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can't imagine how as
having any success in
this. I will be glad to
know Dennis's letter when
it comes, with much
love to you all from
all of us
Your devoted
Mother.

Sept 4th 1908.

I wanted to write to you quietly,
answer your interesting & very acceptable
letter, but we had to go to Danvers to
have my tooth filled & to get some little
things we needed. It was a hot tiresome trip
& I was too tired to write in the evening.
We went in at 9, & returned by half past
3 so we were out the hottest part of the
day, your Father stopped under every shade
between town & home & I thought we never
would get here, there we had had only a
little ice cream in town & hunger was

about to get you. I never saw tracks, as still,
as ever in this time recently.

What a terrible fright you must have had
about the children, to think of their being
kept out until that time of night, a
cold night too & no wraps! It is a great pity
no trustworthy men are to be found for one
cannot always be with the children, I believe
Marius will have to leave them again, but
I don't suppose it would have happened if it
had not been Sunday, as you cannot be
with them friends on that day. By this time
I suppose you have moved into the office
house & are ready to receive Mrs. Horne. I
hope she will not stay long enough for Marius
to turn himself out entertaining her, with the

high price of provisions it must cost a
good deal to maintain a friend even for a
week. Marius was certainly inducements to make
so much out of the gift. I know it is
beautiful. Don't you remember how much
Marius ^{insists} used to presume the crab apples whole? They
were so nice. It will be nice to have you
even vegetables for Mrs. Horne. My apples to
have disappointed me so much are becoming
so few & look as if they will dry up, we
have had so much rain. I thought they would
do well. Do we suppose you are better?
Yesterday I noticed they are doing as well
just beyond where the school house used to
be, at the front point between there & the
houses, not far from the line of bridge. The

"John Walter" has a fine overflowing well.
Your Father drove me down to Mrs Charles Collins'
Tuesday to call on Mrs Emmet Jones, he went
on to Allenville to have his horse shod. Mr
Allen has had a fine ginney put up, it is
running by this time, he will add 4 rooms
to the store. He does not seem to know what to
do with his money, sinks a great deal on that
place I think.

Well, Rich has actually gone to Auburn but I
fear his parents will not stand the separation
long, & that he will be recalled. Mr H- wants
to rent out the place, but lives in the house. I
don't think he will find a renter—
I hear Mary's Bessie had a mild case of
diphtheria & is well again. After dinner—Just

went into her toes, she called in a Dr,
he injected some kind of serum, she had
no unusual trouble with it, went home
next day. There was a piece in the Tuskaton
paper about Fred's talk there, at the Institute
quite complimentary, on the 8th he will go to
Mobile, then to Birmingham & probably
Ansonia for Institutes. Here comes the rain
with a wind that I hope will blow off some of
the mosquitoes. Your Father has bad tooth ache
today, would it have his tooth fixed yesterday as I
advised. My throat troubles me a good deal, when
I swallow I feel as if a piece, or gobber is slipping
back, (some thing as large) & it is painful to raise
my voice in speaking, but I am obliged to do it to
talk to your Father, he is getting so slow of hearing,
I can't say "hard of hearing" for I think it is want of
attention more than deafness. Kiss those dear children
for me. I would like to see some of their mischievousness.

Sept 4, 1908

When I stopped Reuben came to clean the
ticks off three head of cattle he has here. I
had to put up my writing & make Reuben
conscious for him & help him come, at the
same time giving an eye to dinner, just
as it was ready Dr Goodloe's automobile
stopped at the gate for water for themselves
(his wife & little boy were with him) & the
machine, they have to stop sometimes & cool it
off, it is a single buggy & must be terribly
hot when not in motion, deliver me from
those things!

A storm is predicted for today & I believe
we will have it, it looks as black in the
east. I've went to Mobile lately, on the
street she stopped on a small rail, it

Clubburn, Ala.,
Sept. 6, 1908.

Dear Mother;

I returned last night from a trip to Mobile and Fairford. I had left home Thursday morning. From the St. Andrews Hotel, Mobile, where I had a room, I telephoned to Aunt Alice, and she invited me to come out to her house to supper. I did so and spent a very pleasant evening with her, Alice, Louise Myron and Fred.

Friday I gave two lectures at the teachers' institute. I had a fine audience of about 75 teachers. "The Register" ^{Sept 5} and "The Item" ^{Sept 4} and perhaps other Mobile papers gave prominent write ups to the day's proceedings.

Leaving Mobile in the

afternoon, I reached Calvert
before sunset and there found
Lewie and Ida, who had written
me to come. A young lady, ~~for~~
friend of Ida's also arrived on
the same train for a visit.
to Ida. So Lewie and I went
to Calvert in the public hack
while the ladies drove back in
the buggy.

I had to leave imme-
diately after breakfast next
morning in the rain and so
did not have much time to
get acquainted with my nearest
sister. She seems to have a
rather lively and hence cheerful
disposition. ^{I liked her expression.} Everything in
their home was in nice shape.
They still have a man butler &
cook, - not the one that you
found there.

Yes Rich and Ernest Bailey
were in Auburn when I returned

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last Sunday morning. They had a room at Mrs. Skinner's, where they are now permanently located. At our invitation they spent one night in our house - when they had reason to think that hazers might be abroad.

Frederic was very anxious to enter college, as several of his classmates (older boys) were doing. I would have preferred to keep him out a year longer if our school had been good. But we decided to let him try the entrance examinations, and he passed in all of them and is very happy to be a Freshman, tho the work will be heavy for him. If I find that it is interfering with his physical development I can take him out later.

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Because of the condition of
our school, Fannie will probably
attempt to teach all the other
children at home, though proba-
bly after trial it will be
found necessary for her to
have some help.

I am sorry to say that
Frances had fever several days
during the past week; she
escaped today but is still in
bed. We do not know yet
what the trouble is. I
should have told you that her
birthday present to me was a
handkerchief, hemstitched by
herself.

Rich has a special course in
agriculture planned for which
no entrance examination will be
necessary. If it should later be found
to contain subjects too advanced for
him it would have to be modified.
There is not a house in Auburn for rent.
Yours aff. son Fred.

70 B. 13th
Sept 10th 1908

My dear son

I was about to be sent to write
to you this morning when Reuben woke up,
I talked to him until time to get dinner, the
meal is over & he has gone to the store so I
take up my writing. This is a very pleasant
day, the sun comes as clouds frequently, & a
nice breeze blowing, almost like fall. The cooling
or wind, has lessened the number of mosqui-
toes, not one has been around since I began
writing, but some will soon find me.

I wonder how you all are. I expect the weather
is delightful with you. By this time I suppose
Mavis is enjoying Mrs. Moore's company, has
she any children for Louise & Henry boy to
play with? I did intend to write this letter

to Kravis but forgot & began it to you, but
 my letters are for you both any how.
 The week began pleasantly for me, Bessie &
 Louise came Monday & spent the day, Louise
 is a sweet looking girl, not pretty, her eyes
 spoil her face. She leaves Tuesday for Nashville
 will go to one of those fashionable schools there,
 is tired of "Agnes Scott." You may wonder how I
 managed about dinner. I sent the driver to
 Susan Scott to ask her to send her girl over, she
 had promised to come when I was in a strait,
 (or is it strait?) the girl was out at home as
 Mrs Powell said "why don't you go Susan?
 your dinner is all on & Laura can finish it"
 so Susan came & in a short time had a
 nice little dinner on the table. How wasn't
 it kind in them both! I was truly grateful
 to them, certainly appreciated the kind deed.
 Mrs P. sent over some green corn & we had

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the nicest pudding I ever ate, Bessie & Lovie enjoyed it so much. You can't imagine what a feeling of relief it was just to say I would like to have as & as, give her the things & go in sit quietly until dinner was ready knowing everything would be right. Bessie with her usual thoughtfulness brought up a basket with some bread, cakes, as small, cooked beans, potatoe salad & a glass of jelly. I have kind, considerate friends have not I!! She said she thought these things would keep me out of the kitchen some.

Oh Ben! This has been one another terrible "drunk", came near choking Kate to death, she recovered & two gentlemen went in & took him away, they were in the hotel, after that Kate went up to Taledaga to see Mother's, he went to the plantation & was like a crazy arrow the last I heard of him. Bessie came from

Truckalove & took him back to Farmdale
 I don't know what will be the end of it, he
 usually tries to kill her when he is drunk.
 How thankful I am that I have no such trial
 as that! Aunt Melville is in great trouble
 now about Ben Harris, he has lost his memory
 almost entirely. Dr Mosely tells her to take him
 to Dr Bordemant in Mobile, that he is a
 nerve specialist, it doesn't look to me as
 matter of nerve at all, she asks your Father's
 opinion, I don't believe he thinks Dr Bordemant
 can do him any good at all, he will answer
 her note tonight.

Mosquito blood () Our Westerners are beginning to
 suffer from malaria, three or four members of
 the family down with chills at a time, the
 old man is too strong to have a Dr, says he
 knows how to give quinine, & they suffer with
 raging fevers. Mrs Beasley had a little spell

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but your Father soon had him up. I was
about to write you some things. Fred said
but I think the whole letter will interest
you so enclose it, will close this & answer
his letter. Much love to you all, kiss the
children for me

Yours devoted

Mother.

Sept 17th 1908.

My dear Son

We went to see Mrs Beasley
this morning, she & her sister returned from
Wex as few days ago, it was delightful driving
the air quite full like but now it is very
warm, we made as long visit as country people
usually do, as I had a cold lunch & in a
little while ^{we} will start out for two more visits
as we are "dressed up" & the buggy is hitched
up, that is a great undertaking for your
Father now & when ready we make the best
use of it. We should go to Aunt Melville's
for really she is in great trouble. She writes,
'my poor husband is in a bad bad fix,
grows worse every day, has all kinds of wander-
-ings now, his articulation is very bad at times,

& his reels & bottles when he walks." Dr. Wrenly
 advises her to send him to Dr. Bondeurmont,
 she telephoned Wrenly asking him to take him
 down today, had not received an answer
 when she closed the note. Dr. D. thinks it
 will be a useless trip, but she says she feels
 it is her duty to try every thing she can. Mr. Ho-
 ries like a child about everything, it is surer
 ones. Rich is much dissatisfied at Auburn &
 Mr. Ho- is wanting him all the time. Then there
 are the worries of the plantation, housekeeping
 & every thing, her health not good so altogether
 she is very much to be pitied. There certainly
 has been a lot of trouble in our connection
 several years! Reuben went to Hammond
 Sunday saw your Uncle Sam, says he looks
 very well now but I am always dreading one
 of those attacks. I was to have gone with Reuben
 but your Father was ailing had a severe pain

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in his back & a few months from tooth ache
so I had to stay at home. Benny sent me
word that he & Lucy would probably come up
Sunday to spend the day. I hope they will, as I
have not seen them since they returned from
the springs.

Friday morning - We had pleasant visits to
Mrs Gough (she lives at Mrs De Boss's place)
& Mrs Hatch, found Mrs Mary Hatch there.
I have not seen her for several years, found
her looking much older. I never saw anything
like Mrs Ben Hatch's hair, so white, with the
present style of arrangement it looks like a
veil wrapped round & round her head, that
is, at a little distance.

I certainly expected a letter from Ethel
this morning but it did not come. I wish
you & Maria were busy entertaining Mrs
Moore. I hope all keep well. I expect you

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was having right cool weather. Mrs Beasley
said they had fine air for some time before
she left there.

After breakfast I baked as nice spices cakes
for Sunday dinner, & have spoken for a cook
as my mind is easy on that score, but she is
awfully slow, (old Betty Matthews). We have a
fine young cow with a little calf but no one
to milk her, is it a pity! We can't hire
any one to take the milking, a little cotton
occupies all their time. Mrs Gough has the
finest cottons I have seen where Mrs De
Boer made about three bolls to the stalk,
it shows the difference in management.
I must stop now & cook some thing for dinner.
Kiss the dear children for me, much love
to you all.

Yours devoted

Mother.

1908?

Chicago 1 Aldine Place Sept. 23rd

My Darling Aggie

I am writing
 just a few lines this afternoon
 to tell you that if Maria or you
 help here write to me. Your letter
 may not reach us right away. At
 our letter from the Chicago Post office
 have been for two months. Have been
 sent on forwarded to Mount Vernon
 Arkansas, & your father has just
 gone down to the Post office to see
 the matter attended to. I thought you
 might have written to tell me you
 wished me to telephone to "Dad" or
 had some news to communicate some-
 whatly. So have written this above. Any
 letter you may send after you get
 this will come all right. As we

[illegible][illegible]

"Took my umbrella" I did not dress
up for dinner yesterday, I am
afraid. Mr. Johnson cannot be
here as Mr. Hendricks has been
down & we have Mr. Hendricks.
& while the latter is very attentive
& pleasant to me, I like Mr. Johnson
better. How I wish you two were
in the city together so that you could
enjoy the new styles of embroidery
& many things else. I am going
to Marshall Goulds very soon
with me of the latter. While we are
the new & if 'Miggle' has gone & if
the looking is good, I must say
I like the Colonel best. They look very
strongly & the needles here, as
A fine & fine. Not the Cabinet mirrors
& each other for your dear old Mother.
Papa sends you all ocean of kisses.

Sept 26th 1908.

My dear Son

I was so glad to have your letter this morning, what a time you must have had with the whole family sick, & gripper is such a bad thing to have. I am glad all are "on the mend" & hope this time will do the family for the winter. I think with cool nights & hot days persons are very apt to have colds. By this time I suppose Mrs Moore & the children have left & your household is comparatively quiet, Marie must take time to rest after so much moving, & company. Sprit children usually keep a house in a state, gives every one so much trouble & are

are now satisfied, you are right about among
my years from the beginning, but it is right-
best to do when many say one mistake after
another to such an extent, if there is no good
reason, you will give you no trouble. I
hope this summer you will not forget them
the Graville, be as careful to you all, perhaps
I never will receive the summer concerning
with you, will also help with the children?
My promise work, or rather help, (the said
the know nothing about cooking, did not one
night day, now have I seen or heard of her
since so I am still at the disagreeable work,
impatient all the time to get through & that
some thing more interesting to me. This work
I have had study work to do in the cooking

kind & so many interruptions, comparing these
different days when I was in the midst of
work, that would not happen again in some
perhaps.

I think I wrote you yesterday evening & day after
yesterday but slight showers in the morning
prevented this evening, they have no time to
this happy. Now Thomas came, but as the temper-
ature was just excellent conditions there was
no reason, not as hot out. I would have you
if any one else had come up. Arthur was
with us.

Today before yesterday we went to Aunt Pauline's,
we found Mrs Thomas a little stronger though
but how but oh, it is distressing to see him,
evidently there is slight possibility of this life-

sides, his tongue is thick, sometimes it is very
difficult to understand him & if others laugh
he cries, your Father says he cant laugh,
explained it to me but I cant make you
understand. He has softening of the brain & I
believe that is incurable, at any rate when it
has progressed so far as his. The saddest thing
is, that if his physical strength holds out he
may live several years. Sister Sally watches his
every movement & is on a terrible strain all the
time. She left the yard a little while to attend
to some work she was having done, when she
returned Mr H - had had the same horse put
to the buggy & said he was going to drive
himself to Hamndale, a few minutes later & he
might have gone alone & caused her a great

deal of anxiety. "Old fatty" as Reuben calls him, was there, I am afraid he is trying to fix himself on them, on the plea of helping them with Mr Harris, but he is no help only another burden. Sister S- is trying to make arrange ments for next year, thinks she will rent all the land she can to negroes, & the balance to a Mr Lock boat perhaps, he will want meals with them if he comes, & sister S- says she would ceil that cabin in the yard for him if he will stay in it, it would be a great satisfaction to have him in the yard, but this is not positively settled yet. Yes, we read of the forest fire & the want of rain, we have a threatening for this evening, much cotton would be knocked out by a wind

* said, so much space between him & domestic
members of my own race at New York's gate,
waiting their turn.

Myt comes over yesterday evening & offers to
go tomorrow, or do little jobs for us, he gets the
most & Russian, stops kneeling for the Russian
we do, it is so good help to us.

Henry & Ida ask us to make them a visit, I
wish very much we could but don't know
how we can go unless Myt could stay here &
write for himself, but he won't hardly do that,
says he is afraid of jail.

Frank letter of the 20th says "Seamus is still
sick, we fear she has typhoid fever but Dr
Dexter has not pronounced it typhoid." The
importance of this from his has sick with

now walks in the other end of town.

It is true I was doing my evening work,
hoping this will find you all quite restored to
your usual health & with much love to all

Yours devoted

Wm Brewster

[illegible]

my books, teaching of the "eye" & put into "senses" & the world.
Philosophy & mental reasoning,
also the "Power of Science" by
Hobbes, Locke, &c. &c. &c.
Science of "reasoning" is fine,
& honest. I hope one "young" &
we "perfect" teacher, I hope the
"young" you receive the "eye" in
"senses" by "senses": "Papa" & "Mama"
you must have it "senses" & "senses"
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"senses" & "senses" & "senses" & "senses" the

is too attractive & lovely a woman
to have an inconsiderate husband.
She is a great comfort &
pleasure to me. & I trust before
long the supper stock can be
sold & she will have her own
pocket money supplement at least
to trust on. You also my dearest
Papa is trying hard to get the
"Love Drill" which will cost
£2.200 to commence the work
on the Munro property. He has
no money to spend on luxuries
at all Papa's salary had to pay for
the family's stock & his large amount.
but all well that ends well.

curiously excited & that you will be comfortable this winter. Wonder what the
children are doing right
now, my wife & I will take
a peek at them, kiss
them for me. Please
spare this dear old
sore leg, please love to
Darwin, yourself & the
children.
Yours devoted
Watson.

Oct 3rd 1908.

I am afraid I can't interest you
much this evening for my head aches & I feel
nervous, but it is a week today since I have
written. I was up at 5 this morning, have
been "busy as a bee" (but little hands work
thaw gathering honey) all day, that is
until now, 2.30 o'clock, & have not done
half I wanted to do, the days are so much
shorter, but this is beautiful weather just
cool enough to be pleasant, really some nights
we should have had fire but did not. I
hate to begin fire making, so much extra
work. The mention of honey reminds me,
did you see Mrs. Mull's price in the Adven-
turer? I think he said he had 3 tons of

of money on hand. (I wonder why he doesn't
 ship it) & has way enough to pay the rent I
 think; he must shoot out of a long gun but
 must have a good deal from over 100 shins.
 I rather he must took tea with us this week,
 Mr Hart, he lives at New Allen's place, came to
 play chess with your Father, he is a nice old
 man, an Englishman, pretty superior to New
 Mull. I am sorry he will not remain in the
 neighborhood longer than this year.
 What with the threatened shootings, & the
 announcement of Bessie Minger's engagement
 Hannalee must have been in quite a state
 of excitement this week. She got drunk, raised
 a row, went around disturbing the peace &
 was put in the calabace, when let out, he
 armed himself with 2 pistols & declared he
 would kill Joe King (the Marshal) for
 putting him in, Joe kept out of his way

for fear he would have to kill him in self defense. For a day or so this was put in again, George Adams got him out & hurried him off to Mobile to prevent further trouble, took him to Dr Bondeau and they say for treatment. Negro threatened to shoot Mrs Shreptine (Queen Beavers' husband) & he "skipped the town."

Bessie is to be married to Mrs Luke Simmons, a Spring Hillite, his family reside beneath ours & I don't know what she is thinking of to do it. He has been "in society" in Demopolis, that is where she was thrown with him.

Johnny told her all about his family before he died, but his girls seem not to heed any warnings, or have any family pride.

Today aunt Melville visited Reuben & ourselves to join them in a really back hunt but

none of us could go. She writes that Miss Harris
 is improving in strength, will go to Dr Boardman
 about next Tuesday, Dr Morely will take him,
 perhaps I wrote you we spent a day with them
 lately. This morning I had a very nice letter
 from cousin Fanny asking me to go up to the
 Fair & stay with her. I appreciate her kindness
 & will thank her for it, but if there is very
 money to be spent in travelling I would
 rather go to see Henry. Fred wrote that Frances
 had been free of fever some days & there was no
 other case. Frederick is getting on well in
 College & Fanny teaches the other children.
 Yesterday & day before our winter's supply of coal
 was hauled up, 4 tons, we have a ton left
 from last winter altho' we have cooked with
 coal all the time. That seems very little to
 you I reckon. I hope the Atholens house is

Culbourn, Ala., Oct. 4, 1908.

Dear Mother; -

We have had a beautiful Sunday, fair and rather cool, but still dusty and dry. We have not had rains enough since Aug. 10 to plant our main turnip patch. Fortunately I planted a few turnip seed before a shower and so shall have a half stand on a few rows, - no chance now for rutabagas.

We had Richard and Ernest at supper Friday and again Saturday, - as we thought possibly hagers might be abroad. We also took them with us on a kind of picnic Saturday afternoon, -

going out to the farm in
buggy and ~~old~~-horse wagon
that he has recently purchased.
We have two shiny sleds for
it. Everybody went to Anne
Francis, and Dorothy included.
The longest back had a load
of sugar cane, which we left
at the store to be sold in
commission.

Rick and Ernest spent the
night here, not for fear of horses
but because Grady is attached
to both of them and they all
wanted to read or here, read to
them "Tom Brown at Rugby" which
is regular in their English work
and which Rick was getting aw
entirely too slowly.

While here Rick showed me
letter from his father, which
seemed to indicate that his
conversion is not so bad as I

feared. Do cases that kind
ever recover? Does softening
of the brain mean rapid
physical collapse? Can
very anxious for Rick to
stay here long enough to get
something of value out of his
instruction and to be better
able of leaving to support the
family. As he is somewhat
backward and at first had
very strong notions of what he
did not want to study, it has
been difficult to make up the
lost ground for him. The more ideas
very well satisfied with almost
everything and to have received
his inquiries about having
Lynch and father called
take advantage of the reduced
rate to the Montgomery Farm,

Sept. 19-26, to make us a visit.
It is a pity for you not to
get more of the pleasure
of association with your
grandchildren.

If Uncle H's. condition
should cause Aunt Melville
to leave Langville you would
stand all the more in need of
seeing more of us.

I have an appointment
to make a brief talk to
farmers on Thursday of Fair Week,
also a similar appointment at
the Doctor Fair, Oct. 16. I may
go to Washington to a meeting
about the middle of November.
With love for you and father
and Benben, I am

Your aff. son
Fred.

October 11th 1908

Dearest Maria

I have looked & longed for one of your
nice letters but it has not come, so I will write without
waiting longer, if you will excuse this cloud paper
& the crooked lines I know I will make, nevertheless
write straight without lines. This is Sunday night
we have a little fire in the chamber, Dr L. is
reading his paper & I am thinking of you all as
I write. How had a night-bree summer did it
go! first Fred & Harry to entertain a month &
then Mrs Moore, what is it now? getting the
children fixed for winter? It must be a relief to
have a cook as that goes down is not so much
taken up, I certainly wish for one, the days are getting
shorter & I have a little time for my thing, but kitchen
& housework, I am trying to get some articles made for
our Bazaar, & I want to make some of your presents

but fear that there will find them unproductive.

Remembering, however, & visiting them the rest of my spare time. Why you find the business just satisfactory? I believe some of last night's work will, in taking, I had some more work, but, say, whatever, & I know a lot of what the ground to enjoy very much, for I have to have to have at this time, is very low, especially, hope to have under a living there & is trying to get some kind of work to do, has been right under it, but to get a job, he want possibly work, and not see the work, want some of tomorrow being another, is I don't know what he will do.

Dr. Q. & myself, down to the depot one evening last week, then, and next Judge Thompson, he told us his wife & daughter (Mabel) were at Mrs. Perkins' as well as I had by to see them, the Perkins family are still friends as I find that I must have them to discuss some day soon, and I can get history to work discuss that day of course. I don't know, Mrs. Perkins is, would like to have them, I don't find it so much off to the

Remembering how fine, that, as my passing sometimes from seeing many fruit to go up & stay with her, but I would find for a trip & don't see her & I would know that Dr. Q. will be with. I hope he & I will go down to visit during this month, but he seems to have no idea of it, and we will get right to stay in the place for a week while we move the week.

William Thorne. How of it, and I think I will be

remembering, I expect they are all busy at present

working pretty well.

How the time was taken to the last Sunday, is I don't

advent with Dr. Q. he would have to stay outside for him to see if he will do anything for him. It is

idea of the case & Dr. Q. is now equally the same.

I don't really is trying to attend to the business, friends

and work a week give any thing to know that to help

but have the importance of his remaining at

college, he wants to come home as much as the work

like to have him. Every talk of going to visitation to

know. And don't spend it on divide it over to that

I could stay with her while L- is away. Poor Profligate
Harris is there as their protector, but it is only to say
there is no man in the house, he is good for nothing.
Remember you remember Mrs James of Chelsea don't you?
We were so shocked to hear of her death last week, you
may have seen it in the Advertiser. Are you reading
"the Spiritualist's Book" & what do you think of it? I am
reading it. How are the dear children, well & full of
fun? Is New fast or has he grown thinner than when I
saw him? I would give any thing if I were near enough
to see them sometimes. I enclose a letter from Fred, nothing
special but I thought you might like to hear from
them. I saw another letter he said Freddie was doing as
well at College. Beans are falling & soon I will have to
spend a day having them gathered, we have a boy
climb the trees & knock them off, then there is exercise
picking them up, either bend on stiff knees. The tree
by the smoke house tree very few, the garden tree a good
many, the tree opposite the back steps was split by the
wind & will have to be topped, it is such a pity. It has
gone out to get the much, I hope there is a letter from
you or Ben. My eyes have about given out, please excuse
bad writing, much love to you all.
Your affectionate Mother.

To Maria, Hsela

1909

3552 Letter on Chicago's Ills.

October 14th

My Darling Maria

We enjoyed your
Dear letter very so much. & hope
now you will have some rest
from Company etc. I don't believe in
giving friends a general invitation
to visit as they have the advantage
of accepting when it suits themselves.
The smart question was always
frankly in Illness, & I am
truly glad you have a German
Girl & a stranger. I sent your
Dearest by mail yesterday &

Pen, which can be used with you. Lie. must be assuming responsibility,
on at - your Belt. I think it will which is taking most of his ready money
be pretty - with your black dress, however at he hints at it in his letter; he
will blue & gold. Papa sends you Love had better save up to pay Real Estate
& thanks for your interesting letter, where he has opportunity. I hope some
day he will do what he can to see day we will have a nice home, where
some of your stock. At present he is you should have a Refuge where
getting the "Love Bull" & preparing to you are tired & want a Mother's
sell some of the Treasury stock to pay Love & care. Papa Aggie & myself are
for it, in addition to the money col going to a Matinee this afternoon
lected from the stock holders. who have not & it is now after one. P. M. we are
entirely paid up. Thus done. Charles going to hear Theodore, in Congress

& the baby all gone & only 5 o'clock
Now I wish you were to go with me
& "Papa" need recreation. Love & kisses
to Ben & the Darling Children. I am
glad Louise goes to school. I want
when I was young & could read well
at first. The weather is beautiful
but I have had rheumatism &
have not been out much to enjoy
it. Have bought nothing new except
a Grey silk waist. I wear with my
silken dress of last winter. In haste. ^{From Dublin} Mother



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Dr B M Duggar
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Ithaca N.Y.

Oct 21st 1908

My dear son

It has been about
10 days since my last letter to
Ethel & you may feel anxious
about us, as I send this to say we
are quite well but have been
so busy. Yesterday I had some
business to dinner you know what
that is for one with no help are
arranging before hand, this evening
from 4. to 5.30 there will be a
reception at Mrs. Spencer's given to
Laura & her Mother who are visiting
Mrs. Hatch. Mrs. Powell kindly offered to
take me down, otherwise I could not
go. It is rather cloudy with an east wind,
rain may come up before that time, Mr
Spicer is parking his car right in the lot, over
200 buses & still packing. Much love to all, your affec-
tionate father

Our pots are very low, also the house
 very dry. There is plenty of
 water in the other wells but
 we are to draw for the
 stock. I don't know what we
 will do. I hope you will
 have the trip to Baltimore
 if ever you will take the
 children. Marie did not
 write me her letter she
 then. I forget to say Mrs
 Stuart & Miss May were
 at the ~~Congress~~ ^{party} on
 as lively as ever. They are
 going to see down the
 old house & put a new
 one on the corner apt
 to write soon but
 have it there, such
 love to you all, kiss the
 children for me
 Your devoted
 Mother.

I was delightful) came yesterday morning. I was so
 interested in what you wrote of yourselves & the
 dear children I think of them by day & almost
 dream of them by night, (would if I did not
 sleep like a log.) I hope hope Marie & yourself
 are feeling quite well by this time. You must
 not be so much any more, but it is hard to
 resist the temptation to put ones shoulders to the
 wheel when work goes slowly, I can't help
 doing it. You have a roomy house here & I know
 Marie is busy keeping it in order. I thank you so
 much for sending the plan, can think of you
 all at night & other times in the living room,
 the children playing around. It is fortunate Louise's

relaxed is there you work & she can sleep along
with you every morning. I hope so she gets larger the
with experience the fear of dogs. Frances was the same
very & some more she has no pretence for them, still,
she claims to get tenses. The children keep their ground
over & will off the puppies. But I have disagreed —
The maternal speaking goes? ^{the} answering on the
words, I was thinking you had been married long than
that, & that Anne was 6 years old last March, I want
keep up with all you put it since I want keep up
with anything three days this I was always asking,
he wants to be at home, & others with no say time to,
I was trying to get ready some fancy articles for our
Wagons that I was pushing the ladies to have only
one. See. The work was afternoon (yesterday) was spent
at the church to meet the ladies to make arrangements
for the services & entertainment of Mrs. Chatterton
the Congregational, who will hold a mission in our
church from Nov 3rd to the 6th. One W. Davis & wife
are to be accompanied also. Mrs. Heath will take

Mrs. Chatterton to stay with them & Mrs. Fox will
take Mrs. W. Davis, each day some number of
the congregation will have them to dinner. I want
not ask them to stay with me, should as I would like
to, but I expect for them the first day for dinner & I
will fix many things the day before. I will ask wife
to say & have it to be with us that day. "We are all
these things take up so much time & I have no
help yet, will get Henry to work the dinner, but the
second one so badly the day the ladies were here that
I feel she is a poor dependance. That day she came so
late I had to go into the kitchen (all dinner to make
the ladies) made a stuff the turkey & put it, & some
of the vegetables on - but the same after outside &
your so dinner was done late. We all had splendid
times, at any rate I enjoyed having my friends & they
said they enjoyed the day so much. I wish you
Mrs. Small would take one to a little independent
mission given to Denver & Mrs. Weston at Mrs. Spencer's,
from 4 to 5.30 of the no W. Davis day. Show the old

Ladies met & chatted pleasantly awhile, then we
were seated at tables in the dining room for
refreshments. The oldest ladies, 8 of us, were at the
large table, I would have headed the list but for
Mrs Dick Hatte, your Father says she is 80, I can't
believe. Refreshments consisted of chicken salad with
great big pieces of pressed meats, 1/2 ones some times, pickle
2 kinds, ketchup, & a hot, buttered, crisp roll on each
plate, coffee. The second course was delightful ice cream
& white cake. I believe I could have had such a
reception with less trouble than I did the dinner, &
have complimented the neighbors as well as the
visitors to the neighborhood. I had too thin a wrap
& took cold coming home & for the next 2 days was
awfully crazy with neuralgia, my face & gums swelled
& after the pain is over I can only eat soft things
I should get up courage to have those old teeth out, at
any rate the top ones.

We are having weather just cool enough to need a
little fire, today is cloudy but I don't expect

To D, Ithaca
pm Oct 21, 1908

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My dear Dr. Tugger,

If it would be absolutely convenient I would like the November (forty plus) and December rest before I go away. It would simplify matters a little for me. Quite probably I shall not be able to get off before the middle of November. I trust the book is all finished as far as the party of the first part is concerned — which reminds

me that we were to have
a stem and unyielding
lease were it we? I wish
you could buy the house
instead. — I do hope you
will be comfortable in it
and I am

Very cordially yours
Elizabeth Kerr Atkinson.

1908?

Regards to Sir & Mrs.
 Muggers & family.
 I hope to be with you
 in the fall of the year.
 I am at the
 Hotel Hamilton.

Chicago Ill.

October 29th

Dear Mr. Hamilton

I want to have
 the business talk with you
 this morning. Is here in good
 a room right to suit, only a
 little larger & with a window
 to the north with a good view,
 besides the east window, & with
 a library & large closet. will
 be vacant by the middle of
 November. Is the occupant that
 & lease the lake in account.

of her week long. I'll have
rather fast just, spare it to
Nov 21/5, a few weeks, I'll be
than about the probability of your
coming in December; the fact
you could have it in the
house behind you yourself &
the children. I'm a head,
but Mrs. Bon comes to work
here it pays \$10 a day; the
old said that if you engaged
the woman before you occupied
it, you would have it pay once
consideration. As the woman will

be in November at home at her
house fast just, spare it to
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That your & the year he is having
measured. I hope the basket will
get Louise. I think them to
fully & comfortable too. For this
these 'baskets' are always of fine
line, 'Papa' is well & very happy.
He wrote to you yesterday. I
am so afraid that if you can't
come by Dec 1st the room will
be taken. Try & persuade Papa
to let you come by that time.
At we want you here with us
instead of being further away.
Write me as soon as you make
up your mind so that we
will all know what to do. Kindly