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October 1<sup>st</sup> 1909.

My dear Son

I am all alone today, your Father went to Denopolis to attend to some business. I would have gone with him but cant afford to lose so much time. I am afraid he will be out this night getting home.

I sewed all the morning, have taken a cold lunch & now will lose you for awhile as it has been more than a week since I have written.

Reuben came Saturday to dinner & left yesterday evening. Saturday morning he went to New Blackton - by's to buy some Beron Leghons hens, as they had

nearly sold out. he took all that were left at a bargain he thought, 40<sup>cts</sup> for hens & 1.00 apiece for cockers, they have fine stock. They have decided to return to Ky. & are selling out every thing they can. Now R. - will be busy putting up another hen house for them. I hope they will pay for themselves in eggs, they are 25 to 30<sup>cts</sup> a doz now. The weather today is spring like, very cloudy at times but it seems it can't rain, those who have not bored wells are bothered about water for their stock & the negroes about drinking water, they carry their washing to the bored wells. Uncle John Olley gets his drinking water from here, draws water in the lot for the cows. Every thing is dusty & rain is badly needed.

Last Wednesday your Father went to Island to a

speaking. I went with him as far as Fannettsville visiting the kin. First I went to Mrs Watkins' to Bessie's room, then I found Mary, Keubelle, & herself all much surprised to see me, after seeing and after Bessie walked with me to Annas Brown's & Keubelle Pruitt's, both were out, we returned to Mary's to dinner, after dinner we went to see Lulie Harris & Fanny Jackson, the latter was sick in bed, her little son who had fevers 30 days is up & able to play around. At Mrs Harris' we learned that he expects to give up his parish, go to Expps where his daughter lives (June 1<sup>st</sup>) that will leave us without a minister. I expect we will have to try & persuade the Decopolis people to let Mr Jones give us a Sunday in every month. Well, after the visit we went to Bessie's & stayed until 6.30, Bessie &

Melville walked to the train with me, don't you  
think I did a lot of walking that day. The night  
was beautifully bright & the ride home very pleasant.  
On our way over we came to a burning tree, but  
the fire had not long been burning as it was put out  
& the evening not considered unsafe, we were detained  
not an hour.

Just to think Ben what a mistake your aunt  
Bessie's crack manager made, early in the season  
he sold 500 bales of cotton for the Kings estate at  
10<sup>cts</sup>, now cotton is 14 1/2<sup>cts</sup>, isn't that a heavy loss for  
the estate? Some say ~~they~~ all the places together  
will not make the 500 bales, he has made a  
muddle of the whole business for what I can  
hear & still the family all seem to think so  
much of him, they did not tell me about the

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cotton. Melville has a rich bean in Selma, Mrs Jones, she had not used up a large box of fruit of all sorts (I had some of it) before a tremendous box of flowers came, (the day I was there) I got of the largest, & most beautiful chrysanthemums I ever saw, stems nearly a yard long, & 2 dozen lovely pink rose buds. The chrysanthemums sell for only 3 dollars a doz, & roses about the same, isn't it a waste of money!

Of course you know the Brimlows in Tarkenton & may remember that there were two old maidens, ladies, sisters in law of Mrs Brimlow who lived with the family, after Mrs Brimlow died these old ladies still lived with Miss Annie & Brimlow, not long since one of them died, in 24 hours the other died from the shock of her sisters death, they

over 80 years old. I do not hear from Henry  
often & I do never write. I had a letter from Mary  
recently. The children are all doing well at school.  
Frederick leads his class in mathematics, & Charles in  
English. Margaret is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade & made the  
best marks in Geometry & Latin, how they are letting  
them go ahead!! too fast for their bodily strength  
I think. Andrew is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade & Henry in the  
5<sup>th</sup>. With all the College work Charles tries to keep  
up music & elocution, 2 hours of laboratory work  
every evening.

I hope your little ones are well, as well as Maie &  
yourself. I think you have hardly had any bad  
weather yet. I must go out now & trim my roses  
some, can't do all at once. Much love to you  
all & kiss the children for me - no news from  
Wave. Your devoted Mother.

to C. H. H. H.

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1909.

My dear Son

Your letter dated the 4<sup>th</sup> & post marked the 8<sup>th</sup> came last night & afforded me much pleasure. I was glad the delay in writing was not caused by sickness in the family, but I tried to think not. I am behind times with my letters, hope you have not been anxious about us. I had not looked at my letter list in some days & had no idea that my last letter was written on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Does it time fly when we are busy! it seems no time between some days.

I had no idea Mrs. Weatherston would make such a long visit, with her, & her

& Mrs Robertson to entertain I can readily imagine how busy Maria was & can excuse her for not sending that promised letter. When they leave I expect she will have a general cleaning, & straightening up for the winter & then perhaps will come the winter sewing. I can't find time to do much of that, people say 'oh' there are only two of you to cook for' but the same things have to be done as for 5 or 6. The fire has to be made, table set, cleaning up, keeping the house in order (so far as your Father will let me) &c &c. Now will come extra work, fires to make in the house. This morning there is a very cool wind from the west & I felt so cold that I made a fire in the chamber, must put down the art glass & that will

make the room more comfortable. We had a little snow yesterday morning which caused the change I suppose, the days had been hot.

I am surprised that Fred has not written you about the reunion he wants to have at 7/8 mas, he seemed so full of it. As you say it would be impossible for you to bring your family even if you could come yourself, & I think it very doubtful about Warr's coming, Reuben says he could not go, so I think I will write & propose to Fred to put it off until 'a more convenient season'. The whole family of us seem <sup>financially</sup> unable to ~~any one~~ take trips, the expense of having as many would be a good deal on Fred & I know he is pushed this year, poor crops on his little farms

& extra expenses, those children being in  
Montgomery to long & the others visiting  
them while there must have cost Fred  
a good deal. We might not be able to  
arrange to get off, if we could, your  
Father objects very much to a winter  
visit to Auburn as on the whole I  
think it much better if Fred would  
consent to have us all some other  
time, when you could bring the family  
& make us a visit too, I am as anxious  
to see the children & have their Uncle  
get acquainted with them. I am afraid  
Waver is making only a living & cant  
afford a trip home, he never says he is  
making any thing. I have just recd a  
letter from Henry, he says his expenses  
are 100 dollars a month, cant be cut  
down & he is not making that much

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now, the place is very healthy at this time, in August he made more than he is making now, however, he seems to think there is a future for him, but as he says it is hard to sit & wait when he has been accustomed to such an active life. Waiting, is a hard thing to do. Now I must start the dinner fire, cook some of the nice turnips salad. Reuben brought me yesterday. Well, I will resume my writing as dinner & dishes washing have been dispatched. Reuben brought also a pair of the nicest persimmons I ever ate I wish you & Maria had what are in the dining room now. I reckon the children too would enjoy them. I am glad Lavinia is learning to write so fast, hope it will not be long before she can write Grand Mother

letters. I like to hear of Roy's energy, he will be all right I am sure tho' I suppose it is a little hard to manage him. There is much satisfaction I know in having engaged your help for another year, I rejoice with you, would like to be in the same fix. I stopped my writing this morning & tried to talk a woman into coming to cook for us but I could not. The negroes have made almost nothing with their crops & still will not take a cooks place.

Saturday your Father, Reuben, & myself were asked to take part in a nut hunt in honor of Miss Marilou Brumlow, Lucy's guest. Reuben could not go, but we went, joined the Harris family in the woods near there, not as nut did we see (this is the off year as they say) but we enjoyed talking & playing "Hicchi", the dinner

was fine, every house keeper carried a basket, we had cold goose, several kinds of salads, slaw, turnip tongue, croquettes, pickles, colls, biscuit, & bread crisps (brown) & the hot sort made of cheese, egg dressing & green peppers. I used tea, grapes, apples, several kinds of cake & some pies. I tell you we all enjoyed the dinner especially as we had plates, knives & forks. There were only about 14 of us. Beanie & her 3 lost grand children, Mariah Brown & 2 children, Lucy Briggs, the Harris family, even Mrs Harris & ourselves, others were invited but did not go. After dinner Lucy proposed we should go to the house & have some music by Miss Marilou, we did, the Farnsdale people hurried home because they heard it thunder. She plays very well. Your Father went with Ben Davies to a speaking in Danapolis Friday afternoon.

thinking they would be late returning I  
went over after sunset & sat with Mrs  
Davis until they returned, it was well I  
did, for they did not come until about  
8 o'clock, then we walked home. I usually  
go to Mrs Powell's but she was away from  
home. Then there was a cat even a dog on  
the place to protect me but now we  
have a "collier", she is gentle, but does  
not seem very sharp.

I have written a long letter with many  
mistakes please excuse them I stopped so  
often my ideas were scattered. Give much  
love to Maria & those dear children & accept  
a full share for yourself from

~~Reverend~~ Your devoted  
Brother



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THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Dr. B. M. Briggs.  
East Avenue  
Ithaca  
N. Y.

66. Mountford Ave. Ashmole Rd.  
October fourteenth  
Dear Dr. Ogden -  
Our thanks again  
come so to your reduced to pa-  
tal to acknowledge your letter  
with enclosure I did I acknowledge  
the second check last month  
if not I do, herewith. About the  
repair - I shall be much obliged  
if you will have them re-  
tended to, and deduct from  
next check accordingly. That  
comes over back on third floor  
has been springing alternat-  
like Hogs in the Human Breast.  
J. & R. have fixed it, and fix-  
ed it. Suppose you try Bass Bro-  
thers time. This address will be  
as above until further notice.  
So glad you have purchased a  
carpenter's up stairs -  
Cordially yours  
Edgardo R. Thompson

To Dr. H. S. Gentry  
Columbia, Mo.  
Oct 15, 1939

President's House  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Mr. Luggan:-  
It  
was very kind of you to  
write inquiring for me.  
I feel ashamed of myself  
that I have answered  
the letter I received  
from you months ago  
but will let you hear  
from me soon.

was a very unusual  
drop in the and many  
things were reflected.

This year I am much  
better in spite of myself  
and it does seem strange  
to be an invalid.

I shall soon be all right  
again however. I still  
have to wear a pessary  
but I don't think that  
will last long now.

My all-over is still somewhat  
blue and the snow is still very  
fresh - so crisp and pretty much  
brilliantly uncorrupted. But I am  
able to go up all day now and  
do not mind to be there for a while  
and can see such nice views -  
I can see the mountain and the  
the hills down there & spend the  
day. I feel that the spring and  
the snow - the new snow is very fine.

The impression made by  
the outside appearance leads  
one to expect a large house -  
the rooms are not large but  
the halls all are and  
so the house has a very  
good front. Mr. Drummond  
has some pretty new furniture  
and other things.

Landolt is a very good  
new people. He has  
an interesting new member  
in the fortnight. The first meeting  
was held this week but I was not  
there.

Mr. Landolt has been to see the  
Guthrie. He seems and looks

Oct 16, 1909

President's House  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri

Very well this year -  
Perhaps you know that Aurelia  
Spaulding has just visited here.  
It was very wild and she  
has got along nicely.  
Dr. Pitt has just returned from  
Cambridge where he had such  
pleasant time. I had looked  
for with him but it does not  
do to plan far ahead.  
In your letter last spring you  
mentioned a piece of music from  
Missouri. I should be very glad to  
see a copy of it: if might be we  
could use it here and it would be

understanding & I have it.  
I suppose everything is well  
started with you now. I read  
Prof. Schumacher's pleasing  
address with some interest.  
I see that they have had  
their silver wedding. The  
first time I saw Prof. Schumacher  
was a very short time after  
he & they were married. I  
don't see long since then.  
You don't look like going  
to school? Father is very  
happy and well - I have  
had her begin music to

and she is really making some progress.  
I hope Mr. Lane may still be a piece -  
I shall be sure they together. I wish  
they were closer and that you. I am  
in beginning German and is very good  
it.

It is now 2-3 years, with Father's health  
is not very satisfactory since your marriage  
is this usual for me. I am - I do  
not have to be 2 money - the  
more people in the same situation, I wish

in this fashion but not as  
the faculty people -

You are still in the Addition  
Home Dec. There is Mr. Alanson  
now! I think it is in fact &  
is a family divided as by custom.  
I believe Pop and Mrs. Weeks have  
decided to separate.

Tomorrow the whole football  
people come here. Al and Mrs.  
Young come too so I shall  
have sport for the first time  
this year. Month I could not  
be game.

With kindest regards to you all from  
A. Hill, myself believe me

Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

Yours very cordially  
A. B. Hill



with them one day at 63 Indeston  
Place as they have moved from  
199, since April. Mary is a little  
beauty looks like a beautiful doll  
with soft brown curls. Elizabeth  
has an incompetent maid & can  
only cook with her assistance.  
The supper had been a great  
success & last night 200 people  
had to leave because there were  
not enough tickets. Willie has  
lots of friends & admirers & makes  
fine speeches. We were introduced  
& complimented on our son by a  
score of gentlemen & I at his  
Mother's second mother of the  
house for the raising of such  
a great & admirable man.  
They want him to be the President  
of the Manufacturers Club. This  
would be good & his language shows  
we were on the hand with him. I  
imposed you dear letter & wish it  
I think of you constantly & wish I could  
when I am home I shall love more than ever

East Aurora, New York Oct 30th 1909

My Precious Sweet Mame

Your dear letter did  
me lots of good, I wish I could  
be with <sup>you</sup> looking for the winter  
& only return to Chicago because  
Papa's business kept him there  
for a few months longer. Alice  
is a sweet generous doer & I thank  
her. She sent me a check for  
\$35.00, & \$5.00 for me & \$5.00  
for Papa to get him back to Mass.  
She has also sent Aggie \$25.00 to  
buy her dress, I will enclose  
her this a Post office order for \$5.00  
as I know you will gladly part  
with me a little longer for the balance

I want to have a little money  
on hand as Charlie had  
not sent the remainder of  
his month's allowance (\$15.00)  
up to date & we want to leave  
for Chicago by Sunday of this week.  
On Saturday of the matter is not  
good, Apple had written to  
Alice that she is well & happy  
& that Jack took her to the theatre  
& to a dinner on her birthday  
& was delighted to have her at home  
again. We are having a pleasant  
time, in spite of the miserable  
weather. Last evening Alice had  
a good party of four couples besides  
our selves & her acquaintances  
were delightful. She means to take

Apple, Tomasso & evening we  
spend with the Babcocks.

Alice's babe is a lovely, attractive,  
child, with a sweet temper. Alice  
is devotedly kind to her, & seems  
to enjoy her being here. We will  
spend Sunday afternoon with  
Elizabeth & she will take us  
down to the depot, (by her invita-  
tion) She is a smart woman  
& manages her children very  
well. But you must have  
the sweetest & prettiest of all  
the little girls in the family;  
& the smartest little boy.  
Maudie does not go to school,  
did you know that she had  
"the Blue Dance" last winter?

"Papa" says I must send you  
the dearest messages I can  
write to you, & Ben, which  
is not easy for me to do, as  
I have not enough poetry in  
my composition. Douglas is  
looking well & enjoys company  
& card playing. Alice too likes  
nothing better. I take my break  
fast in my room, as it is not  
necessary to be down early.  
Long gone to Buffalo at seven  
early morning. I know your  
formal pictures are beautiful  
& nice. I made big progress  
with the same planning. 3614  
will be all addressed in Chicago  
for the present. Good by, Darling.  
May God bless you & your family  
me & Ben & little Douglas  
Mamie

P.S. I suppose  
Ben thinks the  
much am beds will  
be a nuisance for  
him, so garden to  
attend to no winter.  
Are the mushrooms to be  
for your use?

To Maria  
Johnson

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1909.

I can't remember if I have  
answered your very acceptable & much  
enjoyed letter, but I think not. I have  
many good intentions as to writing but can't  
always carry them out. You have no idea of  
how busy I am, so many calls on my  
time outside of the regular work. I know  
you have too & can understand how it is.  
You must have felt lonely after your parents  
& sister left but entertainments of different  
sorts will keep you lively I reckon.  
Of course Lovie could not have been anything  
but pretty & I can imagine how demurely  
she went through with her part so if it

were an every day affair, she is never  
suffled, is she - Ben wrote me she is going  
to school, I reckon Boykin enjoys her very  
much, but of course she does not stay away  
hours yet awhile.

I was very sorry to hear from Ben that it  
would hardly be possible for him to come to  
Auburn at 4 mos, & quite certain that  
he could not bring you & the children. I  
wrote Fred what he wished, also told him  
Reuben said he could not go, & Dr I. said  
it was very doubtful if he could get off,  
we can't count on Henry or Wm as Fred  
decided to put off the reunion until a  
time that would suit all better & asked  
me to write all the boys to that effect.  
After supper - I had to stop writing to  
get dinner, when nearly ready Reuben  
dropped in from a visit of several days to

Lancaster, after his life Dr I. consented to  
get the buggy & drive over down to see Mrs  
Mannings, she & Mrs Hatch were not at home  
so we went over to Mrs Stewart's, stopping at  
Mrs Blackwelder's for a little whilst, she made  
over the clothes for me, I have worn the  
waist about 4 years but with some mends  
over, & white put under the black lace  
yoke (I did that myself) it looks very nice  
& will be very best this winter, while on the  
subject of dress I will say I bought a pretty  
little bonnet in Danvers, the first bonnet  
I have been able to find in years, but where  
will I go to wear it!

But to return to Mrs Stewart, we found her  
& Miss May at home & so glad to see us  
it does one good to have such a welcome.  
Their house turned out to be a "kicker" &  
they have been unable to go out in some

times. We had to tell them all about the  
wedding yesterday evening. they could not  
come up. I say Collins was married to her  
Hooters at 4.30 P.M. in the baptist church,  
she is the fourth one of our neighborhood  
girls married in a few months. It seemed a  
pity after so much good weather that yesterday  
should have been showing, we feared a storm  
but had fortunately only showers. The church  
was prettily but simply decorated, the brides  
were white satin, was not looking her best,  
there were few attendants, one flower girl  
till Lizzie. Mrs Hatch very kindly sent her  
carriage around for us, & we took Hampton  
Collins with us, she came here to dress as  
there was a no top buggy & she was  
afraid of getting wet her best. She is a  
nice girl & seems very fond of me.  
Sister Sally makes a flying trip to Laska

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-Loree- to consult an oculist about her eyes, she saw Henry, he was suffering from a bad cold + medicines he had taken made him feel very badly, he has little sick spells often than any of the boys. Chriss has a cow, the tiniest little thing since Sally said she ever saw, both were doing very well.

I have been making ears as "boreas does" they are so convenient to slip on and as handy, many years ago all our deers were made that way so it is not new to me.

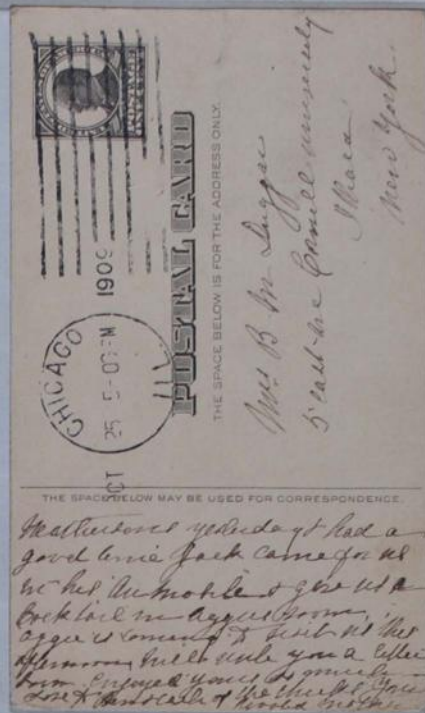
Tell Loree she should have seen Leonard. Father climb the pine tree to get the last of the pines, he went nearly to the top, had a stick with a tin can fastened to it, would get one pine in it + lower the pole to me, I would take the pine out + push it back to him for another. Some of the pines weighed nearly as pound. We try to

keep them to mellow but they rot so, some  
begin to rot in the trees, they are delight-  
ful when we can keep them long enough  
to mellow. We certainly have had the  
benefit of them stewed, have sold a  
good many, & made some preserves & pickles  
but I was right lazy about preserving, it was  
so hot, I waited hoping for cooler weather, then  
the cook left & no more preserving was done.  
We had services Sunday, the first in 3  
months, our minister has been sick but  
looks very well now, the horse stepped on the  
Dr's foot & he could not go to church but  
it is all right now. I am getting sleepy,  
must say good night, please excuse mistakes,  
Kiss the children for me, much love to you  
all

Yours devoted

Mother.

3614. Letter on Churchy 1888 Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>  
My Darling Ma. We are more in this  
of mind in a fine evening on Saturday  
morning & at 11. Lily has wound away.  
We are rejoicing for the present at that address.  
On Sunday we will go to a fine boarding  
house at 3757 College Ave. Not far from here.  
Where we have secured a nice large room  
+ a lot of Pauls. for \$5.00 a month. But Ours  
the Land Lady, always wanted us at present.  
When we see her. Not seen. There is more interesting  
to hear. I have the Pauls also. We don't with the



To Marie, Chaco  
Farmville, Va  
Oct 28, 1919



Sunday

Dear Marie,

I am ashamed  
of myself to have let such  
a long time go by without  
writing you a letter. I sent  
you a card as soon as I  
left. Hope you got it. Did  
not know your summer  
address. I looked out for  
you at Ulica that day  
but saw nothing of any  
of you. Suppose the  
train you were to take had

gone before we got there -

Our trip in New York was enjoyed every minute, and we had a very pleasant time all the way home. After I got home there was such a rush getting ready to start to school for I had only two weeks and had my nose operated on in that time, so when school did begin I was feeling rather shaky. Florence, my half-sister is here with me for half the year. She is a little girl just fourteen and is preparing to enter the high school at home in Feb. As she was at a private school last year we thought the best for her to get into the public school system for the half year before entering the high school. My oldest step-brother is to be married in two weeks so both Florence and myself are looking forward to going home to see him.

on the fifth of November. She is  
a S.C. girl he met while traveling,  
and none of us have seen her!

I have thought so much about  
you and Ben and those dear  
children. Till Louise I am  
expecting to see her almost any  
day come off the train with  
a tag on like an express  
package. I hope some day to see  
all of you.

My work this fall has been  
unusually hard. I am beginning

pm Oct 22, 1909



now to see some prospect  
of having it straightened out.  
I am putting in new work  
in addition to my old, and  
the number of students  
makes it very trying. We  
have a larger school than  
ever before although this  
year a new Normal  
opened.

Please do not forget that  
when you find out Ware's  
address you are going to let

me know, I want to write to  
him. I hate to think of my  
nearest relations being so far away  
and such strangers. Somehow  
I feel so all alone. You know  
when one's mother marries again  
the home is no longer one's  
own, for the new ones seem to  
take entire possession. As the  
years go by I seem to need  
my father more and more.  
If I had had brothers possibly  
things would have seemed easier.  
Of course I am forced to be  
independent and it is a  
blessing I am inclined that way  
by nature. I don't know  
why I am saying these things  
to you for I never mention them  
to any one. I do not want to  
hurt my mother's feelings by  
expressing my own, but I hate  
second marriages and every  
thing in connection with them.  
You can never know how

much I appreciated your offering  
to take me in your home this  
summer, and I am sure you  
understand my position, and why  
I decided as I did.

I do not think I will go to Cornell  
again. Next summer I am planning  
to go to Albany to the Library Summer  
school. I have to plan far ahead  
in order to make all ends meet.  
Often I do not do what I plan,  
but it is better that way than  
not to plan at all.

Please don't let Sam work too

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hand. His students say he  
does an awful lot of work.  
I think I was more interested  
in the Agricultural College  
than any thing at Council.

Thursday.

Just here callers came in  
and in the mean time I  
have gotten your letter.  
I am glad "Dixie" Mason is  
so well liked. As to Mary  
Stephens, personally I do not

like her consequence may be too  
harsh in my judgment. She  
stood well in her classes and  
as a teacher in the Practice  
School, but in her relations  
in the Home Department she  
was never to be depended  
upon. It may have been that  
she is young and too impulsive.  
I certainly do not care to  
injure her in any way at  
Cornell so please consider  
this strictly confidential.  
A good deal of my feeling may  
be simply prejudice and other  
people may find her very charming.  
The gentlemen of the Faculty  
all liked her. She did good  
work for them.

We are having beautiful weather  
still and the trees have the  
red, yellow, and brown leaves  
on them yet. We are also wearing  
summer clothes in the house and out.

I am looking forward to having  
the children's photos. so please  
do not disappoint me.

With very best love for you all  
I must close -

Lovingly  
Alice B. Duggan

Oct. 28, '09.

[illegible]

Mr. Quaker our Landlady is a  
Southern woman, & several of the  
boarders are also Southerners. Mr.  
Quaker keeps a nice table & every  
thing is clean & neat; Mr. Selley  
has moved to Oak Wood Boulevard  
& had all of his boarders with him  
& several others. She had no front  
room on first or second floor for a  
20 m. dance here, where we were not  
dancing; Mr. Selley used to board  
here & we visited her & met Mr.  
Quaker who took a fancy to us, &  
is very kind & attentive. Aggie  
had just planned to know if I would  
like to visit the "Gloria" there this  
afternoon at 2 o'clock. At the Audi-  
itorium, I wish you were to be  
with my Darling, I think

in the near future we will have  
to live together. At present there  
are many things to keep us here  
for a time. To day is beautiful  
& bright but yesterday there was quite  
a storm. The great Lake soon absorbs  
the moisture. Thank! Secret from  
Papa & I for the Bill. We will  
enjoy using some fat this afternoon.  
The negroes pay me slowly, but  
Cotton is bringing a good price &  
soon they will be doing better. No  
recent news from Mr. Barn. I  
will write this morning to him.  
We enjoyed our visit to East Aurora,  
very much. Alice had a hard  
fall for us & so did Mr. Postock,  
but the weather was miserable most  
of the time. Little Alice is a pretty

Baby, but James & Marion are  
delicate & the latter has not attended  
school for some months. The  
children require more meat &  
nutritious diet. They have no spe-  
cial ambition. While Elizabeth  
is a good provider & the children  
look flourishing & are in fine spirits  
& read & spell beautifully. Mary  
is a beautiful child & large for  
her age. & talks sweetly. Elizabeth  
was very appetent & docile &  
it set me at ease. But of course  
we did not stay at their house  
Mellie had lots of guests. Many  
of whom were introduced to us  
at the exposition. & told me they  
were glad to meet the Mother of such

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Nov. 16, 1909.

Mrs. B. M. Duggar,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Marie:-

I have your letter and I should be very glad to help on any friend of yours and especially Jim Foord, who you know is a close personal friend of mine, but I couldn't wish him any worse misfortune than to come here as Director of the Experiment Station at the present time.

No misfortune equal to Sanderson's practical removal from the directorship has come to this College in many years and is due not at all to the vengeance of the Board, as you imagine, but entirely to the political and personal machinations of old Uncle John Tallant. God rest his soul (as soon as possible)! There is much more reason for the alumni to get together hot and heavy and fight Uncle John in the present instance than there ever was for a joint action in Morse's case, much as I regret the fact that Prof. Morse left us. In a sense the case of Prof. Morse did have an influence on the recent occurrence in that Will Hunt had talked so much to Wason, of Nashua, against Sanderson that Wason was more or less on the fence and joined with Uncle John to make the third vote that was necessary in the special trustee meeting that was held. Sanderson's resignation was accepted by a vote of 3 to 2 with most of the trustees absent.

The real reason as near as I can get at it is that Sanderson was making altogether too much of a success of his Experiment Station work. He was getting the ~~E~~ <sup>fr</sup>anges of the State more interested in the College and in the Experiment Station than

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Mrs. Dugger.

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they were in the Board of Agriculture and this was not to Batchelder's liking. Then when Uncle John, employed by Hood & Co., of Boston, wanted to put in certified milk, which Hood & Co. were very anxious to have us furnish them to compete with the Walker-Gordon and some other laboratories Sanderson plainly saw the commercial side of the affair and, as it was not an experimental problem, would not stand for it at all. Then there were a dozen or more old apple trees on the back part of the place that were not worth five cents to anybody and hadn't produced a barrel of apples in five years that Sanderson ordered cut down without consulting Uncle John. This is about the sum and substance of the whole matter and I have never been in a state of mind where I was more ready to join with the rest of the faculty and fight hard, resigning my position if necessary to do so, than I am at present. Still it is out of my province and I can only thank the Lord that Uncle John isn't interested in chemistry because if he were, he sure would have a fight and a hot one on his hands.

Under the conditions that exist in New Hampshire they don't want a live man as Director. He would interfere too much with Batchelder as Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, which would never do. The only trouble with Sanderson is that he has made altogether too good a man. I think that both he and Prex were mistaken in their judgment in the Morse affair but they were both square about it and believed they were right.

In regard to the presidential timber you mention, everything is going perfectly smooth here and I do not imagine there will be any need of a substitute for a long time to come unless Prexie means to fight on the present affair. In this case I have no knowledge of the result nor have I for that matter of his intention. If he fights, all the strength of the faculty will fight with him and if he gets beaten, no good man would accept the presidency here as a gift.

With lots of love to you and Ben and especially many kisses to Louise

Lovingly yours, *Chas.*

P.S. You might give "Boysie" a kiss too, altho I don't believe he would recognize the source from which it came.

have failed to come up to the mark. I hope he can tell the  
buying about 6000 bales of this  
year & 200 of last years on  
hand. It looks as if the  
estate debt will never be  
paid but has reduced it to  
500 dollars. I wish you  
could see the house for  
which yesterday morning you  
paid a little about now & then  
it did not get all. A water  
bucket full & a large milk  
pail, about one third of  
them are dry but will be  
used for winter use. The  
hacks have carried off  
nearly all of the best of  
chickens, he was taking so  
much care of, they are  
broken the same way as he  
put all that away, about  
40 in one of the corners & keep them  
there but it is so expensive to feed

good fire in the chamber, night before last we  
had some wind & a good snow, the cool change  
began & this morning there was a white frost, &  
ice, Uncle John said, on the kettle at the well  
where he draws water for the stock. The rain  
was not enough to help the pools, so on some  
places cattle are driven some distance to water.  
Your letter last night was very interesting & most  
welcome. I think so often of the Thanksgiving  
three years ago & wish there could be a repetition

of it, we have no plans for the coming Thanksgiving, with your Father would like me to church at Hammond. I am sure we would have invitations to dinner. Mr Harris doesn't give us a service as Mr Cobb used to. "Brother Dickerson" spoke at the school house today on the amendment, your Father did not go because he heard Mr J. T. Holton had advised him not to speak & thought he had given it up. I don't think he had much of an audience, my one around here has made up his mind anyhow.

I have often wondered what had become of "Pete", thought you or Maria might have taken the mud dog scene & banished him. I suppose the children are glad of his return. I think running off is one of the traits of those little dogs. I

hope none of the school children will have scarlatina. I would not like you to have it. I sent Louise's work to Elvey to look at & return. he thinks she is doing wonderfully well. I had a letter from him last night, he had a 3 hours visit from Fred (between trains) he was on his way to Jackson Miss to a meeting of commissioners of Agriculture, he was to address the time in Tuscaloosa, there is nothing for physicians to do. Ida had just returned from a visit to Mrs. Nichols & Fairfield stopping 2 days at Wagon where I think her brother lives now. Lucy Harris is still visiting in Tuscaloosa. I have been expecting sister Sally down for some time she actually started & had to turn back

because of a little sprinkle, there was no more  
that day. I don't think she has spent more than  
2 days with us this summer.

I think I wrote Bruce of Mrs. Powell taking one  
out calling one evening last week. She often  
calls at the gate for me to take a walk with  
her. Today she made glad your Father's heart  
by sending over a pitcher of better milk, he  
wishes so an unlimited quantity of milk, of  
course when we buy it we have to limit our  
selves. I have the promise of a cook in a few  
days, as soon as she gets done "recuping".

Your Father's rents have fallen short this year.  
John Mitchell who owed 4 bales on this year, &  
1 on last year came today with sample & receipt  
for his second bale <sup>for</sup> this year, said it was all  
he made & no corn. I shame & the whole set

mother & would  
be very happy to  
see you & I hope  
you will be able to  
come & see them  
I am very  
much  
yours  
Papa  
I have also  
sent you a  
gold watch, from the  
family, & I will send them to  
you by registered mail, not later  
than tomorrow. As it is very cold &  
I don't want Papa to go out again  
this afternoon, my head has not  
been finished, so the letter you  
had not been sent in until I came  
home, I propose to let the amount  
stand on the account 'till we are you,  
my Darling which I hope to write  
to you very soon at London & tell you  
very truly, no more yet, from Mr.

have. I am afraid he wanted  
the agency. It at first meant me  
from sitting to undesirable work  
for. But I don't let him take advantage  
of me; & will offer it for sale  
through Hale's & other parties. Thanks  
leave you your dear letter & Alice's  
enclosed. The latter under Aggie's  
Leonora is improving, & that Charles  
was delighted to have her back.  
I think Leonora is too precious  
to be married so young to a  
stolid Ohio man. For he is not  
a native born Southerner at all.  
Aggie is busy with her dress making  
today. She is having western  
style of broad cloth made up  
in a fancy dress, it is made of

look you got. of material at  
reduced cost of \$1.50 per yd.  
There is something about some of  
Providence's new grown clothes  
which will be of great assistance  
to Aggie. Jack had not put the top  
to his Auto yet. So we were out  
with her in these cold days. Last  
yesterday afternoon Papa & I went  
to see Harry Landes' the Scotch  
Comedian & we laughed all  
through the performance which  
was bandville. The Scotch songs  
were inspiring. & Lucretia Fitzgerald  
the Lassie was something in her  
kick; dancing. & Long I want  
to go to Scotland now more than  
ever & hope to, some day with you

Laddie, my Aunt & such a  
Company; I when I get a week  
has - will be surprised - surely. I have  
some black velvet & jet trimmings  
& think I will have a 'togue'  
made to order. I hope you like  
the one Mrs. Dodd has made for  
you, I am going to milliner  
on 'Collage press' & not to a Depart-  
ment Store. 'Papa' is truly, making  
against odds, & I hope he will  
come out O.K. in spite of predic-  
tions of failure made by Miller  
who told me. The Stock was not  
worth a Postage Stamp. He is a  
good boy, but a little conceited  
if he could have handled the

They have made rapid  
progress in the last year,  
which says at the same rate  
they will be with us in two  
years, then the plants will  
grow very hard times more  
than now. The Blackberry  
was here today to tell you  
Father some iron roofing  
(left of this house) to show  
the north side of the station  
house, it looks so good, they  
are happy now trying a  
new way for a year, now I  
wonder when they will have  
it - But Mr. Mrs. Whelan  
has come down to be ready  
for the program this month  
will show for the bottles  
church, I next Thursday, we  
will call on her tonight  
How much love to Mother & the

This is a lovely day, I hope you are  
enjoying just such a one, yesterday too was such  
a nice day & I wanted so much to go to the church  
- giving services either in Dunstable or Haverhill  
but I could not get your Father up to the point  
to fix for an early start. Just here I had to stop  
& help him fix my cook's shoulder that was  
cut 2 days ago, she had been cooking only 4  
days. She & a woman had a quarrel & the  
woman cut her with a razor, your Father  
put adhesive plaster on it & she thought she

children  
for one  
+ accept  
a full  
share  
for young  
man  
You don't  
think  
I thought  
Swiss  
work so  
good.  
could go on with her work, but today it is so  
stiff & sore she can't do any thing & may be  
absent from the kitchen a week or ten days but  
she promises to return just as soon as she is  
able & cook until the first of next year. The  
negroes are getting so bad I don't know what is  
to become of them, & us. Last week as usual in  
Minutown went to a woman's house in the  
afternoon with an ax on his shoulder, knocking  
the woman in the head so he might rob the  
house, both colored people.

I hope you & Maria were able to attend services  
& then enjoyed a good Thanksgiving dinner. I  
was at home all day alone, your Father had  
to go to Reuben's to attend to a cow for him &  
did not return until nearly dark. We had

neither turkey, nor goose, but some very nice  
beef & good soup. He bought a splendid fowl  
(12 lbs) on Saturday & it kept well, we had a  
fine roast Sunday for our company. It was  
services day, Mr Harris & sister Sally came down  
& your aunt Beezie, Hulville, & little Mary Stoss  
were with us also, Reuben of course. We went to  
church & then enjoyed each others company but  
the day was too short, they had to leave early.  
Our minister said he would leave us the 1st  
of Jan but has decided to remain longer as  
his health has improved. Now I must put  
in some dinner —

Just as I had given a man who is clearing out  
the pool nearly all the dinner that was left  
Reuben came in but I had some cold roast,

grits & gravy, with sweet pickle & loaf bread he made a hearty dinner, is as easily satisfied about his eating, lives as hard at home. The cow is doing well so far.

I had such a pleasant surprise today a week ago, indeed 2 surprises. Ida came to cook was the first. After cleaning the house & changing my dress I sat down to rest a while, the door bell rang & I went out expecting to meet sister Sally but it was Fred, I was so glad to see him, he walked up from the depot as we had set our sides of his coming. He was returning from a meeting of Commissioners of Agriculture at Jackson Miss, it lasted 3 days, one of those days he addressed the meeting. While there he went into the boll weevil country, showed us a map where their advance was colored in red,

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My dear Lou

It is now eleven o'clock, since  
breakfast until a few minutes ago the snow  
poured down but has held up & the sun tried  
to come out but was visible only a few moments,  
wind still in the east. It is turning colder.  
Rambus will hardly get up to dinner today, the  
bridges are so slippery even if there is no snow  
seen; he will have a terrible day of it up there  
& I reckon the dining room & kitchen are as wet  
as out doors, the roof has not been fixed all the  
good weather we had. Last night I had a

letter from Wm. written at Teel W. M., it is  
about 200 miles from Borito, he & another  
man drove over there to pack apples, said they  
had packed over 2000 boxes & would have about  
500 more to pack, said if he could get a job  
of packing orchards he might stay until after  
4 years, such work pays as well as work in  
the mines & is better for his chest. I am  
sorry he works in the mines again, thought he  
had given that up. He certainly must like traveling  
in a wagon, you remember he went from Oklahoma  
to W. M. that way. Teel must be an out of  
the way place for the letter was six days  
coming, they were in four days from Borito.  
We enjoyed your letter to your father very much.  
We were sorry to know Boyie had been suffering

from a cold. I reckon the little fellow like his  
grand mother, gets tired of sleep, three long nights  
& wants to be "up & doing". I still rise early altho'  
I have a cough. I believe I wrote you how near a  
woman came to giving her a severe cut with a  
razor, the wound she did inflict is healing without  
trouble & she lost only 2 days from work.  
Our Thanksgiving days were certainly very different  
the day was bright & cold with us. (Believe I wrote  
we gave thanks on beef, my! what a price for  
a small turkey! I wish we had sent you one,  
but it was hardly cool enough to send a dressed  
turkey. The plum pudding was a nice addition  
but I expect Maie had a fine dessert without it.  
Mrs Powell had her Bazaar in her Barb  
Dances are occupied there, it was quite a

success, over \$100.00 cleared, but a good deal of  
that was made raffling off a barrel of  
flour, a cake & a sofa pillow. Her dinner was  
fine, hot turkey, baked sweet potato, salads, Irish  
& sweet potatoes baked, pickles, olives, cranberry  
sauce, beaten biscuit, bread, coffee, (a big cup)  
delightful cake & Charlotte sauce, all for 50<sup>cts</sup>  
Dried, & stewed oysters eaten. She asked me to  
help to the cake & Charlotte, which I did, I  
contributed a pair of crocheted slippers to the sewing  
work, & bought a good many little articles, poured  
chairs, coffee pots &c &c as I thought I did my  
part to the Catholic affair, of course we paid  
for our dinner. It was right pleasant to meet  
all the neighbors & have a chat as we stayed some  
time after dinner in the room, then a rain

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began. Mrs Charles Collins sent us home in her carriage. It continued to rain so that we did not go down to supper as we intended.

Bolling mentioned that Alway had gone to Fairport, he writes and he would have to go down some time on business. Bolling says Green continues to improve but his affairs are very much involved. Green still uses crutches.

They must all be very busy at Fred's, as letter in sometimes. The Advertiser says Frederic was promoted, parade Corporal, he has been trying hard for an officer, wants to be a captain as his father & Charles wish. There are over 700 students, but that seems small to you when Cornell has so many. With the bad weather stop. Love from

school? Does she show any talent for music? Can she turn a turn, or is she too quietly disposed to sing? Of course she is too young to think of music lessons.

I am afraid I have missed my chance of getting to Lanesville for some time. I could not get your father to go while the road was so beautiful. There is making a long visit to Tusculum.

We had our garden peaches gathered just the day before the rain, I never saw so many with buds on, it is very nigh work to hull them, the crop was not abundant & quite small. The other trees have more. Our two little walnut trees bore well. Give the children for me, with much love to you all.

Your devoted

Mother.

A.S.B.

Stanford University  
Dec. 5, 1909.My Dear Mrs. Duggar: <sup>(at</sup> ~~Liberty~~

It was very sweet  
of you to Ans. a postal card,  
with a nice long letter  
telling me so much news.  
I heard about the small  
things you, Mrs. Lyons,  
and others were doing.

It was nice you could  
have your mother and  
father, and sister with  
you. I hope you did not  
do too much! You are quite  
likely to go beyond your  
strength. You see I still  
have a motherly interest

Although I know not if I have the right. Don't worry about us for getting our Coll." It is in my mind I told Mrs. Craig to show you very much, and I hope the letter I wrote her, describing comes, it will be for the best good of the Coll. I have been here with Mrs. Durand, about six weeks. I presume I shall be here, about two more months. Sara decides to come here for 2 mos. I have been having a fine time and a good host. I ought to increase in weight with all I eat. Mrs. Durand, Ryan and I go up to San Francisco quite often on batto. They can stand a little more of it than I. I am going up on Sat. to spend next Sunday with the Stubbs-ranch. You will be interested to hear about them. I told Mrs. Craig to show you the letter I wrote her, describing Mrs. Dr. Cornell luncheon. I am kept pretty busy writing. We spent Thanksgiving at a cousin of Mrs. Tabbell's, in the Santa Clara valley. There we saw a good deal of fall coloring. Last night there was a severe wind and rain storm, but to-day it is like an early spring day. They also had a little touch of frost last week. I don't believe there is any danger of Sara's wanting to stay out here

unless she changes her  
mind. She is getting on well  
but feels rather lonely, as  
she is quite closely confined.  
Mrs. Durand had a letter  
from Mrs. H. since I came  
here. She and Clara are now  
in New Orleans. Mrs. D. will  
go that way en route for  
the steamer sailing March  
5th. Prof. D. meets her in New-  
York. Mrs. D. gave a bridge  
party for me last week.  
It is the second time  
I have played since leav-  
ing home. When I started  
out, it seemed a blank  
but the light gradually  
came. and I managed  
not to appear completely  
stupid. Had a nice let-  
ter from Mrs. Fite. I cer-  
tainly appreciate hearing

from my <sup>2</sup> distant friends.  
After ~~travels~~ **A.S.R.** and you  
get settled, write me again  
all that is happening in  
your world, and news mine.  
I will drop you a card  
where my address will  
be. Anything addressed  
here until news will  
reach me.

Remember me kindly  
to Prof. Duffer, with love  
to yourself.

Very Sincerely,

Annette Bailey

I am this afternoon  
 I am so glad you may  
 go down to see  
 together. I have  
 and she has been  
 back & forth  
 but today it is  
 & clear. I hope  
 you will be  
 happy  
 in the new  
 & better  
 I am so glad to  
 hear of the children  
 & hope to hear  
 from you soon.

I enjoyed your  
 dear letter to Papa very much.  
 I would have written to you last  
 week, but we only have one table  
 to write on, & "Papa" has been  
 busy writing every day, getting up  
 his reports etc. He would use his  
 desk, but there is no gas light  
 except from a chandelier in  
 the middle of the room - the room  
 was one of the Parlor, or Dining  
 room originally, but it is large

& nicely furnished & the bed money to make some sewing  
is very comfortable & we have chains for her. to present to the  
nursing ladies in an alcove, Miss Tholles who have been so  
then too we have full use of kind & generous to her. I have  
the Parlor, & Piano, I hope been busy making them & taking  
your dear, bright little Boy as great pleasure in doing some  
well again, do write me what little thing for my poor office  
the children would like for your dear sister, only wish I could  
would Louise like a new doll do more, but I can't do much  
no word from Mr. Davis, but I for any one I lose at it now,  
will have the \$15.00 to send to you at Harbors are slow in making  
by January 1<sup>st</sup>, My Darling payments. They have so much  
I am greatly indebted to you sickness, I am so glad you  
& I think my debt, not a great received the Beards & did not  
forgiveness, as well as a great seem the return rightly. Ed &  
forth to me, Lucia send me the felt anxious about them. The Cath

Real one dollar & I think it was  
renewable; Marie also took fine  
"Papa" sends his love & thanks  
for your letter; Mrs. Weatherston  
may go to Hulls to spend 4 mos  
in that week we will dine  
with Agnes & family. I think  
of you continually. Dearest & in  
joyce reading the menu of  
your Thanksgiving dinner  
we had a good dinner but very  
quiet time. Write me also what  
you would like as a Christmas gift  
from Nance. I would love to give  
you something you would like.  
Aggie it will. I is going to a new

1902?

P. S. Mrs. Spaulding  
 based on Wednesday  
 I just lately,  
 to the nice place  
 with eggs &  
 the best of the  
 family are  
 at Chicago Ill.  
 December 18<sup>th</sup>

At last I have  
 this table so that I can reply  
 to your dear letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.  
 "Papa" has been writing every day  
 & had to use the only table we have  
 in our room. There are no gas fls  
 near his desk. At our room  
 has a chandelier in the center  
 of the ceiling. The weather has  
 been dreadful for two weeks

& yesterday. was the first that  
I sat down since the winter  
Aggie came for me & took me  
down. & "Papa" joined us at the  
shall I tell you where we took lunch.  
& I enjoyed my outing although  
it was very cold. Dearest now  
to future, I accept with many  
thanks your great gift of \$5.00  
which is all that I will take  
from the \$15.00. The time I will use  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, or before, but I  
don't think it right for you to  
give me more than the gift, when  
you have so many presents to  
make. I have been waiting on the  
ladies. which accounts for my

not making good my promise.  
Dearest I thank you more  
than I can tell & appreciate deep-  
ly your love & generosity to your  
Mother who can only send you  
a small great box. I send en-  
closed \$1.00. Please purchase a new  
style of Corset for Ben, & with  
the change get a Toy that Barbie  
would like. I have put in the box  
a little gift for Louche; Aggie says  
the package contains the furniture  
for the Doll's house which you  
had better fix up the house with  
before you put Aggie would not let  
me buy Corsets at the same the girls  
liked to select them. "Papa" says

he will add a postcript to my  
letter. I send my gifts early, so  
that they may go safely. Miss  
Ben & the little Dastings for Mrs.  
you had better put a flannel  
Band on Boyce's Stomach,  
which is the weak spot. While  
treating: & give him Moraine  
Syrup of Rhubarb, & about four  
drops of Sassafras at night,  
& stop the Diarrhoea, I feel  
so much for you & the little Sas-  
sing too, for he is so jolly. You  
did not tell me of Louise's death  
& doll. I will close now. I wish  
you all a merry & happy  
Xmas. Love to all friends & think  
often of you & hope to see you soon.

To Maria, Hb. Hall  
3737 Ellis Ave. Chicago Ill  
Dec 18-1909-

My dear Maria:

As your Mother  
is sending out her Christmas Presents  
I do not what to send except my  
love & good wishes.

This however I can do. The Sapphires owe  
me salary & are trying to get me paid  
There may be a way to meet them at  
the same time to help you.

In the enclosed report you will see the Com-  
pany's call for help. Now this calls only to  
those holding stock in Escrow, You and  
Ben have some of this stock You 3000 shares  
& he 2500 shares, the call is for one cent per share

On 3000 shares = 3000 cents or \$30.00 on pay-  
ment of this money you receive 300 shares  
of special preferred stock & it draws 6 per-  
cent per year on the amount of money you  
pay for it. It is not a bad investment.  
Now what I propose to you as my Xmas  
present, is to draw this 300 shares of stock  
on my salary & send you the 300 shares of  
stock. If I had the money I would  
gladly send it to you any way. But as this  
the only I can help the company - I make  
you a present & at the same time get a  
little pay for my work I will be glad to do  
this. I would also do the same on  
Ben's 2500 shares. 2500 = 25.00. But I am  
afraid he might not like it. Ask him  
I let me know. Your Mother is very busy  
very happy putting her gifts in shape

We both send our sincere wishes  
for you & all of yours that you may  
have a merry Xmas & a happy New  
year

Your loving

Daddy

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1909.

Dear Ben & Mavis

I wonder what you are all doing this terrible day, if the weather is such as we have, you cant do much but try to keep warm. I have been shivering & shaking all day, and now right up one end of the blanket writing on my lap, next comes Reuben in a big chair & next to him your Father looking at some books we ordered that came today, they are not at all to my liking but when we buy "a pig in a bag" we have to make the best of it. Reuben was up part of yesterday, & dashed back today but it is too cold for him to leave

this room where he has been in bed as weak  
yesterday. The trees & every thing are covered with  
ice, long icicles from the roof but ~~no~~ sun the  
light up & makes them beautiful as I have never  
before seen. We fed for the poor stock exposed to the  
weather, all stalls have been opened for them to go  
in if they will, & abundance of grass hay given  
them, I have of most of the stock besides our own  
but we are very fortunate in getting "Uncle John"  
to feed for us, only your Father will feed Annie  
himself. Night before last as cattle buyer wrote he  
would be here at 8 o'clock <sup>next morning</sup> to look at them, your  
Father had to "hesitate" but was not ready to accept him.  
I flew around & tried to get the dining room warm  
to ask him in it was terribly cold. I was surprised at  
a little after 7 to see him at the front gate, came

from Birmingham & was in a great hurry to get  
back so I helped about breakfast & tried to give him  
a good one, afterwards he went out to see the stock  
& agreed to take a cow & 2 larger heifers, that should  
be sent to Farmington tomorrow, that leaves us a  
horse, mule, milk cow & calf to sell. I am glad to  
have the cow as one is dry. This stock will just about  
pay George's two years advancing. George has moved off,  
a man was here yesterday to make arrangements to  
move in a large family who will work the land.  
George & Henry worked so Kistler will not be without  
hands as I feared. But I may be troubling you with  
plantation matters, however there is not much to  
write about but our own affairs.

Mr Harris was to have held services today but of  
course he could not come. Aunt Buckville wrote

us to take 4 small dinners with her but if the weather  
keeps up we will stay close at home & have just enough  
of a dinner, our turkeys are too large for this family  
so maybe we will take chickens first. While on the  
subject of turkeys your Father says he will do his  
best to ship you a dressed turkey (that is if the  
weather is cold) by Tuesday night's train for your  
apartments dinner. I am afraid that is about all we  
will have to send, for we have not been able to go  
to town to get any thing, Rebecca being sick here all  
the week when we might have forced one day we  
could have gone tho' it was very cold, we could not  
leave him. I am so troubled not to have something  
for you all, children particularly. I thought I was  
beginning in time to get together little remembrances  
but could not keep it up. We heard all the Prings

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land was to be sold at James Duke's except the  
Horsewood place. Sister Sally wants the Bodden  
place & the Holdcroft place were sold for thirty  
thousand ~~there~~ hundred & fifty, bought by Lieut  
Harrison, their business manager. Is it a shame  
for their land to go for so little? You know the Bacon  
place was sold some time ago. I believe the  
Harrisons will "marriage" them out of all their  
property, still they appear not to see it. What would  
poor Johnny think of his "flop eared" pet, Schind,  
he thought him such a fine young man tho' he  
did laugh at his ears.

I hope you all have had no more trouble with  
your eyes, you had better be careful in seeing them  
at night. I think Louise will lose some time from  
school now. This must be my open letter to you

both the: as poor ones, the cold freezes my ideas.  
Kiss the children for me, I know they will have a  
swarm of bees. Reuben & your Father unite with  
me in wishing you both a swarm of bees, with  
much love to all.

Yours devoted

Brother,

To Mary, Hbaca  
pm Hbaca, Dec 21,  
1909

My dear Mrs. Duggan:

I owe you and  
the "Campus Club" many  
apologies for my "nonappearance"  
and my silence at the last  
meeting but I was miserably  
ill all day & kept hoping  
I would be able to come to  
the meeting even for a little  
while - but had to give it up -  
I had planned to call on you  
today and explain my  
negligence but Christmas  
preparations are so engrossing

that I did not leave the  
house - and I am now begging  
your forgiveness -

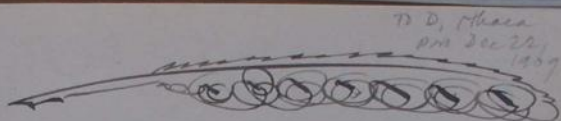
After Christmas I promise  
myself the pleasure of  
knowing you and now may  
I wish you and yours  
a very Merry Christmas  
and Prosperous New Year.

Believe me

Most sincerely yours

(Mrs F.C.) Cordie Pearce Cornell

Forest Park  
December twenty first -



Dear Ben:-  
Marie:-  
Louise & Boyrie.

Tell the children that we  
surely remember them in  
our hearts - but have been  
really laid up with influenza,  
worse I have had for years - &  
so am not able to get about  
to see to things. Ruben, too,  
has been in bed here with  
stiffened back from epko-  
sure. Besides all this a  
drip of rain, sleet & sleet  
of the worst degree has come

upon us quickly - hence we are as it were locked up in ice & mud & all sorts of discomforts, with negroes' worry &c.

The Turkey which I hoped would be a nice one has fallen off this bad weather & certainly will need all the artificial plumping that a good restorateur could suggest. "Old Fillardoni" the famous caterer in Birmingham told me to make fowls juicy and delicious, was to skewer on to the flesh-parts some nice thin pieces of fat bacon - (making little punctures

into the meat so ~~as to~~<sup>as to</sup> absorb the juice - he told me to try it, I used it on some dry looking partridges or snails & it was a signal success & helped the meat to be juicy, plump, and prevented over parching or drying as to the turkey itself - (a word to the wise is sufficient) - This I can not cost - it is good in practice & theory. And "old Fillardoni" was a scientist in his way. — We are all hugging the good fire & trying to be comfortable.

Capt Hodgson has just ceased for a few moments - had a short talk & off he drove to Gallien to meet some more Com-

Stimulants - (he addresses) his  
fellow men - the dear voters in  
this style.

I sent the "T" to you anyway  
because it was killed before  
we were aware it was not in  
padding his condition. Reuben  
is still here - but rode horseback  
along with Capt H. to hear his talk  
&c.

Wishing each & everyone  
a happy & vigorous New Year  
and Pleasant Xmas minus  
the Cold. I am

Yr affectionate Father  
& Grandfather

W. H. Longworth

17 Dec 29, 1909

Dear Son

Your Father has written  
so I will add only a line or two  
but my hands are so cold I fear you  
can't make it out. In a little bundle  
I sent you will find one of your  
little books that I thought might be  
sent to Louise on Sundays. I am so  
sorry the weather has been so awful  
that we could not get to town to find  
something for you all. You can't  
imagine what a spell we have had.  
I am never thoroughly warm except in  
bed with a hot iron to my feet, & that  
makes the chill blaines ache terribly, last  
night I could not get to sleep for the  
longest, oh! for a city, heated house with  
all conveniences & no chickens to run  
out to feed! Your Father with the least

bad feelings stays close & calls on  
others to attend to his business.

Uncle John takes care of the stock.

The sun is bright today & I do hope  
the weather will be better.

A merry & sends to you all & much  
Love from

Your devoted

Mother.

To Mrs. Jagger  
pm Mass, Dec 29,  
1889

Tuesday

Dear Mrs. Jagger:

Mary was greatly  
pleased that you sent her a  
bunch of lovely pink carnations.  
She said: "Oh Mamma, Mrs.  
Jagger doesn't know me very  
well! Wasn't it nice of her to  
do that!" She has asked several  
times whether I have written to  
you, and finds me a trusting  
secretary. — I am very grateful  
for the pleasure you gave her.  
Most sincerely yours, Alice C. Stillman

I wish you were this evening, all the while. Gladly I passed about the middle of the  
 day & was asked to stop  
 in & inquire the case, I can't  
 stop now but will be back  
 in a few minutes, we  
 have not seen him yet. You  
 are not remarkable visitors  
 are you to deal with.  
 Old Uncle John is the  
 only faithful one I know  
 Mary Cordy moved to  
 Mrs Stewart's near Bristol  
 and then Friday night  
 moved West on train to  
 live. Your Father  
 is a coffee for him,  
 left owing for last year's  
 advance. Miss Thorpe  
 is still in the house  
 & you think my love, send  
 love to Mary & myself  
 & to dear old  
 Mother.

sitting close to a good fire in the chamber,  
 have had a quiet day, supper is over & he is  
 fixed for his usual chair nap & I will write  
 to at least two of my boys I hope before  
 getting sleepy. We opened your packages  
 yesterday morning & thank you, <sup>& Maria</sup> very much  
 for the pretty & useful articles, your Father  
 has already been reading your book & I will  
 get to it after awhile. The picture of the children  
 is just beautiful, & I would not take anything  
 for it, Louis is prettier than ever & Boyce is  
 very much like her is not he? Several like  
 the boys to see it, particularly Waver but I  
 can't spare it, I will use the little basket

for my ball in knitting or crocheting & think  
of the gift. Reuben was much pleased with  
his present & would send thanks if here, the  
mention of crocheting reminds me to say to Maria  
that I intended crocheting a belt for her but  
did not know exactly how, even to have a  
lesson in the work from sister Sally but have  
not been able to see her, hope soon to have  
that pleasure & to learn about belt-making.

I expect you had a lively time with the children  
yesterday morning when stockings were looked  
into, I believe they enjoy their stockings more than  
a tree, I mean little children.

Reuben came Friday evening, left us as early day  
(yesterday) to go to aunt Melville's, we were all  
invited but as rain Friday night & a very cold  
west wind (tho' the sun was bright) made  
the old folks think home was the best place

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for them, facing the wind coming home would  
have been terrible for us. Reuben has not  
returned yet. The sun has been very bright  
today & not so much wind but still very  
cold. If Reuben comes tomorrow & reports favora-  
bly of the road we may go up ~~tomorrow~~ <sup>Three</sup>  
=day.

My cook sent word this morning that she  
was sick & could not come but would send  
"Mary Ann" to milk, as it was then late I had  
to hurry, make the kitchen fire & get to work,  
but I did take time to find a pr of those  
heavy, home knit socks & put on over my  
shoes to help the chill blaines. Then I made  
apoon bainit to save my fingers & some  
"elegant" butter bread as your Father said. Mrs  
"Bob Wood" had sent over some oysters quite  
=day, too late for dinner, they were put by for

breakfast, I made a nice stew as we had a  
real 4 man breakfast, there were enough "left-  
overs" from yesterday for a lunch at three  
o'clock, getting stylish don't you think so?  
Afterwards we walked around to thank Mrs  
Bob Wood for the oysters but she was not at  
home, I had been confined to the house & gave  
as long as walk was very enjoyable.

A letter from Fred today said all were well,  
that he had his address ready for M. C. I  
expect he starts tonight.

Henry & Ida were also quite well, expected a  
quiet 4 man day at their boarding house. He  
mentioned having visited Lizzie & Robert (the  
youngest son) both in bed with grippe, the  
town is still very healthy he says, none of the  
Drs are busy.

"Mary Ann" never comes to milk as the calf

pm Dec 28, 1909  
To Marie, Alaska

130 EAST BUFFALO STREET  
ITHACA, N.Y.

My dear Marie:

Thank you  
very much for the pretty  
plant and the greeting  
which it bore.

I often think  
of you all and the days  
of long ago and it seems  
as good to think of you  
here again - and very pleas-  
ant too.

Please accept my very  
warmest love and hearty

good wishes for a happy  
year for you all.  
Affectionately yours  
Elizabeth W. Collins.

Tues day Decem ber 28<sup>th</sup>

To D. C. O. Adams Boston  
pm Dec 28, Tuesday A. M. 11.00  
1909  
15 East Ave. Illus.

Dearest "Boy"

Over twelve hours have  
gone by without a mishap. Naturally  
we are a little lonely without you, yet  
perhaps not so much as the inflated  
self-esteem of a certain writer of juvenile  
literature might unreasonably suppose.  
Anyway how did you get along  
without your "mighty"? I couldn't  
help laughing when I saw it reposing  
on Louis's bed, and you too were  
there in the study — also I think  
that I hadn't asked you to fix the

locks on Louischen's doors, neither of  
which will lock!

I am sending the letter which I hope  
will reach you safely. The night  
I hope you will sleep, and the  
locks I am going at with my  
sewing machine screw-driver to-  
day.

Last night Herman Louise slept ap-  
tains & Louischen with me, and  
I hadn't a moment's anxiety, but  
have several bruises as a result of the  
bumps and jolts which Louise's feet  
and my elbows. She seemed bound to  
sit on my head.

To night Mr. Knudson & Miss Fitch  
will take supper with us. And in play-  
ing double or triple croquet, perhaps

I can persuade them to pass the time  
away. An invitation from Mrs. Schumann  
came this morning for a reception there  
at mine this evening. I am sending cards  
for both of us.

Another tremendous number of cards & remembrances  
came this morning. In the last night's paper  
it was stated that our box had three  
hundred such a large & was mail.

I suppose you were several hours late in  
reaching Boston this morning. I hope everything  
is going beautifully with you & that you are  
going to have a fine time, meeting the  
people you most want to see, getting new  
ideas, & receiving compliments on the book.

Please be doubly charming for you know  
you are also representing M.F.S.

Give my most loving lots of love for me  
& tell Chas. Hells. Thank them for their beautiful  
gifts and try to persuade Alice to come back  
with you. I am having the house all cleaned  
in preparation for that event.

Give our love to the Monies. How I wish I could see  
them. I suppose they will all go on to St. Louis together.

Give very kindest regards to Mr. & Mrs. Jackson  
& tell them we are hoping they can visit us this  
spring or summer when Athena is at its best.

Now Old Preuss, don't worry about us for  
we are getting on finely, drop all your worries, forget  
your troubles & go in for a big old time. I don't  
disturb you for all of our love. With your devoted little  
cousin at every word. With love from the children I am yours.

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TO MARIE AT ITHACA

BOSTON, MASS.

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1:30 P.M. (Hurrying to lunch and  
then a meeting)

Landed O.K. and in good  
company, my Honey, and here  
I am after trying six hotels.  
The Moons and other friends  
are at this hotel, so I ex-  
pect to have a sociable time.  
Meetings very good this morn-  
ing, and I have met lots of peo-  
ple. I will write you a letter to-  
night, and this is only to say  
'Here I am' 'I love you all' and  
an revoir.

Benj.



Dr. B. Duggan  
Cornell University, Geo. S. Edwards  
Ithaca, N.Y. Institute of Botany  
Boston, Mass.  
New York.

Wednesday.  
pm Dec 27, 1909

My dearest, Sweetest and Beloved  
Don't

Be surprised at this heading come from  
me & thee! I have just received  
a large box of Maillards by express  
such as it is from a young unmarried  
man, whose name I am sure you can  
now guess, it is no wonder that  
tears of my youth come flowing from  
my eyes.

Let me also confess right at the  
beginning of this letter that in your  
absence we have had a card party -

improvement, but still a card-buster. Last night  
Mr. K. & Miss Fitch took Lillian with us.  
Mr. K. not being able to stand the strain for long  
took leave of us & go to the laboratory for an hour.  
Meanwhile Miss Fitch & I started double Canfield  
& while away the time - Miss Fitch absolutely  
innocent even of the value of the cards - That  
the King could be higher than the Queen was  
beyond her comprehension. Soon Mr. Brown came  
to call & we invited him to join us & when Mr.  
Kendall returned we were still playing so  
he took a part also. To cap the climax, at  
eleven o'clock when we stopped playing, Miss  
Fitch remarked that she had seen Mr. Kendall  
cheating - in her congratulating way. He was  
furious & she, utterly without tact, kept insisting  
that he had cheated, and finally said "You are  
not angry, are you?" When she had gone he  
stamped about.

So far nothing has been heard of the Turkey.  
I have an appointment for tonight to meet the  
visiting ladies at Mrs. Blumsteads, but will  
not go as you are not here.

We still have cold & snow but the house is  
very comfortable & Hampton very reliable.

Have a good time and remember me  
affectionately Sunday morning.

I am hoping to get a postal from you this  
afternoon or surely tomorrow morning. With all  
my love my darling, & hoping with all my heart that you  
are having the very best of good times. I am your very  
affectionate & loving mother & sister. Persia.

The Commonwealth

Boston Dec. 29 '09.

My dearsweet Madrie,

I am dressed  
and ready for breakfast  
and while waiting for the  
moors I will just send  
you a bit of love and  
tell you how it goes.

Yesterday was a most beau-  
tiful winter's day, and every-  
thing went off nicely. On ac-  
count of Dr. Carson's address  
the Phytopathologists had  
an early dinner together

It was a great success.  
about forty were present, and  
the Society has already  
grown to one hundred and  
twenty five members. There  
were impromptu talks by Jones,  
your humble d'husband and  
also others.

We finished dinner just in  
time to go to hear a truly  
Samonviesque address, - nice,  
profitable, and old-maid-  
ish to the highest degree.  
Everybody was there, even  
Dr. Fallow. He was very nice  
indeed, and sent his regards  
to you. He was regretting that

there are no free evenings for  
a little gathering at his home.  
Directly afterwards Dr Thaxter came  
up and invited the Moors and my-  
self to dinner tonight. He took  
the bull by the horns and simply  
told us we should not go to the  
Naturalists' dinner. Lucky! For I  
did not wish to go, especially with  
the botanical dinner on for to-  
morrow night. He asked particu-  
larly after you, and said he regretted  
you could not also be with us.

So do I, Love, more than I can  
tell. Indeed I miss you all the  
time. It is a great rush, but you  
must come next time anyway.

I am going to try to see Alice this  
morning.

I do hope you are warm and  
comfortable, Deanie, and that our dear  
little girl and Boy are well and  
still enjoying the fine times their  
mother prepared.

A heart full of love to you  
each and all my sweet,  
Benj.

any longer to thank you for your  
generous & smart gift to me also  
to your Father. I sure get many  
valuable gifts with the money for  
hope a pretty dress. I hope Louisa  
received her Doll. it was sent from  
the store hoping it would reach her  
quickly. The weather has been ter-  
rible for weeks. Today the first  
sunny day. for three weeks. We  
dined with Roger & the Mother-in-  
family on Sat. & at it was snow-  
ing hard & very cold one must be

A Lab + returned me in at 8 P.M. Agnes gave us a delightful dinner of Turkey. Stump Salad. Minnie Pie + delicious coffee: besides other good things. Maund + Charles were also guests. The children had numerous gifts. 'Dol' a Magic Lantern + Jack displayed the Pictures for our benefit, on a white sheet, put up in the dining room about 7 P.M. Agnes gave also some pretty presents. - she was as sweet as usual. but does not feel strong + looks much thinner since her return: Look told me important news, The house is more very warm the day: in our return home we found several.

letters + cards also two wooden boxes from Baltimore. one from Mr. Spear containing a large glass jar with prepared Diamond Jack Terapen is also separately a picture of her daughter Louisa. The other box was from Charles. He sent 'Papa' a bottle of good old whiskey + me a pair of beautiful black silk stockings. Willie sent me a check for \$10.00 + 'Papa' me for the same amount + Douglas a check for \$5.00 between told. Nothing from Alice Robinson or from Elizabeth. Alice + Charles sent me a silk pelisse coat. + 'Papa' a pair of gloves + a lace. Anne sent us a box

of Candy. Darling we thank  
you so much for the "Picture  
of Lonsie's Bubsie" they are fine  
specimens of the little Darling & I  
hope you are enjoying your  
I will have a very happy New Year  
Mr. Phillips sent me yesterday  
a beautiful Black silk dress.  
which gave me a glad surprise.  
I sent her a pretty Card nothing  
more but I have just written her  
a note of thanks, I wish I could  
I could have sent you pretty  
with but I am still "daring" about  
ly" Lonsie & Kate sent me some  
blue ribbon & a pair of Shipped  
"Papa" feels the confinement to the  
house & the cold weather. but I try



Dr. B. M. Duggar  
~~to A. C. C. S.~~

~~Assoc. Institute Entomology~~  
Prof. of Botany ~~Boston~~ Ithaca  
Cornell Univ. ~~Mass.~~ N. Y.

pm Dec 30, 1907

Haste Dearest -

I have just received your little note and am anxious to have the next letter. What a time you had getting a room. It is nice, though, that you are with the moose. Give them all my love. Be sure, too, if you see Mr. or Mrs. Farlow to thank them for their pretty Xmas card.

I wonder if we are enduring equal degrees of cold weather. Last night it was 4° above and I know it went lower than that during the night and early this

morning. Louisa slept with me & we bundled  
up & slept like tops. Hampton is still doing his  
duty & Mr. Henderson is very good, so enjoy yourself  
and don't take cold.

The turkey - which proved to be partridge - has  
just arrived and I refused to receive it. The express  
man opened the package and there was nothing but  
the birds & they were too far advanced though frozen.  
I have just written Mother for perhaps if she puts  
in a claim right away the express co. will do  
something about it.

Nothing has happened & there isn't a hurry & note  
about for I haven't been out of the house since you left.  
Last night I was invited to Mrs. Church's but didn't  
go. I saw in the paper that Robt. Schumann's engagement  
was announced last night to Miss Wilson. The announcement  
was made at Mrs. Charles Smith's sister of Miss Wilson.  
I don't think that the Schumanns ~~are~~ any too much pleased.  
Dr. Schumann was out of town for the dinner party.

I am going down & leaving the fire - so good  
bye old sweetheart. Love my son & Alice.  
I wonder if she will come home with you or will  
wait till later. Be sure to let me know if she  
decides to come. Auf wiedersehen and  
have a good old time for me. I am glad  
I don't have to go out to meetings though in  
your mother. Be chubs and lots of love  
and you have all that of your  
own mother.