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Ucle regarding correspondence w/ Elizabeth Kerr
Atkinson

Explanation: Eliz. Kerr.

Atkinson is, + has been for a
couple of years, probably a widow
+ not very well off financially.

Apparently the B.M. Duggan's are
renting her house in Hhaea.

This letter saved for satimists

expressed. Letters are
frequent but mostly only
thanking for checks rec'd.
M.P.P.

Jan 5th 1909

Very dear Son

I had an idea that 10 days had
passed since I wrote to you. I hope you have
not felt anxious about us for this it was hard
to keep warm those cold days we kept very
well. I found it hard to write or do any thing
but try to keep warm, those two days of cold
wind were terrible (Friday & Saturday) the days
you were from home. When the weather milder-
ed I found many things to do in doors & out
so that is the way I missed writing. I find it
very trying on my eyes now to write at night,
altho' I do it some times.

I was very glad to have your letter from Boston
you had to know a good deal to give that lecture.

I hope you felt no bad effects from the trip. I am glad you had a good audience, it would have been very discouraging not to, after such a trip. I am sure the lecture was all it should have been.

Professor Mann is enjoying her sister's company & busy with entertaining her, keeping house, &c. &c. Your Father had a call last night about 9 o'clock, it was a lovely night, I went to Mrs. Powell's, (she had invited me to do so) I stayed to breakfast as he forgot to give me the house key, but he sent it up early as I went over house, soon a man came to do a days work, as I did not know what your Father wanted done I was glad to take him in the flower yard & have work done until your Father came, part of a day last week I had "Lure John" as by degrees I

hope to get over it, there is so much Bermuda to dig up & pick out. I have trimmed the rose. This evening it was so pleasant I spent some time cutting the dead wood out of the English holly bush & humming a song near it. Your Father is having the upper part of the old garden cleared off, says he will plant it in oats for chickens & calves, but I doubt if it is done.

I insisted on his planting some peas the other day, a few onions are growing & that is all that has been done in the garden. The cold killed down the mustard but I think it will put up again.

Sister L. writes that This is quiet, & the hands are all working. Her cook expected to leave the 1st so I am afraid Sister L. is in the kitchen, I am afraid the work will break her down.

Mrs Stewart spent part of yesterday afternoon with me, her house is progressing nicely.

I had a letter from Fred yesterday all even well, he had spent one day in Mobile at some meeting, you & he can accomplish more in a short time than any two people I ever knew, he did so much that one day.

Neither Lewis or Ida have written us a letter since they moved, the 10th of Jan.

Reuben was with us Saturday night & Sunday. It is so late I must stop & take this to the office for the night's mail, much love to you all & kisses to the dear children,

Yours devoted

Mother.

[illegible]

but he is better tonight & hopes Charles had returned home &
knows he will be able to express your glowing accounts of "Chuck"
you a package & which we have but did not see them & yourself
were sent earlier but mailed one which was not very satisfactory
he's gone down home. I hope Alice makes that she had a truly
the "China" note got broken & you got a & received many presents
will like our New Year's gift. Papa Aggie is well but the poor child
says he hopes you have missed it constantly annoyed by Mrs W.
the "Christian Herald" which he who is irritable & made most
noticed sent to you weekly. He is of this time. She is truly a good
he sends you much love. He was a bad woman; The ghost you sent
both disappointed that you did not send me I am so beautifully &
not make out of your wish & think me very pretty. Alice sent me
Phoebe Darling do so & tell me a blue belt breakfast jacket
how Charlie is situated & how quiet & swaddled & delightfully
he is looking at. "Lorenzo" has comforted me this days weather
written me a sweet letter & says Douglas sent you some handkerchiefs

Mellie sent me \$17.00 a piece.
Charlie \$0.00 a piece. Kate sent
me a pretty lace huffe for the
neck. Mrs. Longley a beautiful
look. Aggie gave me a lace hand
& some handkerchiefs & numerous
cards were sent me also a Bottle
of Angelica Wine & Lett. but not
that. "Papa" gave me a beautiful
picture & a lovely comb. Love Ben
much love & tell him I enjoy
so much wearing the pretty &
beaming with ornaments. Did
you make it "Darling"? I made
one for Aggie, & will make you
one if you wish me to. We get
along happily & comfortably all usual

I am just stay with her, but
 a good day, I go up my
 house nearly every night & turn my
 head up to see how she is, but
 in most of my letters as to be
 able to see quick, but I can sleep
 but the Dr. during, I wish the
 Your letter last night was a real treat,
 I had been expecting an account of the children & was
 & your trip, Ben said you would write. I am so glad
 you & he had such a nice time, such a vacation.
 This of short duration, is a great help to people always
 busy at home, it relieves the strain. Mr. Sharkey treated
 you fine by. You were fortunate to secure such a
 good nurse for the children in your absence. I think
 you were home just in time to avoid bad weather
 were you not? or have you had the cold weather?
 We have the cold wave upon us, & today is very cloudy,
 looks as if we might have snow, I am sitting close to
 the fire writing on my lap. Dr. D. has been getting
 in a supply of coal for bad weather. Now I would
 like to have a furnace heated house, then I would not
 mind getting up early & making the kitchen fire. I
 did hate to get up this morning but it had to be

does. I am very glad you like the wool comfort, I took great pleasure in making it & hoped it would be acceptable. I made one for Fred & Harry too, however could not cover mine with all that family, & 2 boarders. Now I would have enjoyed being with you all at 4 ones! the children particularly, dinner is very sweet I think for her age. The young Duggars are certainly "taking after" their parents.

Yes, I did enjoy having Freddie but he stayed such a little while. Then comes Reuben I will have to stop talk to him & get some dinner for he will be in a hurry to get on to Whittenton I suppose, has been at Lammie's all the week.

Dinner is over, dishes washed & Reuben gone to Whittenton as I will try to finish my letter but I am so cold I can't ^{scarcely} write, have the "tumbles" when I am cold & this day the air is so penetrating! & trips from the warm kitchen through the "ice house" (dining room) is enough to give any one a chill. Such days I don't pretend to warm the dining room, just take breakfast & dinner in the kitchen it is more comfortable & so much less work & I have to consider

that. Reuben went out sister Sally's request to show Rick about measuring off land for the house, grading &c but if he returns to college he can't do much at that.

I think I wrote Ben of dining with sister Sally 4 ones day. I wanted them with me one day during the holidays, Freddie was with them & wanted to hunt out the old gun so I asked them down New Years day, Freddie with them. It was a lovely day but quite cold, all (5) came, also Ben & his wife whom I had invited, Reuben of course - I secured a cook for the meat dinner, I had prepared the ^{staying before} dessert, jelly, orange & nut cake, then I had a bought plum pudding. We all enjoyed the day together, felt it might be our last chance to be together for the winter. I wished you all could have been with us. Dr D. drove Freddie to the 4 o'clock train to Tammendale to attend a party with Ernest Bailey, a college mate & cousin, Bob Bailey's son, Ben knows who she is. He remained with Ernest until Sunday morning & the two went up to Auburn. Fred wrote they arrived safely Sunday night. Dr D.

brought back this box containing the beautiful vase
from Ben & yourself. I was so sorry we had not gotten
it before, so they all could have seen it. I thank you
both so much for it, it is a rarity as well as being
so beautiful, occupies a prominent place in the
parlor. Melville Minge sent me a cut glass vase but
I don't think it compares with my Althaus vase altho'
it is the first piece of cut glass I ever had. Beccie
sent me a little bon bon dish, cut glass also. I was
in luck with scissors, Henry & I had sent me a
case of 3 pr, Ambrose & Shurlgas sent me a pr also.
Sister Sally gave me an embroidered centre piece &
Lucy a neck dress with a long jabot, her own make,
Lucy Minge gave me 2 little collars, & Benny 3 bulbs.
I had other presents. Ida wrote me she had a good
many, some very hand some. I am afraid they will
have bad weather for moving, decided to wait
until the 10th.

The Dr is in hourly expectation of being sent for to a
lady, when the call comes if it is in the middle of
the night I will have to get up & go too, is it that
bad? but I can't stay here alone & they said they would

One Hebe, No. 50
To Marie, Whelan

1909
Blenheim Jan 10th

My very "dearest Marie"
Enclosed permit
me to say as my little
present for your New
Year's Xmas. The first
book will do "contents"
and as you will be my
very best friend old Aunt
who often would love to
see you & your dear
little children. I am now
enclosing your letter for

apoposable such me
Mrs. Alston who was in
Laurie Verden of Plymouth
I want you to enjoy them
with me. So am in a hurry
to mail them at once -
Your dear mother does
enclosed my dear present
Address. I did not know
it during James death
Pleasant's name will
be sometimes tell me
how you are all getting
on. I am for your good
husband. Yours ever

the children I wish I knew
them all. "Aunt Annie"
is looking fine & she & I try
to make the best of
this life before us. We have
many friends who seem very
fond of us. I Miss Edwards
takes great care of Aunt Annie
& is a devoted friend. I am
regretting the death of dear
Winn Overton who was
your dear Leonard
Hagards' 3rd daughter.
She was a very much loved

which has been removed
off for three or four years
by her brother in law Mr.

John Hawkins he says
that all he could help
her friends have been her
all afternoon so I must stop
for this time well

"Good night"

God Bless you &
your family

Wendy is the wife
of your daughter
'Beet' Kelli

Assomonet

Postmont.

Jan. 10, 1907.

Dear Mrs. Duggan,

(at Ellsboro)

Here is a belated letter from
forgive me & accept my very best-
Thanks for that sweet basket you
sent "the Greenhouse baby" - that is
always a safe way to address a parcel
as there is always a Greenhouse baby on
hand - This one's name is Edward
Binder called Teddy for short - & I
tell you he is a buster with such a
lusty voice that his grandfather
calls him "the Rosemont Rover" -
He is four months old and almost as
big as little Lucie, in fact his feet &
hands are larger - she is a frail little
child, & very backward as she has only
commenced to creep, has but three
teeth & does not talk but the doctor says
she is coming on all right - she is the
sweetest tempered child I ever saw -
As you probably have heard I am spending

the winter in Montreal as I did not feel equal to
undertaking the long journey back to Columbia,
with two babies & starting up housekeeping with
Columbia's incompetent help. Grace lives with
my mother quite close & I keep two nurse-girls who
help with the domestic work as well & so far everything
has gone well. It is hard being away from all
my Columbia friends from my husband - he was up
for two weeks at Christmas and now it will be
summer before I see him again.

Mrs. Bates is very sorrowful & writes most doleful
letters but her husband will be well in a few
months evidently, but you know she does not look
on the bright side of things, she ought to be
philosophical like me.

How are the Phillips - I suppose you see a great deal
of them - I liked them both so much, didn't you -
You know of the old crowd at Columbia that are
few left & this winter three of us are away, Mrs.
Leaves, Mrs. Bates & myself. &

The men had a great time at Dr. Hilt's in

auguration; Jerry was there, Mr. Boston & James
& Dr. Albert Deane. Do you remember two years
ago at the Leaves at Christmas time what fun
we had with him - do you remember your husband
& the "Hay", an imitation of a Cornell professor
whose name I have forgotten.

My mother lives quite close it is fine being able
to see her every day & then Judge & Mrs. Southam
are very good to me and to the children - We are
planning to spend next summer at the seaside
it will be a change for me, after summers in the
hospital.

I do not get much Columbia news as Mrs. Noyes
with her large family of children seems to be too
busy often - They bought the Jones house on 11th St.
the one the Prottons lived in & have it very pretty
now as much of it has been done over. Many
people are moving to Westmount & I believe we will
have to move with them next fall - I will need a
roomy house as I have such a big family.
There is Louise & the boy - they will be a contrast -
as she is dark & small & he is fair & big.

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I never saw Scotland with so much dull
weather - sun & rain & some days very
cold - I am hoping for some fine after
winter days, the gloomy ones are depressing.
Did you remain in Whia last -
Summer? I should think it would
be very pleasant there - The worst of
Coleridge is its very hot summer &
the long journey that one must make
to get to the seaside - Would it be fine
of some day that got a cold & Cornell but
I am afraid that day is far off.
The men are all so contented & hopeful
now that Dr. Hall is President.
The Browns are enlarging their ^{house}
building on that front their on the north
side - I like Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Richard.
Have you a good photo of yourself? I
would like one very much. Some day I
am going to be taken with my five
children & send the group to the Home
Journal with the query - ~~the~~ college
education for a woman lead to race
suicide? -

Good bye my dear with many thanks
& much love & best wishes for the
New Year
Ever your friend
Mabel H. Newholme.

Monday, Jan 11 - 1909.
Dear Mrs. Duggan:
Thank you so
much for the bundle of clean
stockings - I did wonder why Homer
received chest of tan stockings but
it did not occur to me that they
were wearing in Athens. Thank
you also for your lovely letter de-
scriptions of your Baltimore trip. You
certainly had a good time. - I hope
very soon you could sit down at your
desk and see me on your way home, but
I will hope for better luck next time. S.



POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY

Mrs. B. Mc. Sawyer
5 East 9th
Brooklyn
N.Y.

THE SPACE BELOW MAY BE USED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

Along of Columbia River
Caught down Sat. night
Valley this morning.
Do you know him?
His father is taking pictures
of the river. - He
thought with him some
magnificent specimens
of the river. - With love & regards.

degree of looks to consult,
 and I hope them all around
 & going up every thing to
 writing quite as usual, except
 whether they get out any
 ideas from it or not I can't
 say. I am sure it will be good
 if done, sure -
 I have a note to send by the
 paper that you believe
 Brown has left now dinner
 & gone to his own Father's
 says the Bishop will
 down. There will be every
 night. You better & best know
 it is best time to go to
 night, I can't leave to
 you all & a kiss to the
 sweet & children.
 Your devoted
 Mother.

This is a dull time for letter
 writing, nothing interesting happening, but it
 has been some time since I wrote to Maria,
 over a week I believe & you will be expecting a
 letter. The last two days have been very unpleasant
 - smart, cold & penetrating, the air seems to go through
 me & my feet are never warm, we had a little
 sunshine today but yesterday was cloudy all day,
 however the preacher came & we went over to
 church, he began with about six persons but others
 came later until we had a right good congre-
 -gation. Mr Harris has improved in his sermons,
 he delivers them without notes, I can't help feeling
 uneasy for fear he will break down, it is so

I forget to say, I have a rock at last apparently a very good natural specimen of a good glass
new to them. We had some new people at church,
the Blackbys, they occupy the Bob Collins, &
the Shivers houses. They are tobacco smokers, I don't
know how it will flourish in Johnsons grass, but
I suppose they will try it. I don't remember whether
I wrote Annie of a visit I had from Mary Ellis &
Annie G. Mary was on her way to Mrs Spencers
for R & Red here, could not stay to dinner, they
both admired the beautiful vase you & Maria sent
me. I think it would be a lovely centerpiece for the
table with white hyacinths in it. They are so
pretty now, the violets also. I wish Annie could get
into the violet bed to pick all she wanted. I
wonder if she doesn't miss those two & a half
hours with the children. I expect she would like
to begin again but the weather must be very
severe with you now, quite different with Waver,

he wrote on the 10th, said it was almost like
June weather. That was the day before it turned so
cold with us. Waver says the R R wants to buy
more land for the water rights & "if they want
to buy this 40 acres, I will sell ^{try to} 9,900 worth of them
mountains, take up some & try to be the first to
install a sub irrigated fruit farm, for there is a
good climate, good soil, near R R, market for
all our new acres" That sounds as if he owns the
place he is on, I wish he would tell us a little more
particularly of his affairs.

Now Webb & family after several weeks stay with
Mrs Powell, returned to town today, no danger now
as all their runs "took" finely, I suppose all is
entirely well.

Joe Brown died last Wednesday, his health has
been wretched for several years, poor Maria has

Your letter
to your
father
has just
been recd.
perhaps the
children are
guilty
better by
this time.
suffered as much on his account.

Joe Timber's hunt for him, he heard of a good
many turkeys for sale, his idea is to buy them at
about 10^{cts} a pound & ship to N O for 18^{cts} a pound.
He said he would borrow a wagon, hire a mule &
put his horse in with him, drive the wagon himself
for the turkeys. Mr Keller offered to crate them for
him as he will not be at much expense. I hope it
will turn out all right & that he will make some-
thing by the trade. Our man has 25 turkeys & some
of his young gobblers weigh as high as 21 lbs, there
are as good many others besides. On Sam's
birth day there is to be a debate 2 girls against 2
boys, Louise Duggan is one of the girls, Miss Foster
the other. I think Louise very young to begin public
speaking but her mother was anxious for it & insisted
that Louise should not decline, then wrote to your father
"to help her me to help her," forthwith she pulled down

[illegible]

"Papa" thanks you also for your kind interest & interesting letter. I say when plans for the future are only
he feels stronger. He will answer it. Hopefully waiting that the Treasury
his long change over & makes some stock can be sold this winter. I
weak but I think it is gradually then we will be able to sell some of
getting better & I am taking the best part of me with it. We have an agent
care of him, & try to keep him out on the road. Who thinks he can
the camp old money. Reggie comes over often to see us, & is cheerful
considering the surroundings, she
had. Mr. Matherson has an unfor-
tunate disposition & is now making
"Jack" uncomfortable after urging
him to go & be with her. I am
so glad to hear that Alice thinks
of visiting you next month. Darling,
you know at long at "Papa" is tick-

of his interest. I can make no
plans for the future. am only
hopefully waiting that the Treasury
stock can be sold this winter. I
then we will be able to sell some of
the best part of me with it. We have an agent
on the road. Who thinks he can
see all of the Treasury stock by
June 1st. In that event the machi-
nery can be bought & the work done
on the mines. Would you like
to see your Lot in Shipplon? I
wonder if we there can sell our
Lot Reggie you & I for \$500.00. wh'
would be a good thing. & if you
say so. at home at the rail road.
at Savannah is completed. I will

try to get a purchaser. I don't think
Mice ever want. & live in Bluffs.
Dear little Boyer. I hope he is with
you. I am aromatic Symp of Plutarch
willi. the drops of Laureum at
night. if he has no other. I will
you will. that when you were telling
of the medicine did you do good.
Give the Plutarch also alone during
the day. me. Beasomful at a note.

I am glad you are enjoying social
life & having a good time. both Ben
& yourself. Reggie goes out frequently.
& dances & the Thedie & has many
friends. She has a pretty set of
& hand some coat & fur. I have
Miss. I will make her a black
Latin dress on Wednesday. I have bought
nothing new. will wait now until

To Maria, Boston
Jan 26 1903

24 QUINCY STREET
CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Mrs. Duggar,

We are very glad
to hear that Mr. Duggar
will come to us on the
thirtieth, altho' our pleas-
ure is mingled with
regret that we cannot
see you at the same.

time.

We shall hope to have
a little visit from Mr.
Duggar, and that he
will stay with us over
Sunday, coming here
on his arrival from
Litchfield. If he could
come to us Friday, no-
thing could be better.

We shall hope to hear
a day or two before hand just
what he finds it possible
to do, and when we may
expect him.

My kind regards from
St. John, Conn., to you,
John & Mary.

January Sixteenth

To D. Chase

Jan 25th 1909.

My dear Son

Yes indeed, I was glad to hear how you were facing that snow weather, it is a great pleasure to know that you were comfortable & the children kept well. Now, I imagine the snow has disappeared, that is judging from our weather, & you may leave your windows open as I have. Yesterday & today have been real spring days, yesterday Reuben was with us & we sat on the porch all the evening, needed no fire at night but I made a little to warm our biscuit for supper. We were so fortunate as not to have very cold weather tho' a cold wave was predicted for us. The winter has been as mild

that I can't feel that it is winter. The
severity of snow keeps the roads in fine
condition, we travel with hauling this winter.
I never saw such tremendous loads of hay as
Mr. Bull's wagons take by, & only 2 large
horses to a wagon, he is storing it in a large
barn near the depot to be ready to ship at
any time.

So Louis will romp with the puppy, must
be overcoming her fear of dogs, but then he is
so small yet audacious I suppose she could scarcely
be afraid of him. Did you ever read "Hellen's
Babies"? they were the most wonderful children
don't you think so, bad, & smart too. Margaret
& Frances sent it to me 4 years & I have been
reading it, that reminds me Reuben says he
would like to have the pretty illustrations gone

offered to send. He says send them to Prairie
ville, they are too careless with mail at Van
Dorn. I will be interested in them myself, then
I have come to the conclusion that chickens
can't be raised on this place, it is so covered
with Bermuda that there is no chance for
them to scratch, or get grit. Our hens are not
laying at all & it is the general complaint, no
eggs.

I wish you could have seen Reuben's buggy
load this morning, he drove up to Mr. Wilford
Collins' (at the George Collins house) to get 5
turkeys, stopped at the front gate & took on 2
hens I raised for him last year. I had a canvas
sack half full of prairie seed for him to plant,
tied it in the middle, in the upper part was a
bundle of mustard seeds for two or three

dinners, that with a large bundle of bread,
biscuit cake &c was put on the seat by him,
then there was his big slicker coat that weighs
I don't know how much & his heavy buggy robe,
he could just slip his feet in on the sides, they
helped keep the foot in place, it was fortunate
for the horse that the roads are good. I don't
know whether I wrote you that R. found he
could drag turkeys & ship them to N O or Belling
ham & make something on them as he drove a
wagon to the Mr. Fosters place last week &
brought back 25, shipped them, now he is
getting up some more. If he had only known it
in time turkeys sold new year in N O at
30^{cts} a pound, he could have made a nice
profit, bought last week's turkeys at 10^{cts} a pound.
I am longing to make a visit to Laneville this

good weather but we cant leave home just
at this time. Sister Sally has had so much
trouble with Theo' he wanted to rent some of
the land, she did not wish to have anything
to do with him but ~~she~~ he insisted as on hearing
some that she consented to rent some to him,
then he wanted to pick the land & some he
wanted was land Lewis has been cultivating
for years, he tried to persuade Lewis to let him
have the land & because he would not consent
he pulled out his pistol & shot at him 5 times
but missed him, the lands left the fields in a
booby & swore they would all leave, they didnt
want Theo over them, as they said, Theo then
talked to sister Sally in the most outrageous ^{way} ~~case~~
he had a perfect right to kill Lewis or any
one else, she then told him he should let have

a foot of her land. It was with the greatest
difficulty that Reel, Mrs Barber & her self gained
the hands & they consented to return to the
field, but Thos said he intended to get Lewis'
2 men hands & then he knew he could get the
land, offered little Lewis 20.00 a month to
leave his Father & come to him. I have not heard
the result of his offer. All this is terrible on sister
Sally & she feels so unprotected now that Reel
has returned to college, there is no telling what Thos
might do, he should be in confinement in a
lunatic asylum or some where, such a man
should not be at large. Mrs Barber has threatened
if I- goes on that way to close up the hands,
take their stock for their back debts to him; then
sister I- would be in a bad fix, she could not
 furnish team & advance to the hands. Still you

what you men who have professions, & no
plantations to run are fortunate.

Acord from Henry says they are fixed at Wagon,
that is, in the house, but his offer is to be repair-
ed before he can arrange that. I hope I may be
able to make them a little visit this spring.

I wish I could send you & Maria a piece of the
orange cake we had for dinner yesterday & today.
I wonder if Maria has the receipt. We think it
so nice. I will try & send one for you the next
time you come.

I think some ladies will be dropping in presently
so I had better close my letter & be ready for them.
Much love to Maria, the children & yourself.

Yours devoted

Mother.

1849. Rhode Island - Avenue Washington

February, eleventh, nineteen

Dear Dr. Duggar,

I thank you for the check and the plumber's receipt. I will answer your inquiry about next year - in May - two weeks - with that date. I was just hoping you might be wanting to buy it by this time, and you could keep the furniture therein until I needed it? I hope Mrs. Duggar drew on my closet for her "tea", and she must enjoy having her sister. I went to the station here to see Mr. Burr - Certainly - "Wish what measure He needs" - is not written I think temporal. To feel quite desolated by Mrs. Burr's going and for him it is an unspeakable loss. - Mrs. Hubbard writes

that he "Affligé de cette détestable
affection qu'on appelle 'le trippé'".
Poor gentleman. I hope that
weather is not as bad as in
the West. Here - it is never
really bad.

With love to Mrs. Dwyer and
the children —

I am

Very cordially yours
Elizabeth H. Atkinson.

To D. Ithaca
p.m. Wash DC
Feb 13, 1909

Dear Dr. Douglass -

I just remember that
I failed to speak of the trees.
The pear trees undoubtedly should
go. The Hawthorne I believe
could be saved, if anyone
would take the trouble. It
has responded so gallantly
to a very little attention,
and wants to live - quite
evidently. It was such a
lovely thing, I cannot quite
sign its death warrant.
As it was cut almost to
the trunk and sprayed zealous-
ly, I do think it would, at
some not far Spring, express

its appreciation. However —
unless it is cared for, it will
have to go and leave it
to your judgement whether
a replace will be permissible.

Very sincerely yours
Elizabeth Herr Thomson.

Please excuse this writing
from the dear children
for my mother has to go
all
Your devoted
Mother

Feb 15th 1909

This is a very disagreeable day, cold
a cloudy, looks as if we might have snow, as
usual I am shaking from the cold all the time. I
am close to a good fire, can scarcely write
but it is too cold to run on white muslin
sweaters, I began making my summer dresses
last week as there is no telling what I may
have to do when warm weather comes.

It is now half past 10 o'clock & your Father
has just gone out to feed the stock, the pro-
cultors have been cutting hard for him a
long time, but no call hurries him.

I was very glad to receive your letter a few
days ago, entertainments to Mrs Parsons kept

Maria & yourself on the go. That was a fine dinner she gave Mrs P., I would like to have been in the pantry & had a taste, our winter fare becomes quite monotonous, having no beef somewhat now throws us back on hog meat, turkeys are too large for our small family & chickens not to be had. Every day I look out at our 'green patch' as Sluey says, & mourn the loss of it, the weather keeps too cold for it to put out again. A good many persons have bought & set out cabbage plants but I should not think they would grow. Benbow put out 100, had mustard seeds & some other things killed by the cold. He spent Saturday night & Sunday with us & altho we had a heavy snow Friday & it was very cloudy Sunday he went that evening in the buggy to sister Sally's. Sunday night we had snow enough to fill all

pools & put the creeks out I should think, again yesterday there was rain so his poor little horse will have a time getting him home & R- will suffer too if he comes today. I know he will be afraid to stay longer, might be snow bound. Dr Little came down last week to look after Mrs Boylston's affairs. I think I wrote you of his death. Dr Little has a mortgage on the land, Mrs Harris is a creditor too. I am much afraid the property will not satisfy the debts, our telling how much money Mrs Harris let him have when he was in England. I had a letter from Waver a few days ago. I am glad to see he looks favorably on Fisk's proposition for a reunion at his house next year, that is if he can scrape the money to pay his expenses. That confirms my fears that Waver was accumulating nothing for

could easily have done better and his nature
state working at almost any trade. He has
done such hard work out there & contracted
shin splints that every last bit of it, it is a kind
of heritage any way on my side of the house.
I suppose Ted wrote you of his wish to have a
reunion, what do you think of it as far as your
family is concerned. I think Thanksgiving would be
a better time but I think they have only one days
holiday at that time. It is a long way off to plan
for, but if any of the children are there & I can
creep I will certainly try to meet them.

I had an order yesterday for 5.00 worth of paspalum
seed with the prospect of selling some to the same
party, they were to be shipped at once so I went to
the lumber room sacked them myself, sewed them
up & they were smacked, ready for the first chance

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chance to Gallien, fortunately a man stopped in early this morning to see the cook & he carried them to the depot for me. I asked that "Uncle John" might take them down on Avenue, but "no I can't trust my horse with old John", that is the evernag event I get in trying to do something to make a little money — The old Duggers are hard to beat in cranky ones.

Your father had a letter from Green, he says he he can get around in the room by holding on to the furniture, his right is very poor he said, tho I thought his writing pretty good, his left side from head to foot is dead to sensation unless it reaches the bone, still, he goes to the plantation Monday & returns Friday or Saturday, is trying to sell all his land & straighten up his business matters, evidently he realizes that another stroke may come at any

times. Aunt Mable had 2 chills last week
& Mrs Harris was very unwell, the cook was staying
along because of the sickness. Sister Sally is longing
to have Ruth home. I don't wonder at it, there is
so much to be looked after.

I am so glad you all stand the cold weather so well,
the children particularly, how I would like to have
a peep at them! Mrs Stewart & Miss Mary spent
most of Friday afternoon with me, Miss Mary is such
good company!

When ever you get the promised pictures of the
children sendy I will be glad to have them. Did
you ever send the Paul try bulletins? We have
not received them. How about your book is it
out yet? I have written a long letter hope I have
not tired you. I send 'The Lady of the Decoration' last
week, liked it very much, this is an awful pen-

as you Father says, this
 driving is awfully, as we
 when the wind is high
 as I can have a very little
 word, for it does to
 it. As you must
 know from the other
 "logs". It is getting too
 dark to write, much
 love to you all & a
 kiss to the
 children.
 Your devoted
 Mother.
 24th 1909

This is bad weather for writing but
 I must sit by the fire & do the best I can. I
 had no idea my letter was as long as this, I
 had not looked over my letter list in some
 days. This cold, dark, blustering day makes one
 wonder what kind of weather you are having, a
 snow storm perhaps. For several days it has been
 pleasant, this cloudy a good deal, yesterday I
 was too warm with no fire in the house, tonight
 I expect every thing will be hard frozen, our poor
 salad patch was getting as we could begin
 using it again, had some yesterday & it was
 more tender than the first growth, ate about
 like spinach. I was walking around yesterday

evening for species I was glad to notice that the birds on the fruit trees are gone backward than I thought, so I hope a freeze tonight will not kill them. Fred wrote that the frost cold spell killed all his strawberries, they were bearing, wasn't that a pity!! All his vegetables were killed too, even onions much injured.

This little boy, Reuben & Henry, have showed such a fondness for raising chickens that he has consented for them to use their own money in purchasing a second hand incubator. I hope they have not set it yet - That reminds me to thank you for the poultry bulletins, 2 envelopes of them came several days after I mentioned to you that they had not come. I am trying to get all I can out of them for Reuben's benefit he can't read them through & through. He has

not been able to buy any more hens, I never heard of such a scarcity is there is in the country, eggs have been so scarce & high that every one has tried to get a good lot of hens. Ours have begun laying, that is a few of them, last night I left 4 in a high trough in a stall, thought they would be safe but Chery made way with them, it is so unfortunate that she will suck eggs.

We have not been able to go to Linnville as we wished, the weather so changeable, one minute very cloudy, then the sun for awhile & so on, several times too to make the road muddy. Sister I - had two chills but was going about when I heard from her. Mr John Harris came over Sunday in spite of clouds, he gave us a very good sermon preached without notes. He dined at Mr. Gorman's, we were

invited down there at church but your father said
he would be so long hitching up the buggy that we
would detain their dinner & so declined. In the afternoon
we drove down & made quite a long visit as a shower
came up. It was our intention to call to see Mrs. Johnson
in her new house but this rain prevented. Mrs. Stewart
& Miss Henry spent Saturday afternoon with us.
I have been waiting for a time to ask them to
dinner but if nothing is good, it is cloudy over head &
so it goes. Mr. Matthews is holding a mission in
Danapolis, Reuben went in Sunday (we might have
gone but for Mr. K's business) Mr. Matthews will be there
until next Monday & I hope we will have a chance
to go in to church, Sunday if not before. I was so glad
Reuben went for he will not go to hear Mr. Harris.
How is the boy Sinner? do the children still enjoy play-
ing with him? I suppose by this time Mrs. Parsons
has returned to her home & you & Maria are getting
from entertainments for awhile. I am getting some little
spring sewing done, today tho, I have been mending up two
over coats that I think have been in use 25 years, you
may know they needed a good deal of "catching up"

To D, 1899. Rhode Island Museum, Washington D.C.
Hence March second. sometimes mine.
Dear Dr. Duggar, I have not quite
kept my word about "his week".
It had been extremely difficult
for me to work out a problem
such as next year presents. As I
said I so hoped you might decide
to buy the house, that how to re-
rent had not formed in my
mind. Of course I shall be glad
to have you keep the house, but
I don't see how I can continue
~~and~~ the present arrangements, there
are so many details to it, which
would be hard to manage from
a distance. You see Mr. Helms
pays seven dollars a week for
his room - that boy three each
Adair has two a week for his
partnership. That is eleven a week ^{for}
for forty weeks, and I have

usually, had sixty or seventy
for that place during the sum-
mer. That is you will find
hundred or about that - over
four, without the summer students.

Do you not think it would be
more satisfactory to you if you
paid seventy five a month for
the entire house - it would re-
duce your expense by a hundred
and fifty dollars and I should
infinitely prefer it. Indeed I don't
see how I can rearrange for
next year, as I suppose Edwin
would not be available, and
"she" long will be going.

We do hope you will be willing
to make this change, but would
like it ever so much better if
you owned the house.
Please deduct \$12.10 plumbing
bill from your porch charges.
I expect to be here until the

twenty third and will send you
my further address when I know
it myself. I heard Mr. Nelson
lecture last night - He sounds
and of "Phelps' Stork" the mischief
only he is a much better speaker
than an orator - very earnest -
a bit of a fanatic. Washington
is a bidge and a maze of
"Bleachers" and "Bunting" and "Le
Roiest" most has no decorous
regret in its tone. Mr. Russell
asked Mr. Roosevelt the other day
which senator he hated most
to which he replied - "the one
I saw last."

With apologies for any delay in
writing, I am

Very cordially yours
Elizabeth Ann Atkinson.

expected home last night
to stay, I don't know what
the girls do to mislead
his friends. We talked over
these Wreckers &c, also a few
daughters, each very pleasant,
also a detached state and
a sister, a minister, says she
has not felt the loss at
all. I regret you are going
this cold night. - Hope
you are all well. Give
the children for me, tell
them to write to me
when they come of age
the time, much love
to you & all from
Your devoted
Mother
P. S. Hope Father is
taking a good trip
and the sailing cheer.

to Danvers tomorrow I cannot write any letter
to night, but my eyes are feeling weak from the
wind & smoke today, there has been a high west
wind that always sends the smoke down the
chimney, it has gone around to the north tonight
& if it holds I fear we will have frost & the
first birds that have appeared will be killed.
If this north wind keeps up the frost will have
a cold time being inaugurated, & spectates a
severe winter. Yesterday it was so warm
we did not really need fire but I kindled up
a little to dispel the dampness, early in the
morning we had a very heavy rain & I hardly

thought Mrs Stewart & Miss Mary would come over to spend the day (I had invited them the evening before) but they did, Mrs Daines brought them her buggy. We four old folks had a very pleasant day together.

It seems some time since I heard from you, I hope some of the family have been sick. Henry had not written for some time, last night I had a card saying he was just able to be out after a 10 days spell of influenza complicated with bronchitis, & they had not let us know a word about it. He said "Dr Webb came up to see me during my illness" so he must have been very sick. If he had wanted me I could have gone down & helped. John seems better. She had taken a newly married couple to board & Alfred, the cook, took French leave, she expected

a cook to come on Monday.

Sunday we went to Danapolis to church, it was the last day of New Matthews quiescence there, we wanted to go during the week but various things prevented, mostly uncertain weather. The services were delightful, the sermon fine & the music so simple & sweet, 2 violins (1st & 2nd) accompanied the fine organ & full vested choir. It is a beautiful church, only too dark. We stayed to afternoon services & were into the night getting home but the evening was pleasant, road good, & moon bright. Cousin Dotie took us to dinner with her at Mrs House. Coming out of church we met many friends, among them Miss Carrie Waters, you remember her, she was an old sweet heart of your Father's but after an absence of 70 years from Danapolis he did not know her, &

did & we had a good laugh on him. He is
always laughing at me for not knowing people.
We saw Louis Mummert & Sally Thomas, she
was there for the picnic. Louis is very thin &
it is thought she has consumption, also her
eldest son, about 12 I suppose he is. Cousin
Dotie told us of the death of her Cousin at
Stafford Springs, was there for Bright's disease,
they thought he was improving but he was taken
away very suddenly & died in 20 minutes in
great agony cousin Dotie said. They had written &
asked her to go over there they wanted to see her.
Cousin Alice took his body back to Colorado.
Ask, where they have lived some time.
Last Friday we spent with aunt Webster,
Reuben went up the day before, we found him,
himself & his men working on a fence, fixing a

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let mine the stable to be planted in Affair,
she has all such things to look after. I thought
she & Mrs H- both seemed better than I expected
to find them. Mrs & Mrs John Harris dropped
in to dinner. I little has been down twice to
look after Mrs Norfolk's business. Chadwick is
going out west & asked for Warr's address, but
he will hardly meet with him away out in those
mountains.

Tell Lizzie our little grasspicks came and a boat &
back now, she & the Boy could have a fine time
playing with them, they are very much like the
Mother. I have at last persuaded your Father to
put in some garden seed, we were just in time
before the rain. The cook says if we will pay
her extra she will do the housework when needed.
Mrs Powell was over yesterday, "Dr Will" was

Maria's letter has just come, thank her
for it & answer for her.

March 10th 1909.

Dearest Marie

I was much pleased to have one of your interesting letters after so long a silence. Louise's letter surprised me very much. I had no idea she could do so well writing the letters & the spelling was perfect. All very grand daughters write to me now, even Dorothy, she gets Margaret to write at her dictation & she signs it 'D.O.T.' that is doing right well for her.

What a time you have going out & seeing things, hearing lectures &c, so different from our quiet lives, I do wish sometimes there was something to be seen or heard, it gets so lonesome here, but I don't mean to complain, I could sit around town life, unless it was a quiet village. I hope Louise enjoyed her birth day party, I

thought of her many times that day. Who is "Hannu", one of her little friends? No, Ben did not write of Ben Stumpe's invitation, it will be fine thing for you all to spend two weeks in the mountains & I hope you will accept. I would enjoy so much helping you to get the children ready if I was only near enough. Would you take the German girl too?

We have had a good deal of rain lately, starting from day light until sunset there was a succession of thunder storms, every thing was covered with running water, not quite deep enough to deep as baptist, but enough to wash the yard thoroughly. I spent the day evening, when it was light enough to see, the clouds make it so dark. Sunday we had so much rain that Reuben could not go home. I was glad to keep him for

he had a dread full head cold & cough too. I doctored him with quinine for the head cold, & honey & glycerine for the cough. He was much better when he left Monday morning. He takes so little care of himself. I wish he had a good wife to take care of him. I expect he is out in the mud now working on a fence or cutting a ditch in his garden.

Miss Hatch & Minnie came to see me Friday I think it was, about the first thing Minnie said was, "how is Row & Grace" then she went on to say she had not written to you, but "I am going to write Maria & nice letter very soon," said I must tell you she had been so busy, I could not help laughing & saying "about what Minnie?" "Oh! I have been taking voice lessons & had to practice, then I belong to a sewing club, & I

feel away so much time talking to Dr
Pearson. Don't you feel sorry for her!! She is
on a visit to Uniontown, where she returns and
will go down to call on her, & Mrs Rev Hatch jr
& son. Mrs Hatch went today to borrow, cut,
sew, & pillow. I wanted to know if she sent
for sheets & pillow cases for it? Haven't any thing
can be had in this old university shop.

Our friends Mrs Stewart & her sister have gone to
their new house. I will visit them very much, had
them to spend a day with me before they left.

From the talk at Mr Davies they think Blanche
will be married as soon as her school closes, &
Hattie Collins too, some time in the summer. I
think you met Blanche here. Her beau is a
baptist preacher. Some thing is to happen for the
ladies are busy going to fix up their church with

a new carpet.

Our first four are all blowing, if there is no killing frost we may look for a good deal of frost, but I am afraid the frost will come. I had a letter from Sam, she said they had entirely removed from his arkhouse but had stuck a nail in his hand.

I suppose all are busy at Pease Station this is approximately true at the College. I did not have a letter from him but couldn't be sure. Perhaps Miss Rose of Pease leaving her down "Grand", she was slow but gentle, enough the children to down.

I wish I had something interesting to write but there is nothing going on to interest one much here & Rose, the children & yourself.

Your loving sister

What you were saying about
soul milk & how what you
about your eyes. I want to know
you not to eat much cake & read
much appeals the eyes through the
phosphoric (discovery made of late
by a French Scientist.) You remem-
ber too how Leonora suffered from
red & red aches. I had to wear
glasses: when at that time kept
a lamp on table (day at work)
now they have glasses & more

substantial good. I don't eat candy
& other sweets for a time & rather
grow eyes there as some times
a day with water as hot as you
can stand. using a little brown
and in the water & see if that
won't help you. I also know from
experience what I am writing.
I am glad Louise enjoys riding
her Prigout. I wish I could send
her a fully dress. but my funds
are limited until the September
15th gets on its feet & some stock
(Treasury) can be sold. for Papa
has to let his salary run on at-
tachment. The annual meeting
will be held on the last Saturday

of this month. "Papa" has written
a nice letter to Mr. Hedman
but he is a bold faced Roman
with no idea of business matters.
Agree it well. I come over often
to see us. usually late in the
afternoon when we have hot coffee
in one large comfortable light
room. "Papa" is well & looks none
worse. Your Father used to know
Mr. George Trenholm of Charleston.
Paul Trenholm his brother &
family used to live in Beaufort
& my Father Dr. Linnard met the
Guadalupe & Gustave for the widow
& children. & Irene Trenholm
went to school with Mr. George
Trenholm of Charleston not a very

highly respected & prominent;
than in Charleston & the Me-
Belli family etc. of the same
class. I wish I could meet some
of those nice Charleston people
I am tired of the desecrating of
Northern second class people, &
of the snobs who abound in this
State & are of the same class.

Most of my girlhood days were spent
in Charleston & I know of the fam-
ily names. There, for good & bad
the South Carolinians showed me
& I do see. I can determine
too easily for my comfort sometimes.
Aggie dear sweet child, has that
right to her thought & sympathy
deeply with her. I on the other hand

March 17th 1907.

My dear Son

Your interesting letter came 2 days ago I was so glad to hear from you all. I am sure ^{Mr. Engelund} was well that, he was a friend of yours but I had forgotten about your having had some in his house one summer. So many friends now die suddenly of that disease, it is terrible.

I would like to see Louis in the gymnasium suit, I know it is becoming, by the way - what because of those pictures you used to send of the children? I am waiting anxiously to see "Boysie". I hope the children will not take whooping cough, at any rate until Ben is through with his tooth.

Yes, we did have some ice enough, every river & creek in Ala I believe was out, & much

damages done to property in some places, but not many lives lost. Kind morning, was in darkness one night owing to the Electric plant being under water. The rivers were almost, if not quite as high as in the flood of 1886. 52 feet at Montgomery. The water was over the Cahaba river bridge. Aunt Melville wrote their creek was out of its banks every day but one for a week. I was sorry to hear old Lupt (the man we call on so often) lost all his stock by the water. It rained about three days at one time, besides heavy rains several days previous. But I was astonished to find the sand to New Hatoh's today comparatively good, one or two little holes, yesterday & Monday were bright drying days, & this is a sunny day too. We went this morning to call on Minnie, Mrs Ben Hatoh's go, & the grand one, he is a fine little fellow, just 5 weeks old, they are all so proud of him. Minnie leaves

tomorrow. Hey! how she does dress! We met Mrs Joe Collins making her call there.

Fred has said nothing lately about the 2 new cunnies, I suppose he thinks there is plenty of time to write of that. I am much obliged to you for thinking of the poultry book, no doubt I can get some things from it suitable to poultry raising here. I think it would benefit Reuben very much to hear such discussions as the Farmers had & I think he would enjoy them. Thanks for the advertisement of your book, it looks fine & we wish you the greatest success in the sale of the book. I hope all the Universities & Colleges will use it.

Conce Patten has been looking around for turkey eggs but has found none, I think he feels rather discouraged, saw as good many at Ben Hatoh's today, & at a neighbor's house yesterday (where he was visiting a friend) he saw a box full, the

woman has 16 turkey hens tho' a good range for
them. ~~They~~ have not been fed high. We had a
letter from Fred last night, some of the family had
been suffering from colds. Frances has been allowed to
enter College, she is delighted. The main object of
his letter was to urge your Father to settle up these
two tangled estates as he said. I fear it will
have no effect, he seems determined not to do
any thing, & to let the Trustees handle every
thing go to ruin as he does not have to make an
effort, all he cares for is to amuse himself.
It has been some time since I heard from Henry,
altho' my last letter required a prompt answer. I
hope he has not been sick again. It is time to
fix up my letter for the mail, much love to you
all & kisses to the children

Your devoted Mother.

March 20

1909,

Providence

H. D. Thayer

Dear Ben:-

This was the usual
time for go mother to
write you - but she has
a headache tonight and
I have the pleasure to
write for her. I think I
know pretty well the cause
of ache, for we went to
town - Danvers - yester-
day morning & it was
severely raw, a rough cold
west wind met us in the
face during the whole trip,
— she was shopping — &
after dinner time when
we came out of town she

divested herself of Hat & left it with a milliner to "do one again" - and so only wore a veil all the nine miles home: Again this evening as cold as it was she gave over to our neighbors without hat - only a little shawl or excuse of head-gear. 'Twas all very impudent in the extreme - & she is not as vigorous as to stand these exposures, without harm; each one only loses the power of resistance. Demopolis is a dull place - in fact but little business is doing

the small price for cotton & higher prices for provisions should stimulate the farmers now to make their supplies nearer home.

Only the waters have covered the earth hereabouts. Rivers with back water and every creek out of its banks, and the weather-men predict a fierce time in April. - the real storm of the season is to be over on us about the 2^d of April. The farmers are backward & much land to be plowed over again. Not many have planted their corn & but little cotton in the ground.

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gardens away behind.

Today, I had a letter from Bolling's wife in ^{Tuck} telling us that their youngest son had his arm broken, this however is the first accident to either of the 3 children.

Last night yr mother had letter from her sister, as gloomy over Mr Harris' condition, poor fellow it is so unfortunate. I had to work pretty hard to prevail upon them some time ago to send Rich off to school, as he has already passed the age of Application - he is near 20 & has no titles

Education yet. whilst
Lucy is naturally smart
tho ugly in face, and
may develop out of
it into agreeable manners.

I should have liked so
much to have been near
enough to Dr Elliot's Lec-
tures points. He stopped at
Mount Gomer & Trusk ^{Co.} but
I read what of his addresses
was printed. — He & I would
be so glad to step in & see the
grand children sometimes and
watch their playing. ^{Lucy} & I
did fail to notify us of Lec

attacks of La Grippe, and
sure - from what I heard
that he had quite a hard
time.

This all around
for us, and Mrs. Lou
sends love to you
both. I think Ruben
is beginning to feel
more settled at the
Milletot Place. Even
the Hens are on a strike
I believe for we hear
all our neighbors com-
plain of scarcity of eggs.
There is not the least
news afloat. Good
night to you both with
much love from

all the family - I
believe Mrs. Lou is
fast asleep or will
not arouse her, sweet
sleep is so good for her.
Affectionately yours Father.

Ed. Suggs

P.S. Say to Marie that I
think she can stand
a good deal, if she
has withstood the various
functions you reported.

D.
Marie - Ville. also -

March 26th 1909.