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W. L. H. of July 1,
1908?

At Home
after October first
Agricultural College, Mississippi

Oh! I was mistaken, he did write a short letter to you. Father. How is your
 big family of this boy,
 any more little? I am
 awfully thinking of
 you all, particularly
 the dear children.
 Your letter for this
 week has not
 come so there is
 nothing to answer &
 your writing is dead
 fully, & wishing to
 know, I am sure!
 I had better
 stop. Much love to
 all. I am for the
 children.
 You don't
 1908
 Mother.
 Been this

This is a sleepy time of
 the day (3.30) for writing but I was very
 busy sewing all the morning, in fact I
 puzzled over the making of a waist, without
 a "tucker", until I was so nervous I had
 to put it up for a while, make a corn
 pudding for dinner, how I wish you & Marie
 could have had some, if I do say it, it
 was delicious, the first we have had this
 season, the corn was just right to make
 a nice pudding. I am sorry I did not
 have one for Louise Duggan. She was with

us from Friday 10 o'clock until the same
time Sunday. Thomas & Henry go out not
being ~~with~~ ^{with} her, so she had to come on this
train. She is a very pleasant girl, easy to
interview, ready for any thing, & enjoyed every
thing, even a visit from these stupid boys
around here & a horse back ride with one of
my exerts for riding about (she is quite tall)
But I had a nice saddle for her. Charles
wrote of course & she has home. I don't think
she had ever ridden before. She has her hat
every morning & has many of talking, in other
words I see her father & Henry & myself, she
laughs greatly, like Henry. Sunday all of us, even
Charles went with her to the baptist church to
witness the dipping of young John Ball, the

the first immersion in a church that John
& I ever witnessed. She saw I see of baptist
denies the less respect I have for the church,
no relevancy about any thing. Henry had a
duddy caput, kicking back part of a film that
is supposed to slide, but does not, dandy with
out pictures or changes, pushing as usual by the
slight effort & throwing him backwards on
the water, looks like any thing but proper to
me, very badly pushing their water to me. I have
attained one should, so we took each on the
beach next the front. I say John's very a
very pretty girl, that was the last part of the
performance. Charles was with us all the
time John was, & seemed to enjoy her
company. I saw to great when she came to visit a

nice girl.

I imagine you, like ourselves, begin to realize it is summer now enough, it is very hot & dry, the crops & gardens are suffering for rain. I thought surely we would have some last night but we did not.

A Farmers Institute & barbecue are planned for Friday at the Mansford place. Tom & Father & Reuben both want to go, it is probable we will go to Aunt Melville's Thursday night, the girls ^{will} go to the barbecue & leave me with Aunt M - until evening, when we will all come home. I letter from Fanny said Fred would leave Friday for Ithaca, she was undecided about going but I suppose they have written you. I heard from Alvey a few days ago, all well. Nothing later from Waver than the letter I sent you,

To Mary,
Ithaca

MADISON, WIS.,

July 1, 1908

My dear Marie, - Just my dear kind letter came to me while I was yet in Durham, & it did my heart just heaps of good. It was certainly my dear of you to remember me.

I was called home on a very sad errand - Papa's death we expected but not so soon - besides death is always a shock whenever it comes to us. I was very glad I could go to Mauna and help out a little bit. I stayed in D. just 5 weeks & brought Mauna back with me. As you see I have been real busy in the last few weeks.

Mauna has been here 4 weeks Sat. but is going to start back home some time the first of next week. Polly has been with us all this year but is going back with Mauna so we shall be quite alone. Robert & I are both very well. I wonder where I was in D. but are getting better slowly.

We like here very well. I have a very comfortable flat, & Robert enjoys his position. Wouldn't it be dandy tho' if we could only be in the same university somewhere for a few years?
I hope you are very busy with your babies

this summer. I wish I could ^{have} seen them this
year. I hope Louise will like me better the next
time I see her than she did the last. How she
did look at me - Well, we can't blame her.

We have no prospect of babies here yet. Sometimes
I think it is a mistake when people do not
have their babies the first thing when they are
married, we get to head the affair so much
most as time goes on.

I miss her more allie, & seldom from Blanche.
It certainly is dreadful how we have all
drifted apart. I don't feel I am drifted
so distant from you tho really, for I think
of you so often & wish I might see you
& know how you are - It is just simply that
we neglect writing our letters. isn't it,
there are so many little things to do all
around us.

Let's write more often, will you?
Always remember me to your best
friend as in the olden time -
with love & love
206 N. Pavalas St. Frances / Louisa

about day Saturday morning.
In dinner in hotel Parkton
which still stands shops in
I go direct. Ask one of the young
Mr. Maclellan. "But?" I think
the fellow with Mr. Macgregor
another brought with direct.
I at once give him address &
ask you Jack, as the you will
112, He is the very great &
in fact. but it's spanning already
I know you much for. I hope
he had a close case. I am very
to see I put the thing in fact.
imply. I think, how I must

Dear Roger & the family.
Jack was very kind & pleasant.
I am very truly. Not a good
Maclellan. has been finally, turning
the fact day week. He could
not go on I doubt Macgregor
the 4th but hopes to do so. This
week. Mr. & Mrs. Macgregor are
spending a week at Mr. Parkton
which Roger likes. At the same
time in the Paris & French
where the hope I will Roger.
when Roger has thought of do so.
I am delighted to know that
you have enjoyed a comfortable

& every house, all furnished.
Your kind invitation we will
take advantage of when Papa's
business is settled. So that we
can leave Chicago. The weather is
just what we need. only occasional
hot days & then we always have
a breeze & our room is large &
we have much to be grateful for.
Papa has a large desk with rolling
top we have hot as well as cold
water all day & night in our room.
The toilet room is very nice &
the floors are very convenient.
I make "Papa" buy tea with ^{to} Anna,
extracts & he uses the whole of
egg flavored slightly & today he

July 7th 1908

My dear Son

We were so glad to have your letter to your Father, I was getting very anxious to hear from you all.

What a pleasant surprise it must have been to Marie to have her brother & family visit her! The idea of taking a little baby so far. I feel as if you were running a risk to ~~take~~ your babies out in such a machine but I know you have no fears. The pony & "new about" are decidedly more to my liking. I never expect to ride in an automobile, it would be much worse than my first experience in a sleeping car. I am very sorry

the long fore so much again, & hope you
may find the same description beneficial.
It is to be hoped your pleasure would
continue, on the whole I think our summer
so far has been very pleasant, not seeing
any last days. Today is cloudy & we are
hoping for more rain, what we had yesterday
seemed so good one at the time, but the
ground was not wet any distance. I went
out this morning & worked in some cotton
and made several very good plants, till now
something that will make them grow, & have
well, some of them are looking fine.
I suppose by this time Jack has arrived,
may be Friday too, she did not say positively,
I suspect every thing this pleasure of being

with you all.

Friday, there was a famous basketball & badminton
at the University place, the first were from
Wellingboro & some others spoke to the former.
Gardner, Parker, & myself went to visit
Rudolph's Thursday evening, spent the night &
the gentlemen went to the meeting next day.
Gardner returned to Brunswick on time to
bring our horse that night. He enjoyed the
meeting, some nice basketball meeting &
gymnastics. That was the 3rd. One of the men so
quiet as well as, there was a lady we in
Quincy, I did not have any thing from
it. Our horses is looking well but takes
very little interest in horse matters, has little
appetite & is rather, wants to change all

the time.

Tell you about Ben, with such prices for
meats I am not surprised at your wanting
a goose, it must cost a vast deal to live,
you will have to be content to have steers
sometimes as we do, we never get roast or
steak. Chickens (broilers) have been as high as
35-cents in Demopolis, but we get them for
much less. We have had a few indifferent
peaches, there was a tree with nice little
white peaches almost ready for dinner but
yesterday or last night the cook must have
made a raid on them & took every one. We cant
say any thing, she would be too glad of an
excuse to go. Wm Willis is putting a wire fence
around the old garden, the pickings are all

July 7, 1908

to prices. We began to think the Ithaca were a fraud, the eggs were so long coming, they went to Gallatin Ohio, were about 10 days on the trip, last night they arrived, one broken duck egg & 2 bad ones. 3 new eggs cracked. After such a trip I hardly expect many to hatch, but I set them early this morning. They are said to grow rapidly, weigh 4 lbs at 8 or 9 weeks of age, & begin laying at 5 months of age.

I think I wrote you of Louise Duggars visit to us. Florence had company & could not come with her, but writes she will stop over on her return from Coatesville in about 10 days.

Reuben went home Sunday evening hoping to get corn planted in his oat patch, the man has disappointed him so often I fear he did not come. Henry is so taken up with practice & his

home affairs he set down writes, & I do never. I
dont think she took a fancy to us. I am very sorry
but I did my best, cant remodel my self.
How is Maria these days. Dont despair of Henry
boys table manners, with such a sweet lady like
sister for an example he will come out all right in
the course of time. Much love to Maria, yourself &
the children

Yours devoted
Mother.

To W. T. Shaw
from Columbus, Ga.
July 7, 1908



Saturday

My dear Dr. Saffar:- I did
not realize that it was nearly
two weeks since we left
Oraca. I have not been
so very busy, but there have
been so many interruptions
the time has gone by very
rapidly.
The weather has been

But I have a chance again & write -
 do not - think I had better begin
 all over again in the same thing
 right - as started.
 He has a pretty - hot dip & Chicago
 through a pleasant one. All throughout
 not so much as it - was so very hot
 tonight - we made the new comfortable
 in the room at the University =
 He sent a catalog from an oval
 brought - one of shipping & - as you

very pleasant since we
 came so we have had
 a great many callers - It
 has been very nice &
 all so many old friends
 again. All have inquiring
 for you. The Brownes
 called last night and
 Mrs Brown was asking
 about every one of your family.
 My wife said she missed
 you so much.
 How are
 I was underwhelmed and am

periods but - shortly after starting
either began to complain of
feeling sick and after a good
of jostling she fell asleep and
had to be awakened when we
reached the end. By that time
she seemed all right - and
had a good time the rest of
the day. But I was so worried
about her in the car I thought -
it - perhaps not to stop specially
as she went to sleep -

We had a good night - down
to St. Louis and a very comfortable
trip up here.

Yesterday was a very hot day

pm July 7, 1897



but this is a coal home and
with the fine porch we can
usually find a coal spot.
I have been through the
allin house several times.
It is vacant now. The
new floors in the large room
and hall will go down at-
once. The small parlour on
the east side will have to
be done over entirely: wood-
work and walls. There is a green

at our house. I have been with some of the
 others who have been so much. There is no
 little girl here at all as she was to-
 gether with some of the others.
 The girls are getting better in their
 new house. One girl is very much
 ill. The other are very much better.
 It seems to me that the girls have
 a great deal in the year.
 died in first many of the things
 they found. The only thing I have

paper on the large paper, some
 on paper of old paper. I am
 very much afraid of my paper
 in this. But we shall wait
 till it comes. As the book will
 show us the book and find
 in the house very long. Every-
 body is working in so fast
 for some of the things.
 There have been so many
 suggestions since we came!
 Have you seen the
 museum yet? I hope
 they are comfortable little

Enclosed are two books which
I intended to bring on the train
but which I only have packed
with the books. If you find
them just keep them in Mr. Hill.
I mean "Aunt Jane" and that
book of Father's translated from
the German "Stummelpeter".
I don't think that is spelt right.
I hope you have not had it warm
in Ithaca. Was Mr. Thilly returned
yet? The Whittens were here
last night. The family goes to Mich.
say when Mr. Whitten goes to
Ithaca.

With kind regards to Mr. Luffar
your sorry friend
Wm B. Hill.



Columbia, Mo.

July 7th, 1908

My dear Daggar:

I am now beginning to feel somewhat at home in the work of my office, after a week of adjustment, and I was here about a week before Dr. Jesse left the office. I find most things in shape to cause me no immediate worry but as usual toward the close of the biennium there is a deficit staring us in the face which will take

all the money that should go to
laboratories and libraries.

We agree to appoint an Instructor
and an additional Assistant in
Botany and I wrote Jager re-
questing him to nominate some
one as Instructor. I hope to
keep Cocke as Assistant.

The withdrawal of Williams from
the Board on June 30th will doubt-
less make Campbell Wells chair-
man of the Exec. Bd. Folk at
once appointed Mr. J. B. Dorsey
as successor of Williams and
I am assuming that the Board
will make him a member of
the Exec. Bd.; but he will not
be much of a nuisance for
a year or two yet. He is a
quiet sensible fellow and I
believe will be a safe man.

The weather here now is the
finest I ever saw here in July
and the work of the Summer Session
is running along smoothly and
with some enthusiasm. A
splendid body of high school teachers,
over 500, are in attendance.

I have just written Roth-
schild to ship our goods at
once. Will you kindly call
them up, see that they crate

the sewing machine, and
take the trunk and box
of books (at 143 Goldwin
Smith).

There is also a box at your
house containing my cap
and gown which I should
like to have expressed to
me at your convenience.
I am sorry to trouble you
about these things but I
cannot help it.

As for the stove, I suppose
you will not need it in the
Athens house. I will
not let it come with the
other furniture and I'll
try to make it do here with
soft coal.

Ever Sincerely Yours,
A. R. Hill

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St. Louis, July 10 1908

My dear Mr. Snygar:-

Please excuse this paper but I am too lazy (or tired) to go up to the room to get my own. I came down intending to write letters but forgot the necessary equipment besides pen and ink.

As you may judge from the heading of this paper we are in St. Louis, shopping. We have had one whole day of it and I feel rather tired. Boss is having a business conference with some men so I shall use my time this way.

Prof. Lewis came down with us and he is a great help -

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St. Louis,

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and asked so kindly for you. She
is very fond of you. I asked if I
let Miss Keffinger and was
glad to tell her I had, but I
did not tell her what occurred—
I wish I could tell you all the
people who ask for you all.
Mr. Stewart has been in several
times. He has had no servant
for nearly a year. In fact a great
many people having been doing
the same. Mr. Brown, Mr. Whitten
and a number have told me. Mr. Poles
has only had a young girl of fifteen and
she is very kind. Mr. Almschick
has no one but does not seem
to mind it.

Wm. RUSSELL ALLEN, President.

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St. Louis,

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Empty. I hope you will be able
to visit Columbia soon and
give us your opinions about
our elections. Some one
said that "The Sluggards" were
coming in August for their sur-
mises. I hope it is true and
that we shall be even half way
settled by that time. We shall
expect whether all or none of you
come; to have you our guests.
I hope you are having as pleasant
weather as we have had so far.
Columbia is a good summer
resort. The Campus looks
beautiful.
Mr. Richard called the other day.



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St. Louis.

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He has such good taste and knows
so much about different types
of furniture.

We have about decided on early
English style and finish for the
dinner room, the pieces are large
and beautiful, simple in design
and will look well in that room.

For the living room we shall
have rather heavy upholstered
pieces, mahogany frames and
for the reception room lighter
weight mahogany. The northeast
will be entirely gone over and the
man has suggested very white
paint & French paper!
The house looks by now that it is

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St. Louis,

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Either still misses Louise. There is
no little girl dear her. she has at
last made friends with Slick
and they get along very well.
I would rather of course have
her play with girls. Slick is
a very gentle little fellow though.
I find I am running on at
a great rate and the letter
is not very interesting.

I cannot sit still and do
nothing. Sewing is prohibited
just now on account of my
eyes. Perhaps this is close work
too. I had better stop.

Kind regards to all

Your loving friend
A. B. Hill

Wm. RUSSELL ALLEN, President.

July 10, 1907
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St. Louis,

1907

P.S. Again I dare forgive to tell
you how much we enjoyed
your lunch. You seemed to get so
much out of that box. We were
continually finding some
thing more and everything
was so good - We had the porter
buy us such a lemonade &
had a fine meal.

G. B. H.

is getting plump again & that I think Douglas is making
the best "amateur" call. The very change of his family,
your interest is progressing. Alice has not heard from that school
any & I hope in the year, the baby has been to Maine, and
once all to the "milk & sugar" Charles has gone to London &
the "Spencer system". Alice & Aggie had some had gone in a boat
to, Alice with me a small "milk" & "sugar", but expect to
be with the other one & I to be at London until late in the
year. What Alice & Douglas have I think Alice is happy that some-
ed the baby. What you see, it is a great one, and making me
me in the week. Also from your home, the milk that is
I have been preparing & of to collect & make company me
they were getting "dinner" & "papa". We have & Alice has all the
and from a little milk. me, I am to say my friends
we have to get the package. Douglas has & he we have all
I no more of it that has been seen, in the hot weather, Aggie

is enjoying her rest; & Jack has
been in a short visit to her. Mr
Packard had a fine look, & Aggie
has been enjoying herself in the County
bathing & dancing. I am glad
to hear that you like the little ones,
just now. Until I can afford to
get you what I would like you to
wear. There are so many ready made
ready made dresses here to choose
from, but I don't go down town
in this hot weather - so am not
tempted. I have an ~~some~~ ^{new} ~~new~~
new, a white silk one new, & a
black lace over white silk, but no
white ones. which are so pretty - I
near finished to breakfast, & you
pretty. Love, silk present I enjoy to much.
I have a new white - very pretty. I am

adapted now that many come here for it. I'd want to see Henry
 sitting in a comfortable
 house, some where.
 Tell Fred I had such a
 nice long letter from
 him a few days ago.
 of course the children write
 often to him & Henry.
 We want letters from
 you & Mary.
 Let us know if the
 home prescriptions
 benefit you.
 Much love to all
 yours & family &
 Fred
 New deotite
 1908
 P.S. I wrote to Fred
 about the letter to
 you care.

week & none so far this week but I expect
 you & Maria are too much occupied with
 entertaining Fred & Fanny to write. I hope
 it is that, & not sickness. I had a short
 letter from Fred, written at Niagara, he
 was not feeling well he said when he left
 home but I hope the change has put him
 all right.

We are having pretty hot days now & some
 times feel quite wilted, yesterday was very
 hot, while at dinner a telephone message

came for your father to go to court-
Mableville, who had a great deal of power, must
have had about thirty, he went as soon as
the house could be fitted up, (I got Hoffman
ed to be working here) returned pretty by
more light, left his pair of shoes but did
wear on the bed with feet & stay just
sleeping along. This has been very much
opposed to the new working & playing ball.
Will not sit you like to visit their big tree? They
have gathered as many as 2 barrels a
morning & sent them to friends, he is
pursuing them else, I have just up even
2 days, but to buy mice from Mrs Pratt,
the birds & chickens get all over. Another

came to dinner yesterday to be at the
general review of the Dickinsons at 4
o'clock, it was terrible, but, as you know was
you I thought I would have to walk over to
the Baptist church, but Mrs Howell kindly
called for me, then was my first person
found, I was surprised, he was such an old
& highly respected citizen, had reached the age
of 85. After the funeral Mrs Pratt stopped
by to sit outside, but this little girl who was
with, this morning her father came for
milkmen, who had been again. I was afraid
they will all be sick and that churchful
old house.

Oh! I have not told you the news - Oh

Briggs is married, no one knew a word
of it until his Mother received a letter
informing her of the fact. Of course she was
much hurt at such treatment from her
only child. The girl's name is Mae Wacker-
=motel, doesn't it? but he says she is
of a fine family. I don't know why, but they
were married at her Aunt's, she may be
an orphan. Just after that letter from Oty
came a telegram message to Lucy that her
cousin Mrs Carter had died, she & Benny
left that night for Mrs Carter's home in Tenn.
While in that state I suppose Benny will
visit the gentleman who wants him to manage
a place for him. I wish Mrs C- had left
them her nice home but she had an

Always for some
time. Miss the
children for now,
much love to
all the children,
& grand children
of yours
Your devoted
Mother.

To D. H. H. H.

July 21st 1908.

Very dear Son

You can hardly imagine how much I enjoyed your letter this morning, there had been such a dearth of news from "the boys" lately, but I received your card & knew it was impossible for you to write, I did not know tho that you had lectures to deliver in the Graduate School of Agriculture. How trying it must have been to prepare lectures with so many interruptions! I am glad for you that the work is done, looking after visitors is a more pleasant duty to you, I imagine. I did not know that Fred would give a

you as before. I wish very much that
thou couldst visit her once more. I must
think it would be better if he had an in-
vite, there is too much business there. I think
you must all keep enjoying each other
company in spite of no work, isn't it
working for them to have quiet when
unusual meet. But it is the very way
when these days. I have to be very comfort-
ed to spend by word or deed one old one,
often all I can be comfort if you stay
longer than next day, etc. That is, I know,
& I know but not much has visit. I have
keeping very quiet on that subject. I know
what she would be with us in 2 weeks, that
time, spend on Saturday. That was the
day you had five in this evening, and was

about waiting, & Sunday was so hot but
we had a thunder storm & rain in the
afternoon, getting there was a repetition
of the same, & a heavy rain at night, and
too much for the sun that was suffering
from dry weather, often much it also.
That was terrible but in Saturday, I know
the people suffer, especially how they feel
that that the summer I was with you.
Many water has much business was enjoying
living. I do hope the change will start health
growing & strengthen him too, he is a small
boy to enter college isn't he? I thought I would
write enjoy his company.
We had Sunday several days, the same up
Friday & left this morning, he was busy all

yesterday morning cleaning up kents. Warr's
old set of harness to have some repairing done
& was on his horse, on a drive to Linden next
week, he has a race against the R. R. for
killing a cow, our old buggy will be at his
services. I dislike to see him start with such
an ancient team out, but your Father says
they will stand the trip. The horse has been
worked to the wagon & plow but never to a
single buggy but R - thinks he will work
all right.

I think since I wrote to you we attempted to
spend a long day with aunt Bulster who had
an attack of chills & fever, but our day was
cut short by Mrs. Bull telephoning for your
Father to come to see his little girl, we left
Lawsville at 11.30 a very hot day, reached

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here at 1, I was dropped at the gate & your father went on. I was just in time to catch the cook at home & have a little dinner prepared, she had taken hers, & was about ready for her evening's parent, she never stays home in the afternoon. Aunt Melville & Rich are both up, she is very weak, he lost a good deal of flesh with his fever.

Sunday I went to church, we were all much pleased that our preacher had no notes, (his first attempt that way) gave us a very good & well delivered sermon.

I am unfortunate on the egg question these days. I wrote you about the duck eggs being so delayed & losing some, well I thought I would try for some full chickens, hatched up 2 settings

of nine eggs, fixed 2 nests nicely & set the
hens yesterday. this morning the first thing
I saw on the porch was a cracked egg shell,
a little further on a cracked egg, one going out
^{done} I found 10 more egg shells; a whole sitting gone,
our dog must have done it, that makes it
worse. The wind last night blew down a good
many pears, the Le Coctes must come be
gathered to mellow, we have been stewing them
for some time. The crop is abundant, I don't
know how we can dispose of them all. We
have had some indifferent peaches.

I suppose you have seen by the papers the
account of the of the troubles in Birmingham.
Beverly Hather says notices the issue of the
20th Montgomery Advertiser, I believe he sends
it to you for the year. No letters from Waver or

[illegible]

on "College Cove" where we heard some
good music & saw some beautiful
moving Pictures. "Papa" is much better
& has gone out this forenoon on business.
Willie gladdened our hearts with a few
hours' visit on Friday evening. You know
he & his family are spending the summer
on Grand Island - boarding at the Club
house. Willie looks well & seems very happy.
"Chuck" has been at Muskegon Lake
(the same lake he visited last summer) in

company with friends from Baltimore
but by this time may have returned to
interest. To my great surprise I received
a nice letter from Douglas. They were
all spending a couple of weeks at "Post-
Mortland, Ont. Canada. Mr. Gardners
Cottage they were occupying free of rent &
boarding next door. They have a nice
girl with them & Doug says that Alice
is a very pretty & healthy child. Mrs.
Barber will stay with Alice while Douglas
goes up to Georgian Bay for a week's fishing.

Marianne also wrote a dear little note to Papa
& thanked him for the necklace. A Surge
came over the spirit of their dream.
Very suddenly, Darling! I think Dr. Hesse
was not thoughtful for if he wanted to pay
back there was a time to do before he went
away & if you refused he could have sent
some handsome presents for Father or Mother
us! but as he sent you the money, it was
certainly on your part to accept it gracefully.
For these Canadians are not mercenary!
where money is concerned I can't appreciate
too much delicacy. Don't tell Ben this however
for I may be in judgment on his friend.
I am so glad you are so smart & can make so many

them) Tell me please in your next: "Papa" Candy. & it was told in the Charleston -
also takes a little nap from three to four o'clock & then I feel the water & have a foam but John says it is extremely
a cup of Tea à la Russe: He also has warm water this summer. & the is sup-
delicious Clatter from the beam we get - from the hot: I hope direct -
you every day. I read & write much of the the weather is pleasant with good weather.
time as it is too warm to do any thing of the guests here have left: on their va-
or fancy work. John sends the home & later on one floor is parade. I can take
Bene & is sorry it is so little, but the ^{is} a little bit airy house, & we have ice &
don't plant it as they used to. They ^{now} ~~formerly~~ use ice with lemon. constantly the latter
parched & heat it & flavored their soup at lunch & dinner & we don't have to
with it. Now I suppose they use cream much for after dinner we walk out to
garden, the used to parched in making "Douglas Park" near the lake or sit outside

of our domicile. We have a visit from Mrs.
Bemis, & Mr. Stent, occasionally, but
my friend Mr. Baldwin has had a
stroke of Paralysis, & is confined to his bed
& he cannot see her. We speak an evening
with the Kennedys usually, & they told us
of Peggie & her, as they spent 10 days at
Mrs. Packard's. Mrs. Boyd & her 3 children are
over there now. Mrs. Boyd spends every Saturday
& Sunday with her wife, & Jack goes over
when he can have his patients. They all go
in talking & have a good time. Peggie says
she does not dance much but calls & sings
a night & the more since the City Hall
has been built. Mrs. Packard has a good work
and her is very good & I have nothing to
do with it while my dealing it with me.

To Dr. F. Thoreau
Rm. Colombia, N.Y.



Bayton & Place
July 26th 1908.

My dear Dr. Suggs:-

We will
soon get into our house I trust.
Our car arrived last week and
all the old furniture is under
cover. This week I expect to
have it unpacked and
put in place. The new mill
probably come this week.

of you have not attended it. will you
 please have the 4 more tickets
 attend to it. They will snap it
 around in gen. I am very h-
 And in you about it and I am
 had just let me say and only
 please make me left. And I will say
 around have attended to it.
 It is now had very and smaller

is now that I am getting
 things just away I can
 take care of them for now and
 my work. I do not know
 what am said about in
 this last letter because
 the strongest line was too
 strong about getting it.
 Thomas (Commander) is not
 (summer school) is not
 much and he will need
 this more for that school.

with a good deal of humidity.
For the first time in my life I have
suffered from rheumatism in my
back and shoulders - for the
last three days it has been very pain-
ful: but to-day it is in bed
with a little fever so I must
forget about my aches.

I saw Mrs. Spaulding the other evening
and she was inquiring about you and
was after I had seen.

Are you alone just now? Mr. Hill thought
that Mr. Huggan would be in Wadsworth
by this time.

With kind regards from us all
believe me yours very cordially
Arthur Baxter Hill.

3552. Ellis Ave, Chicago, Ill. 62
Kisses for the dear children July 28, 1908.
My dear Ma: ^{to Dad & Mary}

I am getting over my sick
spell but I find my hand so shaky that
I fear you will not be able to read my writing.
Do your best to make out my meaning.
Read first the printed leaflet. It shows
what I have done with the Sapphire
mining property, so as to get something out
of it for Ben, you, Alice & myself. I could
not work it alone. Mr Brown nor Mr Richard
could I would do nothing. Neither could
Ben, you nor Alice. Unfortunately I could
not develop a mine alone. So I have made
it a means of helping us with the Kimberly
mine. I used the Sapphire to save the Kim-
berly, & at the same time to save the Sapphire
itself. The Sapphire as a new company
absorbs the Kimberly. I put it out of existence
& thereby it gets the money to put itself in a
good position to do business.

Read the printed Receipt, then sign the new Blank proxy, Ben also, in presence of a witness. Then take the old interim receipt I sent you when you deposited your stock, and sign your name on the back of it in presence of a witness, let Ben do the same & send them with the proxies to me,

The 2 new receipts I enclose one for you & one for Ben you are to keep as they represent the amount of Sapphire stock you get in exchange for your deposited Kimberley stock. This new stock goes into escrow in the hands of the Sapphire Committee ~~in~~ to remain there until the Directors can raise its price to 50 cents per share.

Meantime both you & Ben will receive out of this stock in escrow, 25 thousand shares each of Sapphire stock for your interest in the Sapphire property. These 20,000 shares will be sent to you & Ben as soon as I have time to send them. Hold them safely until I make the stock worth 50 cts or over, it will be well, I cannot write from here Good Bye Dave

29th 1908

to close this poor letter,
please excuse it, I wish
to say to you all including
Frank, Harry, & Jessica,
I wish to the children
there is your
love & my love.

Very devoted
Mother.

We miss you very
of the boys.

If the mosquitoes will let
me, I will take advantage of a little
quiet time before beginning preparations for
december, & get ready very much better, a
little delayed this week, & I fear will be
right often now that I am afraid of all
work, as many things to do, & always extra
ones turning up. Our old cook left the
day after my last letter to you, no reason
given, only tired of work, ^{I suppose} really there was
as much leisure for her as work, but they
never know when they are doing well. We

and having frequent visits from the usual
dog, to the much and waiting for the other
Hermes. Instead of morning I was up very
early to get breakfast for Darwin to have an
early start to London, and had him to feed
his horse, & I went to write breakfast, by
this time it was ready, then came the
morning, it continued until after 9 o'clock,
then he got up to go, so long of now we then
went for his horse, as pocket found a plenty
of it left, for the club were still hanging
around. I spent his little horse first a
tough time until he reached the second
level. We had no more since & I hope he
did not. He refused to stay at Mrs Jackson's
has now worked for him at the Morris

place. The case was set for today (see case
against the R.R.) so I will look for him
tomorrow morning. I was so glad he could
drive instead of riding his back.

There are about as dull times as I ever
experienced, my neighbors seem to have given
me up so there are no visitors & I have no
more. Now that summer having out of
doors feeding his turkey, picking up pieces
of, when he comes in it is not, not, as
we must be spoken, sometimes I think I
will forget how to talk. My time during
the morning he study reads his way to
the stanchion & returns with enough will
from "Dolly" (the very milking cow) to be for

his supper & a little over for cooking, the
calf is having a feast, well, it saves me the
trouble of churning, but we will have to buy
butter.

I don't know whether you remember Arthur
Cohen, we received an announcement of his
marriage to a girl living in N.Y.

Maryann writes her Father will be home Sunday,
so they are still with you. I thought may be my
last letter would not reach Harry. I hope Fred
is much improved by this change, I can't say
yet, for I don't believe he ever takes any.
I wish you all could have had some of the
delicious canteloupes Reuben has been bringing
from Mittelos. I never ate finer flavored
melons. I told him he should have had

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a patch for sale, but the trouble would be getting them to town.

Aunt Melville was feeling better when she wrote but very complaining, I never heard the like of ailments that family is subject to. Florence Duggar wanted to come here Saturday for a visit, your Father had to write her how we are situated & ask her to post pone the visit. I hated to have to do that, but we have not a particle of help, & can't have a young girl to stay that would expect to be entertained. I get along divine these hot days, depend a good deal on stewed peaches, baked apples &c. Mrs Powell sent me some splendid gumbos a day or so ago. She is so busy riding Nan's little girl out in the

evenings that she seldom comes over now. Mary has another daughter, making the third child.

I cannot tell you what a nice present of vegetables Wenderson's wife brought me - A large basket of pears, a dish each of okra, butter beans, & snaps, several qts of small tomatoes, a cashew, a large basket of figs & some peaches. I asked her what I could give her for them, "nothing, nothing, you have been so good to me I want you to have them" what would some of your friends say to that? Of course I put in a large basket of pears for her as she had none & intend sending her some things that will be useful to her. I forgot, there was 12 years of rice corn too. Well, it is time

To "Woodhole". & if you are tending,
as I suppose you guess, have written
some ere this, Charlie writes that he en-
joyed his vacation on the Canada Lake
very much, & was very truly as he had
just returned to Baltimore. Of course
you know his address. 423 North Calvert
St. Southern Electric Co. Papa feels
the heat very much but keeps digging
away, each day finds interest & success
in his work. He is now sitting near me
reading the "Records of the Gods" by Sidney
McCall Boston Publisher. It is quite

interesting & gives me a very correct idea
of the Japanese. of the upper class. I
am reading "The Lily of Esance" Mrs
Packard's rooms are all taken, so I don't
care to go over to "Loulie's House". Mrs. Boyd
& her children occupy Mrs. Packard's room
which we had, & an old gentleman Mr.
Pallister has gone home. The Packards
have the 3rd story. Aggie seems to be
very little of the Dr. Wheeler. which I am
glad of. "Jack" & Mr. Boyd try to go over
every Saturday afternoon, & they all
enjoy the talking together, also a "Name"

Saturday evening. We dined at the different
neighboring Puck very evening about 8
others met much pleasant people. I saw
for the 1st time the players of the "Free
I went to the "Independent" party. Conversation
with "Papa" & a lady friend. & we sat in
a box on the balcony of Orchestra Hall.
Among the "rebels" I enjoyed the excitement
& music immensely. John Temple Green
of Georgia not nominated at Free President
& Mr. Hays of Mass. at President of the
United States. Mr. Grant born in South
Carolina & a grand nephew of John C. Calhoun
a great statesman but for years has
lived in Atlanta. I hope he will get
the "white Southern" vote. At he have been
ignored for so many years. (Ever since the war)

1908
Aug 5th.
3 East Ave.
Ithaca.

Dear Dr. Duggan,

We miss you
very much and it seems quite a
long time since you left!

You dear old Sprague, I hope
you are having a comfortable
trip & will have a happy rest-
ful time in Woods Hole.

Don't forget to give oceans of
love to Mrs. Moore for me & try
to persuade her to visit us on
her return from Dr's H. He

all tried some mango. So I peeked
at the odor brought back my childhood
vividly & I am sure I must have had
them in South Carolina. The odor
I like but though the fruit is pleasant
I cannot say I prefer "regular ones". Mr.
Kneadon says he will put me up a
peck of beans in the auto case. I've
been the juke & he is going to do the rest.
Isn't that good of him. He says you
certainly needed a rest if anyone ever
did. He had a clipping from the museum
paper saying Father's field was not seriously
sick.

What shall I do about the Beebe seeds?
I could only find three or four envelopes which
I send.

I am enclosing a letter from Daddy
which came while Fannie was here &
I forgot to read.

xx - I stopped here to look for our papers
thinking to find with them the old denture receipts.
You certainly hid them well. I looked for fully
an hour! After all the receipts were not with
the other papers & I have just found them
in one of Daddy's letters. We have had

had a very restful night altho'
it was sultry and hot. To-day
it is raining steadily.

I was so surprised after you
had gone I was behind when
Mr. Kundson came home after
the concert. He didn't bring Miss
Preston as she found it too
raining to go to the concert.

This morning Mr. Kundson
came in after breakfast & took
for some green house plants
which I think he must have
found at the laboratory. He

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luncheon — a sandy dinner —
and after dressing the children
for the afternoon & doing various
& sundry stunts it is now five
o'clock. I haven't been able to do
a dressing this day, but will make
up to-morrow. I tried to get all the
little odds & ends accumulated off
my hands.

I make out of Daddy's letter
that The Kimberley has been changed
to The Sapphire & for our old
Kimberley we get respectively 2 to 3,000
shares of the new Sapphire. We have
each 5000 shares of the old
which Daddy says he will exchange

for 14,000 each of the new
Sapphires giving me 12,000
and 13,000 shares each.

As there are 10,000,000 shares
together we own 1/40 of the combined
wealth of the Sapphires "properties". We
very much underestimate correct?

I said better again the things
I send them & I'm as sure as the
sun I will send them as full
value. Also send back Dada's
letter as that I can keep it with
me then.

Now I must go lie down for
a few minutes before I sleep.

for the afternoon.
Lucie says "in 1st at airport
travelling without Father!"

Bonnie needs you lots of next
morning & my darling, with a heart
full of love I am,
your devoted spouse

No letters as yet to-day.

Know All Men by These Presents:

That

of..... in the State of.....
do hereby appoint J. D. Robertson, of 3552 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill., my substitute and proxy, with power of substitution for me and in my name and behalf, to vote and act for me at the **Special** adjourned meeting of the stockholders' meeting of the **Sapphire Mining, Transportation and Investment Company** for the election of a Board of Directors of said Company, said meeting to be held at the Sherman House on Saturday, August 29th, 1908, at 2 o'clock P. M.; also at any and all other meetings of the Stockholders or Directors of the said **Sapphire Mining, Transportation and Investment Company** as fully as I might or could were I personally present. This proxy to be in force until revoked in writing served on said J. D. Robertson.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand

and seal the.....day of.....A. D. 1908.

SIGNATURE.....

WITNESSED BY.....

Know All Men by These Presents:

That

of in the State do hereby appoint J. D. Robertson, of 1 Aldine Square, Chicago, Illinois, my substitute and proxy, with power of substitution for me and in my name and behalf, to vote and act for me at the re-organization meeting of the Kimberley Mining and Milling Company, to be held at the Sherman House, corner of Clark and Randolph Streets, Chicago, Illinois, on the Third Saturday of February, being the Fifteenth day of the month, A. D. 1908, at 3 o'clock p. m., also at any adjourned meeting until the work of re-organization is completed and at any other meeting of the stockholders of said company, as fully as I might or could were I personally present. This proxy to be in force until revoked in writing served on said J. D. Robertson.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand

and seal the day of A. D. 1908.

SIGNATURE

WITNESSED BY

ness of the beds of ore and the quality of the mineral we are penetrating. It would be a matter of great economy to the Company, as besides doing all our own assessment work, the machinery would be in great demand to work for other parties in the neighborhood at a sufficient profit to pay for all our own assessment and developing work.

On hearing this report a committee was at once appointed to see at what price an effective drill and necessary tools and machinery could be purchased.

You are no longer stockholders of *Kimberly*, but *now holders of shares in Sapphire Co.*, which will be placed in a safe deposit vault for security, and you will receive ad interim receipts for your Sapphire stock just as soon as your fees are paid, and you send in the *old Kimberly receipts* which you received on *first depositing your stock*. It will be a favor to the Secretary if you will at once send them to me at the address on the envelope.

As the sale of mining stock is very costly and a commission of not less than ten per cent is demanded by stock brokers, this amount of commission may as well be paid to our own shareholders. Of these we have 225. If each will endeavor to sell one thousand shares of stock within the next three months, the Company will have in the treasury \$112,500, out of which it could afford to pay \$50 to each of our members selling 1,000 shares. That itself will be a good dividend as a beginning. If you only sold ten shares each day in 100 days your 1,000 shares would be sold, and others doing likewise there would soon be money to pay for 3,000 acres of land, start a first-class mine, and make splendid returns. Let us all go to work with a will, each doing his best, and there will be no difficulty in selling a thousand shares apiece. *Success always comes where each individual does his part*, while failure is just as sure to follow where all the work and responsibility is placed on the shoulders of one or two.

Yours truly,

GEO. NUETZEL, Secretary. J. D. ROBERTSON, President.

Sapphire Mining, Transportation and Investment Company.

OFFICERS

J. D. ROBERTSON	President
ORLANDO NOBLE	Vice-President
J. H. CLARK	Treasurer
GEO. NUETZEL	Secretary

DIRECTORS

J. D. ROBERTSON	ORLANDO NOBLE
R. C. HIGGINS	J. H. CLARK
H. M. ELKRDING	S. P. HOSTLER
GEO. NUETZEL	

On February 15th, 1908, a very large majority of the shareholders of the *Kimberley Mining and Milling Company* at a meeting held at the *Sherman House*, in *Chicago*, entered into an *honorable agreement with each other* to deposit their stock to be held in escrow until steps could be taken either to reconstruct the *Kimberley Company* on a better basis or to make some other arrangement with another company so that our holdings of *Kimberley stock* would not be a total loss to us. It was stated that the *Kimberley Company* was handicapped in two ways:

1st. The capital stock of five millions was ridiculous and must be reduced to one million. This could be done by dividing the capital stock by five, thus reducing it to one million.

2d. The name *Kimberley* had become odious by bad management and dishonest methods.

It was proposed to remedy this either by taking a new name or by combining with some company if possible with another and better name. The conditions of such combination were to be that the stock of *Kimberley* should be exchanged or sold to the new company in the ratio of five shares of the old stock for one share of the new stock plus one cent to be paid additional to the new company for every share of the new stock it issued in making the exchange. The one cent per share to be so paid to be deemed part of the purchase price of the new stock and as such a lien on the stock in escrow until paid. The owners of the new stock were further to deposit their new stock

in escrow under the conditions previously voted at the meeting February 15th, 1908.

At the annual meeting of the Kimberley Mining and Milling Company held at the Sherman House on the last Saturday of March, 1908, a complete statement was made to the stockholders showing that the company was in debt to the amount of \$2,967.47. There had been paid in on account offers of stock deposited in escrow, \$2,824.44. The President stated that as this money was in the treasury and might be useful in carrying on the business and protecting the interest of Kimberley, if there was no objection it could be used temporarily as a loan. To this there was no objection, and it was so ordered by a unanimous vote of the shares represented.

At the meeting on the last Saturday of June held at the Sherman House after reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, a committee of three of the depositing stockholders was appointed to meet and confer with a committee of three representing the Sapphire Mining, Transportation and Investment Company, and see if they could come to an agreement as to the terms of exchange.

The committee after retiring for some time returned and reported that they had come to an agreement on the basis proposed, voted on and approved at the meeting of February 15th. That the Sapphire agreed to purchase all the stock deposited for exchange and placing in escrow at the agreed ratio of five shares of Kimberley for one share of Sapphire plus one cent for each share of Sapphire stock issued in making this exchange, the one cent to be deemed a lien on both Kimberley and Sapphire stock until it was paid to the Sapphire Company. And the committee for the depositing stockholders agreed and tendered all the stock which had been deposited by the Kimberley stockholders, and also to see that all the fees agreed on should be paid to the Sapphire Company.

The report on motion was accepted and affirmed unanimously, with the exception of one voice by the depositing stockholders of the Kimberley Company. It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn to meet at the Sherman House at 3 p. m. on the last Saturday of

August, being the 29th day of the month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and officers for the Sapphire Company.

On the 29th of August, at the hour and place appointed, there was a joint meeting of the depositing members of the Kimberley Company who had by the exchange of their shares become stockholders of the Sapphire Mining, Transportation and Investment Company, and also other stockholders of the Sapphire Company, constituting a large majority of Sapphire stockholders.

A motion was made and carried that nominations for the members to be chosen as directors be now made. The following were nominated and elected as directors:

J. D. Robertson, C. H. Rodenbach, Geo. Nuettel, Wm. M. Foley, J. H. Clark, R. C. Higgins, H. M. Elerding, R. C. Love, Orlando Noble.

As more nominations had been made than sufficient, it was moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to select seven of the candidates from the number nominated and report forthwith. The report was as follows:

J. D. Robertson, J. H. Clark, S. P. Hostler, R. C. Higgins, Orlando Noble, George Nuettel, H. M. Elerding.

J. D. Robertson then announced that of Kimberley shares there had been deposited for exchange and to be placed in escrow..... \$3,174,190.00
Which number divided by five when
exchanged into Sapphire shares..... 634,838.00

At fee of one cent per share \$6,348.38
Fees paid in on this amount 4,068.43
Balance due and unpaid..... 6,348.38

The manager at the mines then stated that the Sapphire owned in fee 160 acres of mineral land; had applications for patent on 240 acres in Washington and 240 acres in land office, Arkansas, a total of 640 acres of fine mineral land, against which no contest has been made and which in a few months now will be patented and owned in fee clear of all incumbrances. The manager further stated that the present method of doing its assessment work was both unsatisfactory and wasteful, and suggested that the Company buy a core drill so as to get down from 300 to 500 feet into the ground, the core showing clearly the state through which we are boring and the exact thick-

Waver. The manuscript
are. No last. I will
try to stop & it is
time to put up my
down & chickens.
Be sure to try not
to take cold &
so keep off the
hay fever. Break
love to you all.
Love devoted
Mother.
August. I am very
tired & will
tell you of a
renewed business &
I am working
to make a little
money.
It is hard to know when to
rest myself to write, for the manuscript, no
matter where I sit, there is a swarm around
my head & hands, & oh! how they do bite!!
I would like to be transported to your cool
climate where there are none I suppose.
Your very acceptable letter came this morning
I was much interested in all it contained, glad
you had some invigorating weather for "catching
up" in your correspondence. I reckon the visit
of the Auburn Daggars was quite an interrup-
-tion to your work but I join in the wish that
Fred could have spent one quiet week with
you & let alone the Farmers Societies, he
will have so much to do any way. So you think

you will have 2 weeks out at Woods Pond,
I thought that was one of your unking plans,
well. I hope you will not. It was singular
about that king plan, it is a great relief to
know it disappears. I know, how true is apparent
in this sense, very common, the idea not ~~exist~~
without a will. I know will be a little common
having all to know, who will they in the house
with him? do there some gentleman keep this
sense. This is just what to know his eye is important
(or rather right) by glasses. I don't think glasses
would be any help to Shalton. If they find you
there to him but he could not use them. It
is wonderful to me how that one eye has built
out, his sense space it. Will be no the same
to much a much when has more than I think
do should, he has no paper at the little party

that is the sense. Long will be found to
know the state of every one would be so simple
the could now get up the amount.

One small garden is turning out well & must be
a great thing as vegetables are so high. I don't
think the surrounding country would furnish
fruit & vegetables much cheaper, I think it is
such a very large plan to supply is it?

There must have been disappointed that the
supply did not arrive, but the one man has
some of eggs that were now have need a pretty
this is a nice the a little program was both
and grows & hardly I am so glad they are hardly
not have any children like some of his, but I
know they inherit their heart when.

Yesterday & today your father has had. You will
putting up with farming & doing things now the
smaller force. He bought some very good looking

wine to run from the corner of the ashes
house, to the corner at the well, it is quite
high & close enough to keep out chickens. I think
it useless to wire that garden in now, we can't
leave it cultivated. Today Syd. is cutting the
corn from the truck patch as your Father calls
it. Having 2 men to feed increased my kitchen
work but we have to feed them. I often wish
for some of the city conveniences in my kitchen
work. It would certainly be nice to cook with gas.
Fred wrote that the 1st of Sept. you would leave Dr
Atherton's house, where is he going, to Europe? I
suppose another furnished house will prevent your
bringing up your furniture from Mo.
After supper we are going over to call on Maria
Porter, Mrs. Barber, she is with Mrs. Powell for
a day & night. I have not heard from Fred
since he reached home. Henry writes less often
than before his marriage & Ida never writes. It
has been a long time since I have heard from

In Christ's name, I think, in
 bath room closet is my talking
 suit. Give your forward that
 and my cap by mail.
 Attitude as before!
 Gay Head
 New Bedford Aug 6'08
 7 A.M.
 My Sweet Persia.
 We arrived in
 this ramshackle, old New-Eng-
 land burg at 6 A.M. I promptly
 hooped it over to the Nantucket
 boat and found they would not
 leave until 8¹⁰ A.M. By that-
 time I was furnished with luggage
 and looked up the most presentable
 place open at that time of day.
 By the time I had finished a
 most commonplace "regular" at
 20¢ per, there right, across

get much sleep until long after midnight and was awake very early. It was hot as blazes in Hoboken, so I took the earliest train out to Glen Ridge.

I was autoed up to ^{the} Hart house and introduced to the ^{host} family, consisting of the pater familia being already in the city, — a daughter of seventeen, a pedigreed dog of standard ugliness, and a Dago of all work. They have a beautiful home and a pretty good mushroom house. Mrs. Hart is a hustler and is intent on showing her husband that she can earn half as much

as he can. I pulled off my coat & linen appendages, donned overalls, and made a thorough exam. of the state of affairs, gave some easy advice and washed up. Then the family auto was at the door and they took me up and down all those hills through a beautiful country spotted with fine homes. The chauffeur was a terribly reckless driver and Mrs. H. was constantly calming him down. I think he had a bone loose that day, for while we were at lunch he drove past the house at about 50 miles per, and down in town crashed into something and swashed one wheel to splinters.

I reached the city again just in time to catch the New Bedford boat. I sat out a little after supper and enjoyed the views and

from ^{me} was a window full of
live lobsters at 15¢ per —
cooked in 10 mins at 10¢ per.
See why! I wish I's free!
no lobsters here for me!

But if there had been here I would
have had heart for a second break-
fast, and could doubtless have
found a compartment.

When I got down to the D.L.
& N. the other night it was some
fifty minutes before the train,
as there were no waits on the
crossings, so I had a tiresome "loaf"
about the station, and came
very near returning to the
bosom of my "hambley".

A cool breeze struck us on the
Caroline Hills but I did not



Columbia, Mo.,
Aug. 6th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Duggar:

As probably Mrs. Hill will not be able to write you for some days, I write to acknowledge the receipt of the box containing my regalia and Mrs. Hill's coat.

Esther has been down with typhoid fever for nearly two weeks, tho

Of high fever and ligament
died.

Mr. Stiel was very kind
at the end of the first
week of it but with a
runnel & do all the
work for her at the
hospital who is feeling
well now and getting
along all right. Jean
and I are running
the house

This will delay our
moving into the campus
residence till the end
of next week at least.
We expect to move in
before we start school.
With regards to all
knowing your affection

it was not till Sunday
last that it was about
being demonstrated &
be decided. We took
her to the hospital
on Sunday and Mr.
Stiel is living there
with her. She is now
doing splendidly and
Dr. Moore believes now
that after this week
we can expect the son
to gradually disappear
She is so strong that she
is coming out every
day with the way in
which her strength
tells, and in which

To Miss, 14th Ave.
pm Woods Hotel,
Mpls

Aug. 7, 1908.

My Dear Madrie,

Here I am
back from breakfast and
with just enough time in
which to write my sweet-
heart a line before going
to meet Dr. Moore who is
scheduled to arrive at 9.15
this morning. I slept late,
then, and perhaps you will
think I should when I
tell you of my "rustication"
of last afternoon. I had three

of slickers and overalls, so we had to
put into the "Hole" with the view
of reaching the Bay. But the Bay was
also rough, and we settled down to fish
in the hole. After casting anchor
several times and feeling about for
bites we found a good bank and in
three hours the four of us had
about fifty fish weighing from $\frac{1}{2}$
to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. By that time it was
pouring down rain and some of
the men soaking wet, so we went
in. It was fine sport of the kind
I needed, and I can assure you that
I left nothing about my place but a
napkin at supper time. Moreover, I
slept nine hours, and now I am feel-
ing finely.

Mrs. Moor sends you all kinds love.
I called there (at Mrs. Fish's) last night,
and shall have the room which Thom
as vacates on Sunday. I am now oc-
cupying a room just across from the post
office. The boarding house is next door to the
Aster. With a whole heart full of love my
sweet, and kisses to the little ones, and
longing to hear how all the family are,
I am, your about longer, Benj.

hours of hard work salt sea
fishing in the rain and
in a choppy bay. Moreover,
we had great luck.

Mr. Vedeler with whom the
Morris, Thomases, and other
good people are boarding keeps
a motor boat, and Professor
Thomas has so gotten into his
good graces as to have welcome
use of the boat at any and
all times. Yesterday after a
noon dinner four of us, Dr. Ab-
bot, Knowles, Thomas and I
started for the lobster pot.
We soon ran into swells which
broke over the boat blinding us
and wetting us in spite

M. B. L., Woods Hole, Mass.
Sat. Aug. 8, 1908.

My dearest Madrie!

This morning I have come into the possession of an "Investigator's Room" where, when I have nothing else to do, I can sit and hold conference with myself, or other unvarying people who chance my way. Can't you be unvarying for a few half hours of this bright and glorious day? When shall we have a chance to loaf together, Love?

This morning there is neither rain nor fog, but it is close, and

beauties, sea perch, and
a shark and a eagle. The
shark was only about three
feet, as was easily landed.

Morse came in yesterday, and
he joined us on the excursion you
today afternoon. He is fine and
was, landed to a tern, and
enthusiastic about his farming.
I saw the children yesterday. Har-
riet is a nice little girl with
mixed Hott and Morse features,
and Tommy is as fine and
staunch a specimen as I
ever saw. He looks like a
miniature pat sea captain.

This morning I was recess
Dr. Jackson of the. I was, and
he joins us on the fishing ex-
dition today.

I must go up to the post office now
for Detrick James have a letter
from my sweet. Where you, my dear
ling, and avoid every visitant you
were have.

Kiss my little one and help a
thousand and me for, your Ben.

Please let me know the name of the
^(young) farm for when you cleave the chuck.
Thank you much coming to Barthol
about next Monday or Friday my
dear aunt, and perhaps also the
back eat and rest. All with!
Sweet love.

possibly a thunder storm may be
brewing. I hope not, as this may
be our last fishing day. Professor
Thomas leaves tomorrow or the fol-
lowing day, and he is the man
at the helm. Yesterday afternoon
the tide was running so high
and strong that we could not
fish to advantage. Our lines
would run out full length be-
fore touching bottom. In conse-
quence, we secured only about
thirty-five fish. However there
were seven shids, and while a
few individuals were not edi-
ble it added to the interest.
There were "scups" and bass among
the good ones, also sea robins,

Woods Hole, Mass.
Aug 10, 1908.

Dear Ladge Duggar,

A providential series of perhaps preordained circumstances has propitiously afforded me the perfect felicity of joyously welcoming your gracious kindness so delicately exhibited by your charming letter beginning "Dear Dr. Duggar!"

Weather forecast: Drizzle today, probably drizzle tomorrow, undecided as to the further future. However, Sweetheart, if

you had been here last night
we could have mooned in
the spoonlight of many a
romantic spot. I sat with
the Moors for a time on
the front lawn, and the view
over the water across the
sandy with the various
lights in the distance was
very attractive. Yesterday was,
in fact, a good day; but, in
general, the early summer
was best this year.

I scarcely know what to do
with myself on such a Sun-
day. However, I have to get
along another week without
my sweet Ladye Love, and
must become accustomed to

Sundays as well as other days. Cur-
tie dropped in this morning, and later
I had a chance to see Mrs. C and the
boy. They have spent the summer here,
and I knew nothing of it. They look
browned and happy, and are the
staunchest Missourians imaginable.
Afterwards a young man from Miss.,
now in the Cornell Medical School
faculty, his name is Stoddard, called
at my office, and before I knew it
the dinner hour was at hand.

What luck at fishing yesterday? Well,
we followed the directions of an old
fisherman, went five miles down
the bay, spent two hours off Little
Mac-Pocket, and did not get a bite.
Then, returning to our own bank,
we caught about twenty five
fish in the time remaining. Among
a fair sized shark and a large
flounder.

I do wish that you were here; there
are lots of nice people about, but I
want to see you! There is no swordfish
on the menu of the Videler's, and
other things are quite edible.

What is my family doing today? I ^{and}
would like to hold it upon my lap,
squeeze all together just once. With
about kisses for all and bushels of love I am
Yours Old Hubbard.

Woods Hole, Mass. Aug. 11, 01.

My own Sweet Madrie,

I slept finely but loneliness in my new abode. I worked a little but Dr. and Mrs. Moore soon came in and we chatted until nearly bed time. Moore is occupied all this forenoon with a Trustees meeting, and hopes to get away at two o'clock. I have spent the forenoon writing in detail concerning our furniture to Stewart, also to Trowell, Hornberger and others.

A party is being formed to take a sailing yacht and go out into the Sound near the terminus of the race course from New York. The N. Y. yacht

club is due to arrive between two and four o'clock. The finish is said to be a very fine sight. Many of the yachts of those rich Wall Streeters being superb craft with an enormous display of canvas. They reached Newport last night and should ^{have} left at 8 A.M. I may go, but still I should like to see Moore off, and also say goodbye to Jackson and others who leave on the two o'clock boat.

There will be very 'little doing' here after today. The students are now taking their examinations, and by tomorrow all will be off.

Don't you know I will be homesome and longsome for the family? How is the dear family anyway. Sweet. Marie, Marie my little fairie, how does your gardening grow? I love you with all my heart and the remnants of my pocket book. That reminds me to send you a check which I herewith, madame, am pleased to inclose.

It was nice of the Merriams to invite you down, and I hope that you can go. How are our friends the Phyllis?

With all my love, Sweetheart,
Your overworked Benj.

To D. Woods Hole
on 11th, Aug 11,
Tuesday - 1906

My own dear Benjamin -
I suppose
you are getting anxious to hear
from us as I didn't - a chance
to write yesterday & only a postal
on Sunday. You must lay it
all to the drawings. They have
taken me longer than I thought.
I wanted to send them to you to-
day, but there is one more yet
to do so I will send them

to. morn. Sunday afternoon
my eyes were very tired as I had
finished two drawings that morning
and as I had Bojpie on my
hands I welcomed Mr. Henderson's
proposal that he take us all
out for a drive. It was a lovely
afternoon, but Bojpie was very
fretful & Mr. H. said he didn't
wonder that you wanted a vacation!
That evening he brought Miss Kirich
over to call. He seems quite interested
in her & she is a very pretty girl.
Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Merriam

and I drove to Slaterville and had a perfectly sandy time. We giggled and sang & were like two kids. The road near us is perfectly lonely & those hills are grand. We drove to the farm house where the glass is colored & it is very interesting little place. We can get board at that house for \$5. a week with two in a room. \$7 for a single person & everything is neat & attractive & a beautiful bathroom. The hotel is quite nice but charges \$2 a day. We got back at seven and as we thought it was going to rain we didn't start until four o'clock.

This afternoon Mr. & Mrs. Merriam are going to drive to Freenville & the George Jr. Republic as they hold court on Tuesday. They suggested that I go in our buggy & as I have asked Mrs. Shilly & we are going to start at 2 P. M. take dinner there & come home by moonlight. Annie & Mr. Kinsden have promised to take good care of the children for me.

Mrs. Furlong & Ruth have 8 - mooms

pm Aug 10, 1904
morning for their home. I am
sorry we didn't get more than
a tiny dine together. She is
going this P. M. & Robinson
to have Ruth's photo taken.

I am so glad to hear that
the Curtises are in H. H. Do
give Mrs. Curtis lots of love for
me. Does she know Mrs. Moore
and adore her as I do? Do
write me all about Mrs. Moore
in your next.

I love you my own
and long to hear from

was alright again. He is the
cutest little type. His I would
be & see chimney & little house.
The house all the I see for
me. He is seems you a
bunch of him. What do you
think! I just begin in the
set as I could find my little in
there, & there he comes walking
out! He got over with my teeth
& then down on & the floor
and he is down on the ground
& tickled! all I asking. How
good he is & that I got from down
a good while & that I got from down
disorder.

you and that you are
getting a real reaction at
last. Will you have time when
you get back & take a whole
afternoon drive with me?
I am going & buy the Altana
next morn. There are some of
them at 10¢ per & they are fine.
How does that one & perfect
your studies. I want that one
of the. I think as I get better
I am getting higher discipline.
I am right in the middle all
the time right in the middle
of the right in the middle



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

August Thirteenth.

Mrs. B. M. Dugger,

#3 East Avenue,

Ithaca, New York,

Dear Mrs. Dugger:-

Mrs. Hill requests that I write you to report that Esther is doing finely and that we now hope to move into the house on the campus the first of next week and to transfer her from the hospital at the same time. Yesterday her temperature was normal for half the day, and the highest point reached showed only a little over

one degree of fever.

I am writing to Dr.
Dugger today at Woods Holl.

With kindest regards from us all, I
remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. Ross Hill

we have some to plant a
 May dear
 I wonder where you are this
 oppressive morning. I fear you are in London
 working hard to get the house in order for
 Annie when she comes. I wonder if Reginald
 is helping, or if you left her with Annie.
 Will she occupy the basement room?
 I wish you had the house Mrs Gould was
 in, you would have one more room would it
 you? Time is passing as rapidly college
 work will soon begin & I expect you dread
 starting with new helpers, & as many of the
 faculty strangers. It is hard to be giving up
 old friends & having to make new ones,
 however that does not apply to you Father.

August 18
 1906

g. & about
it, with
much love
to you all
I am devoted
to you
with all
affection

Myself, we were destined to live out our
days with the friend so understanding.

They were married very late under the
old wood to the old time. From from the time
was gladly welcomed. I have since met

very long with the children, & have with
is many others. The house must have
very long have to take care of so many.

We are having the whole church nearly every
day the same are regular "sunday" but as

the same comes out directly the water does
off quickly but the water is in very open

it is the only most sufficient
now of course. I have not seen any friends

have this opinion. I have this not been
since any others from Fairfield, it does

seems to me he might have found a way
to some knowledge makes he is with a few
not let us know. I have from that but not

with feeling & I have not just now
from different to Dr. I wish they had been
not certain. Dr. I wish we had kept a

that the present time about the same
a different. I have that shall have other
not be, but he is progressive. I have

and I have does not appear of the same of
nothing. I must either take my chance or
times with his treatment. I have of that &

personally solution of them. He has shown
failed to see with that & there is no longer

for the same appears to have if any of the
often still have before the disease.

I have not seen your little John since &
never know but how he is getting along

very well, Miss Truffert the nurse has
come back, he found he could not do so
well without her. I think so much of Mrs
Hewson in her last few days, & what a
time the family have had sitting up every
night since Mary, two at a time. Mrs White
is there nearly all the time & Miss Garton &
Louise come to help out whenever they can.
The old lady has lost her mind almost entirely
frequently does not recognize members of the family,
they never take a neighbor in to see her now.
Last week there was a reunion of Veterans in
Davenport for two days, quite a crowd, a nice
banquet each day, your father went in one day,
was too late for the speaking, got a tray of nice
quills & bread but the meats were not done,
he went in on time, said he never saw so
many empty stomachs in his life, country folks. The
ladies waited on the table, I am to take a trip

Woods Hole, Mass.
Aug. 14, 1908

My own Sweet Honey. I'd come all the way
to Woods Hole again, - and not without you
for such another letter as that of yesterday!
Why, it makes me feel like a married man -
with a sweetheart - in spite of the two
acute little ones. My sweet eyes must not
get tired over the Husband's drawings. Let drawing
have a nap!

What would you think of the following
invitation to a smoker!

" You are invited to attend a meeting of the
Seminar in Physiology

at the Canvas Laboratory in Buzzard's Bay
(Dr. Lyon's Camp)

Wednesday evening, August 12, at 8:00 o'clock

Topic: The Effects of Solutions on the Higher Organisms
(with demonstrations).

N.B. Investigators may bring their own nicotine
preparations if desired, as the Pittsburg preparations in use
at the above named laboratory are destructive to cer-
tain organisms. "

A lot of us thought that there would
at least be a lecture or discussion of some sort

preceding the informal smoker, but there was nothing of the kind, - just coffee, beer, something to eat, something to smoke, and talk. This was last night, and I was glad of the opportunity to meet the men. There must have been thirty present, mostly zoologists and Fish Commission workers. Catell, Editor of Science, was also there. Curtis and I weren't late. He had asked me to take a sail in his spitzail. Mrs. C. expected to join us, but there was no getting the boy to sleep, so she did not appear. It was blowing a nice gale, so we did not attempt to cross the hole, but spirted back and forth between the harbor and the bathing beach. Did you see that moon last night? I wish that you were along. It was the finest night that we have had.

So you have driven to Slaterville. My but you have made strides! 'See!' but we will have to go out to Slaterville to live! As soon as I mentioned to Mrs. Moon the nature of the place she said "Wouldn't Mrs. Duggan go out there for a week with me." She is counting on making a visit in September, you see, and talks about you and the children every day.

Then comes Freeville! Well I hope you took along a sofa pillow to lean back against. The pony is earning her fodder, night wash.

Aug. 1st 1908

It will be like coming down to dry bones to go driving with your Benj again. But he is long-
nigh that whole afternoon soon. I read your letter "bug the Ithaca road mops", and wonder-
ed for a time what kind of a joke you were perpetrating, now that you have become a horse-
woman. This morning I secured (not tied) a ste-
nographer and had my report to the Am. Flo-
rists Society copied, so that is off now, and I am again free.

Yesterday afternoon Curtis and I went in bathing, and we are planning to make it a daily affair. This would be a great place for the summer if there were even half a dozen conveniences and prices a bit less steep. It is certainly a great place for children. Half a dozen of the zoologists have bought cottages. This morning I passed the Robinson place, where we lived when we were here, and spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. They remembered us well, and said they had kept "an eye out" for us each summer.

Now, you, my Deane, there is just no use denying it. It comes out with sunshine, moon shine, ebbside, flood tide, fog, drizzle, and hailstorm; in fact, anything coming or going, up or down, or half way between. Here's a good hug and a kiss, and all from Old Benj.

Hood's Hole, Mass.

Aug. 15, 1908.

My dear old Gyp.

How long do
you expect ^{me} to remain in
wind-struck, wave-washed,
goo-fishy Hood's Hole, when
you are having such a fine
time driving out the intra
and extra faculty wives?!

I am glad that you had a
good time at the G. J. Rep.,
and found it unnecessary
to remain. I am not quite
sure that Dr. Philly and I
should go up together.

they might recognize us!

A thousand thanks for the drawings; they reached me O.K. this morning, Persica, and are fine. My first drawing at Hoods Hole was made early this morning. I found here accidentally one book which I had failed to find in our library, so I made use of it right away to get a drawing.

There was a heavy gale yesterday afternoon late, and it continued into the evening, so that sailing was not advisable. I read until nine o'clock and then went to bed.

It was seven when I awoke, so you can imagine what a sleepy-head I am becoming.

Dear little Boysie, he is a dashing, and if he has learned to get out of his bed and down to the floor without hurting himself, he is surely welcome. I see that Louise will have to become a cytologist. She is a sweet little soul with lots of originality when left alone.

At the meeting of the Trustees of this laboratory old Dr. Whitman's resignation as director was accepted. Lillie was appointed in his place, and everyone looks upon it as giving new life to the work here, at least so far as research is concerned.

What was Dizzy Anderson doing at Cornell? Any way, it is nice to have some of them wish us back at Columbia.

Those slips for Daddy are down at the laboratory. I will think to send them next time. He does not need them until Aug. 29. It seems to me however that only one of them is to be returned. The other is a receipt. Don't say a word about it yet, but Moore was half way offed underwoods place. There was probably a slight hitch with respect to independence of the N. Y. B. Garden. With the love of my whole soul, God bless, and a bundle of kisses for each. Benj.

After 10 days, return to
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Prof. B. M. Duggan
~~Woods Hole~~
~~Massachusetts~~

Ithaca
N.Y.

3 East Ave.

Friday.

pm Aug 15, 1908

My own sweet Ben - you don't
know how much I love you! I
am getting so love-sick. Last
night I lay awake thinking
what a sweet, dear, sound,
wholesome, generous, big-hearted
big-minded, altogether lovable
darling you are. Its pays
for you to go off and leave

me, doesn't it! And I hope
you will stay and have a
long long vacation, now that you
are off. But Oh! we will be
glad to welcome you back again.

Louise is already planning
how we will go down and meet
you and ask the conductor
"if Mr. Duggan is on the train."

Last night I let her go over to
Frank Shillip's stay five minutes
and she stayed at least three
quarters of an hour. When she
returned ~~she~~ I asked her if

she didn't know what five minutes
was and she explained "well mother,
it was my five minutes".!

She says you didn't like her to say go
in Columbia and she didn't say it, but
you don't care what she says in Stacia
sort of claim as Edward, isn't it?

I went out into the garden this morning
& gathered heaps of vegetables - so much
that I couldn't carry them. I took a
big basket to Mrs. Shilly containing
a dozen ears of corn, a dozen tomatoes
a doz. peppers, five or six squashes,
lettuce, & radishes. We took foraging
out in the back yard all the rest of
the morning and Mrs. Atkinson came
along & helped us out - as I left a
lot of vegetables for her on her back
load & in return she lent me some
rice as the rice-man had shipped us!

Saturday. Your dear old letter has
just come & Louie says "I saw Mother
kiss it." How I seen the moon?

pm. Aug 15, 1908

Well I should think I had!
And I just love you & prices!
x x x x x x x x

I made four calls yesterday
What do you think of that. It
was dreadfully hot though cloudy
but I have them off my chest.
I was just getting ready to call
on Mrs. Major after supper when
Miss Moore (Pottery) came in & before
she left Mrs. Shilly came on.
She stayed until about half
past nine & we had such
a nice chat. Mr. Kendron came
in about that time and went

wait with me & the refrigerator
to get the milk.

Mr. Ziggy Anderson left yesterday
or day before & said good bye &
that perhaps he would get up to
Woods Hole!

I am not getting my drawing
done. You will be disappointed
on your return, but I will work
hard when I get at it again.
Those three long drives made
me feel lazy the rest of the
week.

A letter from Dr. Hill came
this morning saying that Esther
is much better and that he

was meeting to you at Woods Hole.

You haven't told me who Prof & Mrs Thomas are and where they will stay when they come to Ithaca. I will be delighted to take Mrs Thomas for a drive, but where will I pick her up?

I am so happy to think that Mrs Moore is coming! Won't we have just lots of fun. I am going to put all my wages into a living stable horse while she is here! Won't Louise be happy to have little Harriet & Tommy to play with! I am going to write Mrs Moore right away.

Louise says she likes cream of wheat, puffed rice & corn flakes but oat-meal is "not in with" her!

I love you, my dear, and I put my arms around you and kiss you with my whole soul. I think you are a dear and I am so happy to be yours ever & I' loving little
A. V. V. V.

Aggie has gained 11 lbs in weight & is
the picture of health a decided improve-
ment; she weighs now 137 lbs & does not
want any more. She has not harmed much
this summer. At Mrs. Boyd her dear grand-
daughter a little boy three years old or younger
& she is a sensible practical little woman
& Aggie & herself live & read together a
great deal. Aggie is quite tongue-tied but it
is not becoming "Jack's thumb". Lottie was
here last week & she weighs 80 lbs. I want
to hear from you soon that you are
all getting plenty of sleep. Aggie wants
a plenty of milk & sleep long & late.
Mrs. does not like her milk at the old
lath summer. All her rooms are taken so
I suppose we must wait till the fall
summer. The weather is cooler today but
has been so extremely warm I have not
cared to go anywhere & I am helping
Papa now get ready for his meeting
on Saturday next & we are putting up
in complete order the ceiling of the study
to which will soon be a thing of the past
& I am simply delighted & I long to be
a participant of your Father's pleasure
He is down here this afternoon but will

me to send you his love & many thanks
for your much letter & see. I'd Miss
Lousie for me & you the time to
get her some ice cream. I find I have
no other change. I am glad Ben has a
rest - & hope he will improve. You certainly
by enjoy your boy & I hope Mr. Craig
will take you during out of town. I wonder
why Charlie is going to housekeeping,
unless he wants Companion ship. Willie
last his salary was \$3000 a year. which
is hard some for one of his age. I am
certainly proud of my children. How
you finished the drawing of Ben's tooth.
It is smart - in you to be able to help him

Hood's Hole, Mass.,

Aug(?) Monday '08.
 My dear old Sweetheart Omine,

I was all
 happy to have a fine fat letter
 this morning from my Madrie.
 I am just homesick, too, to get
 back to my family. It is just
 as hard as it ever was and
 more, Persica, I can tell you
 that. However, I am putting in
 the time very nicely as I was
sent down here to put it in,
 and if I don't weigh more than
 111½ pounds when I get back
 it will not be my fault. Did
 I tell you previously that on

and am free to confess that I do not know where I am exactly. However, I think it is pretty plain that for our fifties we have $\frac{1}{4}$ s of a grand consolidated total which amounts to so much that we are not likely to be greatly worried by it. I sign the paper and send it on to join yours. There does not seem to be any payment required this time, and I am sorry but I hope Daddy understands that my shares will have to go if any other payments are required. I never dreamed of the Sapphire dealing the Kimberley a death blow. Will have to call her the Vampire yet.

There was no fishing today, and I am afraid that subsequent trips will have to be made in a row boat. Professor and Mr. Thomas left today. They will remain a few days in New York and then go on to Ithaca. They may not arrive many days before I do, but I would like to give them the opportunity of driving the pony one or two afternoons, if most convenient to my Lady Love.

I packed up my belongings and took them over to the Misses Fish home, where I shall subsequently be domiciled in a nice large room. Dr. Hyman, Loeb, and several others are also there.

You're a fine kind of a Madrie Padrie not to believe my fishing stories. Now

three different pairs of scales
that was my weight? Pretty
low ebb for a father who had to
jump a bouncing boy, night
walk?

I am glad that the Reeds
have finally made a decision, and
since it is made we will leave
it at that; but I wish they
had taken the refrigerator, that
other bureau, & the desk. I will
now write immediately about
the packing. It is worth while,
though, to get rid of that old
iron sofa, the wicker rocker,
and a few other things, even
though we should have to
spend more to replace them.

I have read over the reorgan-
ized, reconstructed, and reinvigorated

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I do wish I had enlarged upon the real state of things. You just wait until I go fishing again.

I will write to our dear little Louischen in a day or two. She certainly carried out some ideas in her drawings. I am sending along a recent letter from Mother.

Today I have been rather busy. You know I left without having sent a report to the Soc. of Am. Florists, of which organization I am plant pathologist. I think I will be able to complete the report tomorrow, and then I will be free again.

I was surprised to learn that Esther had had typhoid. I wonder where she picked it up!

Today I have also had a long
and satisfactory talk with Moore.
He seems to be getting along very
nicely. Mrs. Moore talks about
making you a visit, and says she
will write you soon. Tommy is
a fine boy. In appearance and
stolidity he is another "Bubsie",
only Tommy's curls are deeper
in color.

Don't work too hard, Sweetheart, and
have consideration always for my
sparkling eyes that I love.

With all my love Madrie, and
a hug for each little one,

Your old fisherman Benj.