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143. Montford Avenue, Asheville, N.C.

Remembers first.

Dear Dr. Duggar,

Her note encloses what the work would proceed on the house. Cost can be deducted from this month's rent, if you know what the bills will amount to. If not from next month's rent. Do not trouble to send the bills to me for inspection. Of course I know they are all right. The check can be sent to me addressed as above. I hope the house will keep its estate in working order through the winter, and make you comfortable. With love to the family I am

Very cordially yours -
Elizabeth Her Robinson.

143 Montford Avenue, Asheville, N.C.
November twentieth nineteen ten.

Dear Dr. Duggar,

Apologies will have to
be "understood" - some are - they fall due
so frequently. Thank you for the
check, and letter. I am glad to
find the house is working out
its own salvation - perhaps. I never
supposed "campus" property to be a
speculatively good investment financially
- but if one wishes foremost
a home, and an ideal place
wherein to raise children I
can imagine no better place; so
I think you will not regret such
an acquisition. I loved this place -
I hope you will love it - rather
than some Tombo stranger.
I can think of your about Louise
in any Colorado home with pleasure
- not unmixed of course.

If you decide to buy the house -
it would be better for me - if it
could be managed so - that
you should simply promise to
buy it - and let it be between us
only. I find this a difficult mat-
ter to explain on paper - or in
any way. Here has one more year
after this in Cornell - I shall hope
to be able to finish in Baltimore
at the same time. - What no friends.
At that time - I should like the actual
sale to be made - as far as leaving
it known is concerned. Perhaps
I had better say explicitly -
- knowing it will go no further
that Mr. Whiston has an inherited
and momentary aberration in money
matters, which makes it impossible
for him to set "principal" vs "not
invest" - nor vice versa - that

a number of thousands is not independent
of supply. In short - if he knows I
have six thousand dollars -
(which would be the result of
a sale at ten thousand) - he
would see no reason why it
should not be spent immedi-
ately. Of course I should sell at any
time you wished - if it mattered
to you, only - in case you decided to
buy - I thought I might tell you this,
and perhaps - after things being equal
you would help me in this way.
It is my first duty to some. The
little and more for a future which
doesn't look specially bright, and
I hope you will pardon what
looks vain in this statement
of private matters -

I am

Very cordially yours
Elizabeth W. Whiston

have we that reached home in safety. - but we are not decided whether we
& you are all well after the long trip, will have some spread, I think I will
& the Thanksgiving dinner. The enjoy the farements where I can pick
enjoyed the day very much, did not eat in good weather: & go to a place
here Roast Pig, but Roast Turkey. & amusement to sell at writing
Diamond Back Terrapin &c. &c. &c. occasionally, Willie reported that
Pardon sent her a beautiful Plum Pudding of his own make, which
was shared over a couple of hours. Later we would go to Brannan, where
& came in such hot dance & the climate - & summer, Benny's
playing & candy, & you may be there are anyone for me to visit
there had much enjoyed of course them, but I could not stay. There -
there had mine, Radons, Eggs, but long as there are no modern care
& Quarts & Coffee, Sister getting needed, I am feeling as usual;
very large & we think it best to take most all the good things you
found in Baltimore for several months as so fortuitously supplied me with.
Sister took it not good, & she does
not have meals Roast & eggs for

freely and I miss my cream, & the things they have a lot. Lee knows my thing & the servants, only the servants which she is very good at. Yesterday Lee, Aunt & Uncle got a Mrs. de Plessis dined here, & the dinner was very good: the flag Packed very tight & Lee did not like lunch, & had no food in car for music. Steward the Scotch nurse for "Louise" is excellent & attends to me from 6 to 8:30. I miss my freckles: & never forget my dear for my comfort. Mr. Lenny, Lee's brother, is in the John Hopkin's Hospital quite sick with hardening of the arteries & nervous prostration. The family are very anxious about her: Charles Watson's wife had only three days & no top. As I

Monday Evening
Nov 1910. —

Dear Ben:—

We were very much pleased to get your overdue letter this morning and find from it that your little family is not on the sick list. Just about five weeks ago we had the lock, so we had concluded there must be some special cause for the delay. I made forthwith what inquiry I could from parties who had recently come in on the trains. — There is almost every night some detention on the trains that

Should
arrive at Gallion about
7 P.M. - or are due there -
Sometimes even to 12 O'Clock.
The Selma train has to wait
for the down train passengers.
There is another train to
Gallion from Selma - what
we call the midday train
1.30 P.M. Leaving Selma
about eleven A.M.

Now as to the connection
at York - coming down from
Bghm - reaching York at
2. A.M. & leaves for Gallion
at 7. - arrives at G. about
9 A.M.

They have built a
new Depot Bldg and much
better accommodations than

ever before. - all under one roof &c. &c. And
there are two Hotels - Mr. Wells the Agent
at York is strictly a business man & very
courteous to Ladies &c. { The old Depot Bldg at
York was a miserable one }
The telegraph line from Gallion had
been done away with (the Office) - so we
are entirely dependent upon the telephone
connections. The trip I last made to Tall
was unfortunate, as the Agent at Gallion overlooked
the baggage that was check'd to T. causing me to tel-
egraph three Mr. Lewis Toda at Tusculum - who
telephoned to Fulham (to Mr. Goodwin present Agent) who forwarded

message & I had ⁴ the baggage
by next train. The long distance
telephone had displaced the tel-
egraph - or there was so little bus-
iness from the G-Office that the R.
R. authorities discontinued its agency.
Mr. & Collins is now ticket agent &c.
but he is at his store chiefly - so we
get better service from Mr. T.L. Powell
- our nearby neighbor - - you may remem-
ber that when the wires were put up
they crossed my lot - hence I was
offered the use of the phone over there as
I needed it. Moreover they have a
crowd of little two-footed messengers
who can run over & back quickly.
We hope you & the "Lau" may have a
safe & speedy trip to old Bangkok,
and with gladness will await your
return. - Our kindest regards to Mr.
& Mrs. R. - if they are with you still, &
wishing them good health. and much
love to all. I remain.
Your affectionate Father. ~~Wm. Duggan~~