs. King his practice in the temperance business.

Monday morning your Father took the train for Greensboro via Selma, found Congressman Wash Taylor was speaking in Selma on "rivers & harbors."

appropiation, also his visit to Passaic counsel, in the evening he went to Greensboro to be present at a meeting next day of the county medical society, the first meeting he has attended in about a year. Dr. Perry had his carriage at the depot to meet him & entertained him while in Greensboro, (2 days) he returned on the delayed 1.30 train this evening. Reuben & I had a quiet time, he acted stable boy, & I cook, we got along very well. He went after dinner to Lenoirville, the road is awful & I hated to see him go as he can't judge of the depth of of the mud now as he could when eight was better, but when he takes a motion he is going. Now, we have all felt as sorry for your Uncle Sam

the way he has been treated by the Winge family
& investment Co. He & your aunt Lucy are ex-
tremely mortified that Beebe should have allowed
it, but the poor thing could not prevent it I
suppose. One may remember I told you he was
one of the administrators, but Chas. Wiche took every
thing into his own hands & never consulted him
at all. He (Chas. Wiche) saw the estate of \$8,000 dollars in
debt, then could not raise the money to pay it off so
John comes down & says he, can raise the money if
Oliver Harrison is made business manager & then
Winge is put in Uncle Wiche's place. Mr. Harrison
who furnishes the money, says "this" is "such a good
farmer, & a young man." That is what they say he
said. They never say one word to Beebe about all

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this but it gets out in Hammond & he hears it
from outsiders, then he goes to Marie & asks her if
it is so, & she admits that this is to take his place.
He is then asked to sign a paper giving Elmer
Harrison unlimited authority to act as he pleases
in the business. He did not sign the paper then, &
don't know whether he has done it since. They
begged him not to sign it. He would not have
been so much hurt if they had gone to him as they
should have done & told him. They may have put
it on Mrs. Minniewatter, but it is John, he has no
use for your Uncle Ben, he is too honest & upright
for him, has the interest of those he works for too
much at heart. Henry says this year began the

1st of Nov, as they let him begin & work 2 months
into the year that they are liable for the whole
year salary, & that they will have to pay it. I have
not heard what business he will engage in.
Poor Johnny! what would he think!! Now John
has stopped in they will soon be robbed of every
thing. Bessie knows how he is, & it seems to me
she had better have sold property to pay the debt &
have made Wenny business manager, I had wish
had it the same, & not had John's finger in the
pie. It certainly is hard on Wenny to be pushed
out by one he had such implicit confidence in as
he had in Bessie. I have written a long letter, my
eyes are tired so I must close, much love to you all
Your devoted Mother.

To Mrs. Chicago

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Jan'y 9, 1908.

7:45 P.M.

My dearest Madrie,

After dinner

Dr. Culvert asked me to drop in
at his office and chat a moment.
It is very interesting how the
Hill news has affected him.
Columbia is a different town
to him, the very atmosphere
is clearer, and he prophesies
a brilliant future for the
University of Missouri! Well,
I hope so. I would not envy
them 5000 students and
a million a year to spend.

and those present insisted that a holiday had been declared. Upon phoning to the office, however, we ascertained that it was all due to a false notice, to which Dr. Jessie's name had been forged. A large number of students had taken it in good faith and had returned to their rooms.

I must be brief tonight, for there is a lecture and a seminar on for tomorrow. I am certainly glad that you wrote Mrs. Craig, sweetheart. Don't forget to let me know what you need for extras, as I must make all my money arrangements very early next week.

I love you, my Persica, and my whole heart is with you always. Kiss the little ones, and give my love to all as always devotedly, your Helaine.

I was so glad to have your letter today, Dearie. It is too bad though that Boysie's ear is again discharging. Dr. Calvert says, however, that such things are often long in healing. I think you will have to get a trained nurse in order to recuperate your own dear self. The letters from Mother and the bride I was very glad to see. Uncle Bill and Mrs. Mary sent "overly characteristic" Christmas letters, which I am enclosing in this.

This morning we found our classes about half their natural

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

To Mr. Mario,
Chicago

Jan. 10, 1908

Madre, my Own Apple Pie

There's
not a bit of news today, except
that a very nice letter came
from Madame Cantel. She is
certainly constant, and I know
you wish that the family
would give you a chance
to write, sometimes.

This morning when we
began to get charts ready for
my lecture we found farm-
ers occupying the auditorium.
We had to adjourn to the

professorship of horticulture in Michigan, and this promptly raised him here to full professorship! The report tonight is that the Board is in communication with Dr.

Schuman with the view of releasing Dr. Hill at some time during the Spring, so that he may be able to be here in time to make all the arrangements for next year.

How you do not care, that I wanted to know what your Algerian sweetheart had to say. There is another sweetheart what loves you dear, and what longs to be with you very soon. With all the love of yours
Duck.

second floor of the Agricultural building, where one hundred and sixty students occupied about one hundred seats! However, the interesting lecture kept them attentive!!

This afternoon we had a seminar lasting about two hours. Mr. Bowie had a paper, and I gave a rambling talk on the Am. Assoc. meetings.

I am very lonesome, Dearie, but I scarcely have time this week to make any calls on friends who might cheer me up. Am way - it is only about ten days now.

Dr. Howard was offered the

To D. Columbus, Ab
post Jan 10, 1906,
Chicago

My own Boyanai, your dear
letter arrived this morning with
its news of Dr. Hills acceptance.
If you are making congratulatory
for me. They couldn't have chosen
a finer man.

The frown of our Boyrie is
terrible. It looks just like that
little dark frown of you as a
kind that mother has! Just as
unhappy an expression!!

In regard to the check it would

I have answered it.

To-day I have your more letters
written & by my list besides going
down him. At least I have seen
Marshall fields (in part). Their
windows & show cases are filled with
daintiest straw hats & white dresses.
For the California & Florida tourists,
presumably, but really they are the
beginning of the Spring trade.

I miss you every minute. Still
they are passing somehow & do you
realize how really short a time
we have before making the long
uninterrupted journey to Strassburg.

With all my love & many kisses
your Louis Lane Yours ever
Madame

be much easier to have a money
order. They collect 15 cents on every
check. By the way Mrs Vanderwater
held me up this morning & wanted
some money. She says she made
you it would be so much by the
next not the month so the two
make me up yesterday & my little
scheme of working till the 11th was
a failure. I turned over your
check to me (\$10) & her so please
be sending me some note too.
Did you know you dated the
check to me Jan 6 1907?

I had an urgent letter from
Alice to-day inviting me to Durham.
I will send it to you as soon as

The Columbia Club
Columbia, Missouri

Jan. 11, 05.

My own Persica,

So it is at last proven
that Buggars are diggers - and
coal diggers at that - coal diggers
but celebrated! Where did you
pick up that letter? I must write
sometime and find out whence
this Indiana family.

I had a long letter from
Mother today, and I will try
to think to mail it tomorrow.
It looks as if John Minge is
going to take strong hold of the

family estate, and soon there
will be no estate. It will be too
bad, however, to see what Uncle
John built up go to pieces.

Today I sent off about one
hundred postals to those with
whom I exchange scientific
articles in Europe, etc. I hope
this will save dollars in post-
age, forwarding papers from
Columbia. Then I had a lect-
ure at 12^m, and this afternoon
was spent in picking ~~of~~ out
the negatives I wish to take
with me of those belonging to
the U. S. Dept. Agr. It is heavy
stuff to ship, but I must have

them for my mushroom book next summer.

Today we have had slush, - a rainy snow, and a snowy rain overhead, and mud and water under foot. It is growing colder though and it may be better tomorrow.

I love you sweetheart, and am glad to have the time pass, although I am not accomplishing what I should in some ways, I remember always that every day and hour lessens the time and distance between us, and brings us nearer to the family fireside. Dr. Jesse's great wish has been realized, and realized through the activity of Dr. Hill and Dr. Schurman. The University of Missouri has been elected a member of the association of American Universities, and is, consequently, at last on a par with Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia, and a few others! So! So!

Love to you, my darling, and to the sweet little ones, from your old flannel
Benj.

Arr. Jan. 13, 1902, Chicago
To Dr. C. C. Columbia, MD
Sunday.

My own Dearest-

H. has been running
hard all last night and day,
so that I suppose we have seen
the last of our good weather.
I thought I would be able to write
you that - I had the look question
about perhaps. Ella, the mother who
was so good to Louise, left last
night. I asked her if she didn't
want to go & Ethel with
me and she seemed to want

& go. He began to talk business
& she said she had always
worked in female families and
could cook it. She is a well
trained servant and I thought
I would be lucky to get her. She
wanted us to advance the car fare
she to pay it back gradually and
wanted \$5.00 a week that to include
washing. She left home without
giving me any definite answer.
Perhaps she intends to come back
to see me.

In the meantime I have a letter
from Mrs. Craig which I will send
you when I have answered it. He
tells me ge. good white woman

who can get up dinner, wait on table
etc & who charges \$1.35 a day. Mrs. Living
has had a fall in getting out of a carriage
& broke one of her ribs. She says she is almost
now, but reaching is still painful & her.
She asks us to come on the 29th or the 30th
& come direct to them. She says we can
talk after noon we could write & she would
like to have us even if only a few hours.
Her cook will still be with her & the white
woman of whom she wrote so she says it
would be only a pleasure. There are many
young people just starting out & people
who would write guests. I certainly approve
it. What do you think about accepting
or not accepting this invitation. It seems
to me she would be taking a great deal
on herself especially considering Baby. She
says her cook will stay until Feb 1st
so we shall have her for one day
& that will start us.

Yesterday afternoon Agnes telephoned that
Jack had just called her up & say that
he had bought tickets for the Regs Theater
last night. I went & we sat in a box
and I was very much interested. I shall
have to tell you all about it when we
meet. Your check for Mrs Vandewater

arrived O.K. & she charged me
15¢ commission on each one.

Out of the \$5.75 you left me
after passing me little quilt, making
up my bill for you & giving her a
little yesterday, buying paper, silk,
& stamps, & can you ^{showing} I have still
\$2.50 left - which will do me

This next week.

We hope will will be here next
Sunday & Monday, for the making
of the sons of Jon, during the election
show.

Proger is so strong. He gets up
on his "hind legs" and almost
turns a somersault - in his
efforts to crawl, he will soon

most - it is wise to be women & you! Let's young people
the baby will sleep there. I am getting pretty much
used up! Baby got up an instant - but any
thing much! Uncle Bill's letter was full
of it! It did me good. I shall
write to the same without them, the same
the baby & the women. Write to me soon
my pen; still pretend to like you
more than she didn't -
glance out of John's spectacles!

to creeping. The other tooth hasn't
come yet, but I am sure it is
on the way.

Will you send me Mrs Corless
address. I ought to go there but
I don't know what street. The number
was 900, & I know the car was cottage
"Over Grand X. I want also to call on
Mrs Priner at the same time.

Sunday night - Jack & Agnes have
invited me to go & see "The man
from Home" with them & I intended
Agnes is young & stay with Boyce
while I go with Daddy & have
to the matinee to see Sullivan
in "Widow Machree".

Good-night my Annie. Let's
get young again some day?

Oh I send
Minnie's
address. There are
lots of colds
but I can't go
out to pick
them for dinner,
The garden is so wet
& wind so cold.

January 16th 1909.

Dear Marie
You can hardly imagine a more
disagreeable day than we are having today, first
cold east wind, then it changed to the west, & is
as dark & gloomy as possible. I have to sit by the
fire & write on my lap as long as I can see, for it
is after 3 o'clock. I would not be surprised if every-
thing is covered with sleet tomorrow morning. I
expect you too are having bad weather but up
North the houses are so much more comfortable, one
need hardly know it is cold.

I enjoyed your letter as much, and very sorry the
baby has disturbed you so much at night. I know

nothing more trying them to lose sleep that away every night, & of course baby suffers a great deal, no wonder you are thin. Could it you help yourself out by feeding him some during the day? Ben wrote me you were not looking well. I know you & he are rejoiced that the time is so near for you to get permanently fixed for the winter in your own home. He wrote he was "packed to the limit" only a few books for every day are left out. I sincerely hope you all will have a good spell for the move. We vainly hope for good weather enough to dry the roads, but just as we think they are getting a little better another bad spell comes. I am so anxious to make sister Sally a visit. Kate & she are to move to Hammond, she

will miss Kate so much. Mrs Harris says they must get away from there before another winter. I have no idea they will, old folks can't move so easily.

I have not had a line from the bride since she left, don't you think she might have written? Elmy has written once, said they were very comfortable at Mrs Bryan's (boarding) by this time they must be in their home, it was awaiting the furniture. I know Elmy has been busy, he has so much business out side of his practice & I do claim a good deal of his time I am sure.

I am so glad Annie that you all liked the little of your remembrances, as I said the dress was only for every day wear, if I ever get time to do any more nice

evening I hope to do better, my fingers are so stiff &
clumsey from hard, rough, work. I have been mending
& cleaning an old winter coat for Pauline, it looks so
much better I think he will scarcely recognize it. He is
with us one or two days every week. If he were here
would send much love & kisses to Louise for the pretty
& miss could else sent him, some how it was misplaced
before he saw it, & it turned up only the other day.
He says he will write to Ken tonight, if he does it will
be useless for me to write before he leaves Columbia,
when he comes give him much love & a kiss & tell him
to kiss you for me.

I hope little Ken will not cut any more teeth just
yet, give you some time to recuperate, but it will be

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well for him to get all his corn during cold weather.
Woe the little ones! how I would like to hug & kiss
them both!

It has been some time since we heard from Fanny.
Pearson was sick at 7 mos. Fanny wrote they had 7
cases of sickness in the family from Nov 1st to 7 mos.
I hope Fred has finished his book.

I saw an old woman the other day who said she
would work for us if we would have the cabin in the
yard fixed for her to live in, we are trying all we can
to get a man to do it, but they are so lazy & unreliable,
promise to come a certain day but we never see them any
more, labor in this country is not to be depended on for
anything. It is getting so dark I must stop, with much
love to the dear children & your sweet self I am

Ever loving
Mother.

W. S. I. H. A. C.
Prairie - Vicer - Ho

January 14th 1908.

Dear Ben: -

We are as lonesome
as two people can be,
all stuck in the mud.
We are just able tho to get
to the stores thro my labo, but
between our stile and the
bridge there is a sink nearly
a foot deep. This morning I
witnessed the moving in from
the station of "Mr. Hull" an Ill.
Linnsonian, who comes with his
family of 3 boys & two girls &
wife. - Three car-loads of plunder.

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including 9 percheron horses
Ducks - Chickens - some potatoes &c
&c. Plantation implements
Cann galore - mowers - har-
rows - plows &c. - The family
special will come on later when
^{these have been} they have fixed up the Gaines-
Johnson House - The Father &
sons come on ahead. This is
the Family that rented the John-
son or (Woodycallins) place towards
the creek & paid \$400⁰⁰ in cash before
taking possession. They are having
a hard time, 5 wagons went by, one
was stalled opposite the school house lot.

Your letter was welcomed
with the news that the state boys
and others were well. I know you have
had a very tough time of it. Of course
we were surprised to hear of Pres^t-
Jessie's resignation - yet it was so
doomed as inevitable.

By some inadvertency your letter
containing cheque for \$14⁰⁰ & odd cts -
was misplaced & only came to the surface
on the 15th inst - so I forwarded it
forthwith to our Bank - Robinson & Co for

Collection³. I mentioned the
fact to remind you so that
before leaving Columbia you
might protect it. — Only
one letter from Lowellyn
since their departure: & since
from her just between ourselves
she was the most uninteresting girl
I ever met — a concrete practicality
— which I could not understand,
or in any manner whatsoever
accuse or get acquainted with.
An Enigma without a solution.
We have a promise for a Cook and
are still hoping to succeed. This
morning was a freezer. — Your Mother
sends this piece of scrap ^{and my letter} from a paper.
Present our kind regards & good wishes to
any "Enquiring Friends". Cotton 12 1/2 sold 2 1/2
some days ago @ 11 1/2. held's bid for 12 1/2. (Sully gets
into it now.) — Affectionately your Father. *Wm. Lloyd Garrison*

June 18th 1908-

Dear Ben:-

Since my return from
the Bghin dissipation, which
for 3 days kept me alert
in all my senses - and
in fact was quite an ex-
citement sometimes. tho
I took everything as it
came & rested very often,
- there has been somewhat
of a lethargic condition -
or recuperative spell, which

I am here at home, under
no restraint. Sometimes,
it only needs an easy chair
and quietude to bring a-
bout two or three good naps.
It has not been my custom,
at all, this summer or spring,
to "snore" before or after din-
ner. Possibly resuming a
milk diet has engendered this
dreamy habit, & ceasing
the daily trotting in the City.

I had hoped that the
removal to a higher & dryer
climate would have dispelled
these attacks of Hay Fever. Now
I am sure - as it enters
the system chiefly thro the nose,
that you may greatly avoid or
shorten these spells by being pre-
pared to medicate the parts at
once - and the remedy or pro-

phytopis³ is not radical
or disagreeable.

There is a preparation
of "Campho Phenique" in
Powder form. Procure from
Druggist $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce, also $\frac{1}{2}$ ^{oz}
of acetanald. On another
paper I will write it out
more particularly. (Extr. shut.)

As to the reunion trip
I must say I greatly enjoyed
it. Our Jewish Friends' invita-
tion to their hospitable home was
fortunately accepted, (our party incl.
Mrs Hatch), and we had a good

Comfortable bedroom and accessories. Breakfast and supper - always dining down in the City proper. - From Ensley City (Highlands) down to the City by street cars (fare 10 cts) every half hour - often as many as 8 cars in quick succession, all full - in 25 minutes we were in the midst of the crowds - (7 mls run). Then our range was 1st 2nd 3rd & 4th Avenue, Hotel Hilman. - Hotel Morris. - The Florence. - & the Southern Club. To the latter Mr B. M. Allen ("a big bug") introduced me, so afterwards

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Dr D. & Friends were in Closer. —
(For he gave me cards for my friends.)
Spleendid lounging quarters — reading
room, Café, &c — This was where
I could rest at any time & there I
met many old acquaintances and
formed new ones. Very often along
street as we hurried — someone would
call out — "Hello Duggan" — "Hello Dr." —
& turning I would meet some old Confid
I had not seen in years. — More recog-
nized me, than I did them. One
old Customer — said — "Man I
knew you by your bright eyes, could not
never forget them, you are little thinner
but not gray a bit — How's that now? &c"
At night the City Authorities illuminated
in honor of the Reunion. In all that
vast crowd (50 — 65,000 estimated)
I only saw one single "drunk." — A
great recommendation for a Prohibition
City. — And in all the various circumlocutions
of Street car service, this such crowds — only one person
reported injured & 230,000 people were moved to &
fro. Gr Mother wrote yesterday, am glad to know the children
have kept so far well. Kiss each one & tell for me —
affectionately Gr Father — H. Duggan

To D. Columbus, Mo
Jan 20, 1907

Saturday -

Dearest Ray - I went out to see Mr.
Barnes & had a very pleasant little
visit. I took Lennie with me and
we went in to see Mr. Barnes &
we had lots of jokes and laughs.
He looks & is up in about ten days.
I had a time finding their house!
You marked it on the wrong corner and
I went about six blocks out of my way.
Tried to telephone them & got long-
distance, finally looked them up

Boyrie says da-da now.

The money-order arrived safely and
in the hands of Toni.

Good-bye old dear one and
"Auf wieder sehen" as Agnes says.

She sends you her love as do Sam
& Daddy. Louis was crazy & so

with Virginia & Sam to a 3 cent picture
show afternoon but I didn't let her in
she had no rubbers. Her old ones are
too small & I forgot to get her new ones
or at least Sam & I had a chance to lose
Boyrie. He sends you a big hair-fall
with all my love, Darling, Sam
your own
madame - Padiu.

in a dressing at a drug store found
their number 306 instead of 806 went
back to the corner of Monroe Ave where
I had gone first - & finally found them.

I wrote Mrs. Craig yesterday, also Mrs.
Lindholm and Mrs. Walter Melheim.

He expect - Will to be with me
to-morrow.

Your letter came yesterday afternoon
& so aroused my curiosity that I
waited to write until the package
arrived this morning. I suspected
it might be your photograph, but
couldn't be sure. Thank you very much,
dear. Louis says it doesn't
look as nice as my paper, though.

THE POWERS

A. J. WINN, PROP.

Tuesday
COLUMBIA, MO., Jan'y 21, 1908

My own Sweet Madrie at ^{at dinner} Chicago

I have been in a very great rush for twenty-eight hours, and I shall be for the next twenty-four. Three social engagements for tonight, besides some good-byes.

Your dear letter came to-day, and I was so glad to have it, since no news had come since Saturday.

I will surely get away tomorrow night, if I can believe the signs. Auf "wieder" sehen, and with all the love of your Own Ben.
Will tell you all news when I arrive

Pineville Jan 25th 1908.

My dear Son

I was so glad to have your letter a
day or so ago & to hear Marie was well again. I
would like to have had as prep at you as head-
cook & "bottle washer", or was it dish washer? You
should have given me your bill of fare, but I
think I have it, boiled grits or oat meal, turn-
& coffee was 'it' it? cold bread, crackers, & perhaps a
wedge rare bit for supper? I wonder if Mrs. Charley
was an experienced help. You have almost as bad
a time with cooks as I have had in days gone
by. I am holding on to my African, foolish as she
is, don't feel as if change in that line is beneficial
they are all worngone creatures, when we lose
one there are none "knocking at the door" for

adventures, we must hunt around for some
perhaps & almost beg them to come. I am glad to
say I never had one who kept a bottle, however
some such ink please excuse the writing. I must
half write this evening, have had an unsettled
feeling all day, in the first place we expected a
messenger from Reubens but he has not come, the
we had to desert the chamber our sitting room,
the chimney cracks as your Father said he could
stand it no longer as he has a fire in the dining
room, I never could burn that old dark room as
I have some fire in the nursery. Thus comes Reubens
boy I must stop & fix up some thing for him.

Well, like I saw again, I fixed up some cake, a
little jar of stewed peaches, some thin slices of
corn beef, some apples & a bunch of violets for the
invalid & hope he will enjoy some of all. Now

sent me notes only told the boy to come down for
the medicines, but Mrs Bailett was at the phone
yesterday evening talking with your Father, said
Reuben was as worse but not well enough to
be up, did not complain as much now, as we
hope he is improving the we know improvement
will be slow. Tom said I did not tell you
what was the matter, well, we did not know at
the time but have learned since that in helping
to prize up a house on the place before y came he
received a bruise in the groin, there came a
swelling & at one time we thought there would be
a rising, but it did not come to a head & has
to be gradually absorbed. The pain was considerable
& soreness very great as he had to keep his bed, there
is no pain now & much less soreness. At y times he

complained of feeling chilly & badly but said
 nothing about this place until he went home &
 had to go to bed, probably if he had told you & others
 in the beginning he might have been saved some
 pain & a long confinement to bed, he has been there
 all the month. This has been a beautiful sunny
 day & if we can only have a few more I should
 think we could go to see him in the buggy. Maria
 is such a poor riding horse, that horse back, it is a
 hard trip on your Father. Aunt Prudence is very
 kind sending Rebecca things & Mrs Maria goes over
 some times. They want to move him to their house
 but R. will not consent to go, thinks he had best
 be at home to direct young Mrs Britton, he attends to
 Rebecca's business & his Father to Johnny's school &
 Christian's place. I don't know that Johnny has
 any idea of building in Lermopolis, he & Maria
 went there to look at a house but did not like
 it. Maria I am sorry to say seems disgusted with

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life at Newwood, wants to try town. They tried to get a house in Paumotu but did not succeed. Niece is now in Montgomery with Johnny, Niece is with Mary, Niece (him) & Louise with Lucy & Dick Wilkins I suppose is also inmates of Newwood for a time. We have nothing recent from Fred except the paper that Joe Thack, Fred & some other of the faculty were in Montgomery working on the legislation about that "tag tag" if it is removed Auburn will love as much. Fred is working hard for the college. You like your little keokone stones so much - don't you object to the odor? that is my objection to them. Your Father offered to buy one of the channel stones for me to put in the dining but I was afraid of that odor with the milk.

We have not had a hen to lay an egg since I went till when I don't hear of any one else getting eggs & I thought I would keep up in the hen house &

feed high all the yard & garden hens, hens 32
up, bought 2 bushels of oats & if there is any good
in shelter & feed I think I should have some eggs
before long. John made a beautiful job of tacking
boards over the west end to keep out the wind
(another one of your Father's economies) & your Father
tacked old cloths on the other end so the hens must be
warm. I feel as if this letter is so scattering & badly
written I ought not to send it. I forgot to say I have
been reading some of one of mine books, have just finished
'The House of seven gables,' that is almost a ghost story
is it, & I could but notice how little love there is in it
for a novel. I read 'The Peverell's Bird' not long ago &
'A king's life', the latter Fred sent me. Your Father
writes with me in much love to Annie & yourself

Your devoted
Mother.

This paper is
not to
be used

Aldine Square Chicago Ill
Jan'y 31st 1918

My Darling Maud

Just a line to
tell you that we are going
Monday to 3552 Ellis Ave
where we have secured good
rooms & found at \$15.00 a week
for both of us, I have not
been well enough to go out
of the house. But "Papa" has
attended to it & says Mrs
Kelly the Landlady is very
pleasant & she has thirty fine
boards & there are three beds
it is furnished & opening into back
yard; we can go through the
meads & get flowers with me
Ellis Ave is one of the best places

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But our horse will find
 east instead of South, &
 I will miss my charming
 my horse so much. The
 Walden will go to 31st &
 & Prairie Ave. & Mrs. Linn
 leaves on the South on Sun-
 day. Mrs. Pandur notes, says
 she does not know where they
 are more to. but seems un-
 sure of it all. I think she
 will be released from the place
 as she is not competent to
 fill the place. I have been
 packing all morning to feel
 sure & you must excuse
 saying that unnecessary word.
 The deed to your Whipple-
 lot came today, please also.
 The price of a cord of wood \$1.75-

Jan 7, 1908

I am hard up now on account of the change but - when you send me the \$2.50 I will send the money to Beaupont. "Papa" sends you much love. He is busy packing. He will leave at home tomorrow. He enjoyed your most interesting letter this morning. I rejoice to know that you have a nice girl; & by Emma's I hope you too will be domiciled some what in your new home; Love & kisses to sweet Louise. Don't go. He sends you every minute my Father's dear Daughters. Your affection - I prize most highly & I enjoyed your letter.

companionship so much.
 Aggie is well & is having
 a pleasant time. But the
 realities of death were told
 & soon falling heavily today
 so I begged her not to come
 to see us today. But next - we
 see Sunday afternoon in
 our new quarters. Mrs. Phelps
 is in Washington D. C. spending
 the week of the winter. She seems
 so much pleased with her "own
 parson" It is a pleasure to
 make any thing for her. One
 of her sons at present - has
 a home in Washington.
 I hope "Bessy" will continue
 to improve. & you will yet see
 you will recreation & rest at night.
 Make sure of your devoted "Mother"



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Dr B M Duggar.
" Agronomy Building "
Cornell University
Ithaca N. Y.

Saturday, Feb 9th 1888
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My dear Son
Mother is dear you, but I
was very much engaged, all the morning
& have been this afternoon as I have only
time for a card to prevent your feeling
any anxiety about us. We are as well as
usual in spite of sudden changes, &
much bad weather. Some "weekly" has
not come, but I hope it is because
you are busy & not sick. I imagine
there is much for you to do getting
things started. Arthur came up last
night & with us today & tomorrow I
suppose; at the same time. Fippi is
quite general, your Father went to see
a bad case of it this morning, John
Mitchell. Mrs. De Rose has at at the
Pole house. Miss Mitchell's little died this
week, we suppose she had it, was buried
in Mount Hope. I do hope you all keep well.
I think as much of the children as that
cold climate, you & for too, but you do not
seem to mind cold, with much love to all
your affection Mother.

killed one of his hands a
few days ago, & then
said you had some words
with the negro who took
up as a piece of iron to drive
him, & then pulled out
his pistol & fired shooting
the negro in the head,
I was glad to hear
that of hearing the news,
I did to forgive him,
I was his head the thought
Mary was out at home,
if she had been it
might not have happened
and for the trouble took
place in the house.
Mary, I & Anne & the
ladies, I am in the house
I have no other yet, a man
was to have bought her
up Monday, but she has
or so ago, & to hear you were all well in spite of the
cold. I had sent you a card as waited for Maria's
letter but as it has not come will write you
tonight. I expect her time is fully occupied with
getting fixed, the children, & house-keeping. I hope
you find the two servants who were to be retained
satisfactory, but oh my! the cold, how can you
all stand it! I shiver to think of such a temper-
ature, we think freezing just as much as we
can endure. We have had most unpleasant
weather, so much rain & cloudy days, & such a cold

not much yet.
I am hoping
every day to
see her.
Helen's opinion
is very similar
- saying better, &
blessed heart -
No more.
I hope you will
all keep well
through the
cold weather.
Well, I wish
I think of how
every day &
wonder if she
has to stay in
the house all
the time. Her
hus & the baby
for me,
I must leave to
you all.
I was started
yesterday.
Work with his bees, has bought swarms & "queens"
for his many hives, says he expects to make 10
dollars a hive on the honey. So many persons now
are interested in bee cult. here, that this southern
country is the place for them.
I had a letter from Henry this morning, written
hurriedly on the eve of leaving for Mobile, he & Mr
Morgan had business there he said, I suppose
I did want too. He said he had killed & secured
over 1000 lbs of meat at the Cumberland place,
had six hogs there in town to fatten on kitchen
refuse, to be sold as fresh pork, had plowed 2 or
three acres for garden & potatoe patches & so they
ought to live well don't you think so? He has
much to do repairing fences & fixing out buildings on

the lot where they live. Benbow came up Friday evening & was with us until yesterday, the day was so bad I hated to see him go, but he said he must look after his little kids, had lost 5 out of 11. & lost no idea goats were as delicate, much more so than sheep. Mr Powell has 20 lambs, has lost only one. Have sent me a card from Juarez Mexico, did not say what he went there for but I think there must have been some kind of an exhibition, he spoke of the beautiful dinner work, said he did not take in the bull & cock fights. Fred's family were well when he wrote.

Miss Britton Pitts was buried last week, another of my old friends gone - Lander's Horse shot &

[illegible]

Papa's meeting came off fine &
we had a celebration by attending
the opera. Papa had never been
"Gault" & we both enjoyed it
immensely. We go through the "Boards"
around the corner of the next house
& take the Car at once: & alight
in front of the Theatre. Is that there
is no exposure from the cold, the
the it has for that reason & because
the food is better cooked & served.

Yesterday afternoon I walked over
to Brainerd's - & paid Aggie a visit
with. She was looking fully & happy
over the Mat quadrade party. She attended
& received many compliments. ^{at a family} her
appearance in costume. She was
nominated very beautiful by one of the

gentlemen of Circle No. 1. Luke was
very sore & jealous. I ask men not
chained. We were going down
town that morning together, but
we are again in a knock down
so could not go. Aggie intended
getting your Brown Sacket or
Habit. I send you at once.

Papa was so busy he did not
write as I know he wanted to do,
but he sends you much love. Ben
also & he begs the letter to write to
the man who was to ship the "Genie"
& ask him to send your Father
"a bill of Lading": as he does not
know on what Road it is sent.
I hope "Lottie" liked her Valentine.
I suppose she received a good many.

I know you must enjoy your
fine establishment & the upper
Pavilion, with the open place. I trust
you will be governing thought &
health daily. "Papa" is quite enthusi-
astic about his plant. The Stockholders
will move to sending in three
certificates & one cent for these,
which was agreed upon at the meeting
with but one dissenting voice. I
also am advised that the meeting
is over & the burden of work is over
for a while. The annual meeting
will be the next week in March,
when the new name for the club
will be decided upon. How I enjoyed
your being quite at my beckoning. I can
not find words to express. I am
often lonely without you. Tell Louise
she is the kindest little girl I ever met.
I love her & the sweet love for Grandmother

Wednesday Feb 19th 1908.

My dear Lou

The afternoon is cloudy & dark, the wind high, making windows rattle, & doors with poor catches hard to keep shut; it is cold, so I am sitting on my laps at the fire, to add to our discomfort this chimney almost refuses to draw at all, & every few minutes there is a puff of smoke in our faces, we are seeing wood smoke as we prefer that smoke to coal smoke. We have had so many windy days, but about sunset there is a lull, then we enjoy a good fire. I am constantly thinking of you all, from the weather here and here it must have been terrible with you, how hard it must be to heat that large house warm, & what an amount of coal must be needed; it is very expensive I imagine. &

enjoyed your letter as much, telling me of your welfare,
& about the house. I should think your little family
would be lost in it almost, it certainly is a good place to
nest out some of the rooms, I would not all I could
space. The children have a plenty of room to play while
kept in doors by the cold. I imagine that living room is
a very place. There comes the snow - I expect you will
all enjoy the pony when spring comes & you can take the
children out to ride. Why did Annie look as sallow, did
George not agree with her? It is true Minister Ben
was getting some more teeth is it, I believe he is 8
months old, I can't remember exactly when he was born,
I am I believe. It was very thoughtful in Mrs. Gray to
leave as much in plenty & sufficient that you could
use without much cooking & you were fortunate to get the

servant for every other day, if I could do that I would
get along much easier. Tomorrow morning will be a hard
time on me in the kitchen. I think I will have to put
some thick yarn socks on my shoes as I did a very
cold morning not long ago. I can't imagine why our
cook has not come unless she is waiting for warmer
weather. A man was here Saturday who promised to
haul her up Monday, but nothing from either one of
them yet. I am thankful the epidemic has not made
me sick, so many old people have died this winter,
chiefly from grippe I think, or pneumonia.

I wish Benben was with us, and so afraid he will not
be comfortable at Minnetonka, has to cut his own wood. He
thinks he must be there in bad weather particularly to
look after the little kids, try to shelter, & feed them.

I have not heard from Olney since a short, hurried
letter written just as he was about to leave for Mobile
on some business. The mill stopped work some time ago &
will not resume work until the 1st of March so he is
not so busy with practice, but has a good deal to look
after on the lot, a new stable to build, fences to
repair &c., the company furnish the lumber & he the
labor. He says they are very comfortably fixed, perhaps I
wrote you of their man cook who does every thing in
the way of work on the lot. I would like to find such
a one. Yesterday was a terribly rainy day, the roads were
bad enough before but almost bottomless now. Your Father
could not get over the ~~style~~ ^{to the office} to take our letters, the dirt
had overflowed as on the other side, how do you reckon
he managed? rolled them in paper, struck the bundle
on a spring of the hay fork, went to the corner & handed

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them to a negro who came on the bridge to take
 them, mail riders must have a hard time, not
 such very good Gray either. Fanny & the children
 are still begging for a visit from us, she says she wants
 me to enjoy her good servants, cook & house girl, the
 latter too smart to stay long & few, she & the children
 had been doing the house cleaning. The children are
 constantly sick with colds & sore throats. The aunt
 Fred was looking pale & thinner than usual, too much
 hard work on that book I think. Frederic & Frances
 are reading Genoa (is that spelled right) Margaret has
 begun Latin this session. Sewell is learning rapidly in
 in the second reader, amuses Dorothy reading her the
 stories. Aunt Melville is complaining a good deal of
 those bad feelings in her head, & anxious all the time
 about some thing is I think partly the cause of them, thou-
 gh it is so afraid she or some of the family will be sick & can't
 get a D^r. I have had no news to write as could only give
 you home details, it is almost too dark to write. The snowing has
 ceased but I expect we will have some more. Hoping your weather
 is brighter & with much love to all & kisses to the children
 Your devoted Mother.



TELEGRAMMES
BEAUSITE

TELEPHONE N°657

Grand Hotel Beau Site
Lausanne, Suisse
Feb 20th 1908

Dear Mr. Duggan
Mr. Craig was so ill before
we left home and since that
I scarcely thought of the house
would you kindly get my
fun box that is in the upper
hall put in the small front
room where we stored our
things and have the room
locked - servants are not
always honest and it is
not right to tempt them.
I am happy to say Mr. Craig
is over this attack but will
not be permanently cured

without an operation. We
are very comfortable here
but sometimes long for our
own fireside - We hope you
are comfortable and that
every thing is going well with
you. We think of staying
in this place for some time
as Mr. Craig is forbidden to
travel. We have a beautiful
view of Lake Geneva with
snow capped mountains
in the distance from our South
windows. Mr. Craig says
there is a couple of boxes of
celery covered up with leaves
in the back yard under the
shrubbery near the carriage

shed that if not frozen you
might make use of. About
our journey here I do not
want to speak of - both Mr.
Craig and I spent most of
it in his state room - we
never hoped to get him on
land alive. Dr. Kerr from
Ithaca was more than kind
and we owe every thing to
him - he and his good wife
are still with us - they came
all this way to get us under
a good Dr. and comfortably
settled - we shall never forget
them or what we owe them
They have gone to Burn To-
day to look up food surgeons

With love to you and
kindest regards to your
good husband

Believe me
Very sincerely yours
Florence A. Craig

Please write me at the
above address when you
get time

then as possible, with not eat, or drink with. It is a trouble with parents or thought
of thinking of these such a
amount of day & good ground
I have been reading papers
Munster, it is interesting
but it cost my sadness, the
style of writing. I want to
We have some articles just to let
has an ground. Mother was
thinking of her, I wish
thing with her mother, the
wishes & by the house
have an great & pretty
the best of wishes, every
I come to you. This is a
any other letter but this
is getting to write, do you
now think, this work is
how long & long ago, the
hope she will answer and
him, she is as little as
has a girl about 10 or 11 but
the great school, you
Mother wants to write an
much love to write.
You don't? Mother?

almost afraid to start a fire when the wind is so high. I hope there are British winds ahead of times. The chamber fire place smoked terribly for 2 weeks, the chimney was so foul, your Father would not burn it out, one could be got a man to clean it. I became desperate, asked Ed. Scott to do it, so Saturday evening there was the greatest pushing down of soot you ever saw, & a nice job of cleaning ~~for~~ ^{for} me, but I felt repaid for the trouble in the comfort of a good fire without puffs of smoke in my face.

We had a few good days, sunshiny & wind ~~now~~ had dried up the roads a good deal & we hoped soon to go to Lanesville in the road cut, but this morning we had a heavy rain for three hours, & at intervals the rest of the day, so the road will be as bad as ever. I was particularly sorry for the

rain today because Sister Sally & family were invited to dine at Mrs Phil Nelsons with Mrs N's brother & his wife, they were so anxious to go, but this was not a day for a wagon ride, might have ventured out in a close carriage ~~where~~ the roads better. Sister Sally & all of them are so low spirited I wish they could get out some where.

Wesley, the twins, & Mary, who had all been in Canada on a long visit, had to take a four wheel wagon from Hamondale to Rosewood. Andrew was tired at London, cleared on the plan of self defence, I think I wrote you he shot one of the hounds on Mary's place when they now live in a double cabin until they can do better.

We saw a piece about you in the Demopolis paper, copied from the New college paper, did you

see it? Our "Bert" Davies said, "I never saw such
a record as that." We did not know you had 2 books
in the hands of publishers. Fanny wrote Paul was pale
& thin since his great effort to finish his, I have not
heard from them for more than a week, hope he is not
sick, some member of the family always is it seems to
me, I sometimes think that place must be unhealthy.
I have a letter from Henry last night, he seems to be
enjoying the comforts of married life. He is busy now
having a small barn & fence put up especially the
garden fence, that he may begin gardening. Helen
was with us Saturday night & Sunday. We are so
distressed about our fine shepherd dog, fear she has a
disease that a good many dogs have died with
around here, your Father says he can think of nothing
to give her. She runs around actively enough but is as