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spending his spare  
time on that look  
Your Father writes  
with love to you all & kin-  
to the boys  
Your devoted  
Mother

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1910

I intended writing to you  
Saturday but the morning was full of  
work & in the afternoon your Father was  
going to Mittetoe to see what sort of a  
job George made of covering the houses &  
I went with him to look up some empty  
preserve jars to refill, but Reuben was  
in Denopolis. I noticed he has some ripe  
good corn on the right hand side going  
up to the house, the trees have been thinned  
out enough to admit of cultivation,  
near the house the cook has her potato  
patch, her husband works a small crop  
with a few of young steers belonging to  
R-, he could not furnish him a mule.

I think the cotton crop is coming out very much since we have had good weather. It is right hot in the sun but nearly always a breeze.

I wonder how you all are, & how the children like being so near the water, can you go in bathing? Are there bath houses? Have you gained in weight or are you leaving that for Henry to do? I hope you feel rested some what & strengthened by this new breeze. By the way, Henry wrote he would not be surprised if he moved to Mobile this fall, it seems to me it will just be another set back, & wait, for practice. I always thought he had "a hankering" after Mobile & it is a pity he did not go there first.

At last I have had a letter from Wave, the first one since May 7<sup>th</sup>. He is at a

place called Alamogordo, he is there packing fruit, says plums, prunes, peaches & apples are all ripe & he will be there until the Bartlett pears are all packed which will be some time in Sept. He seems to work about where ever he can get a job but keeps his place for his mentioned having lately covered the house with iron roofing. I can't find the different places he goes to on our old maps. I wrote him you were coming to see us about Thanksgiving time & asked him to try & meet you here. I am as anxious for him to know Maria & the children.

Friday aunt Melville sent me by a wagon going to Demopolis a basket of vegetable, some field peas, squash & tomatoes, this morning Mrs Powell sent okra & an egg plant, tomorrow we will have some germs. Saturday old "John" brought 12 roasting ears so

we are well supplied with vegetables.  
Aunt Melville is very low spirited about her  
crop prospects. Her health I think is rather  
better than it was, & Mr Harris seems to  
keep up to. Theo's Muzant is just getting over  
a spell of fever.  
Blanche Jackson is on a visit to her old  
home. I was over to see her, she seems much  
pleased with St Augustine as a home. In  
winter there are a great many northern people  
there. Our good people intend having a  
barbecue in Mr Hostetler's grove Wednesday  
week, the honored guests will be Mrs Jackson  
& Dr Pearson. There is no news as pleasant as you  
are uninteresting letters. I hope Maria is  
feeling better with no household cares on her  
mind. I suppose you take meals at the  
dining hall you mentioned. I have not heard  
from Fred lately. I do wonder if he is still





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

*Dr. C. M. Dazzer.*  
*Woods Hole.*  
*Mass.*

1487. Co. 115<sup>th</sup> St. Cleveland O

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 1910

Dear Dr. D. Our real ad-  
dress was expressed in un-  
certainty for a good while,  
but finally we chose  
ourselves in a bit of haste  
which has the recommendation  
of being the best we could  
do, and containing a person  
on which Clara faithfully  
accompanied her's order.  
I sent a card to Dr. D.  
but your to him seems  
to indicate that it was  
not forwarded though it  
may have been by mistake.  
Mr. Woods wrote me that  
Mrs. D. and the children are  
going to join you, but I did  
not know where. I am glad  
"Wood Hall" is a delightful place  
and I trust it is giving you a  
good measure of recreation  
and interest most cordially  
will be here till  
and August. E. R. A.

at home & had the house go  
+ in order & a nice dinner  
cooked as it was not-hand  
work getting started back to the  
dear old home keep. Annie  
is a dear, bright, capable girl  
if I do say it myself. I should not  
thought Leona's home will be  
for two weeks as Proctor has to be  
away from Albany must & that time  
I am trying to get some flesh on her  
for she is so thin.  
With a heart full of love for you all  
in which the family join.  
Respectfully, Alice.

Burnham C. H.

Aug. 11. 1881.

Robert Keane:

I really have only time  
to send you a postal but as I can  
not put my news on it - brief  
only send you a few hurried lines,  
since we return home Tuesday  
afternoon. I have heard through  
Miss Mary Smith that Fannie  
Burnham Keane is to have a  
baby this month. Miss Buggel  
told Miss Mary & said that is the  
reason Fannie did not return  
her calls when she was here  
this spring. I had to write to  
you & Alice at once for I never  
did not know about it when I was



with-her in Fairfield last week  
for we were wondering why Fan didn't  
not-pl. to work. Allie said Blanche  
felt hurt that you had not written  
to her since her marriage & told  
Allie that you had written Blanche  
& invited her to visit you. Allie  
said she knew B. had never  
received your letter.

By this bit of news is that Anne  
Coe & Mr. Curry are to be married  
early in September & live in the  
house house. Prof & Mrs. Morse  
have moved to Cambridge Mass.

To Mrs. Child I have the business part  
and not writing in time for marriage long  
before now. I was so glad to find our  
friends friends - so completely settled  
in this new boarding place in Augusta  
& how become settled so well & happy  
as much better in my way. In next  
not having anyone in their account -  
& you need the rest & change and the  
very best of them. I suppose you want  
to have the two same each.  
I will write you soon again and must  
be as the St. Louis post office as the  
business world & see me. Annie can



she was in "rush" a  
few days ago. I got back "that"  
he would not possibly  
come. Mrs. Mansford  
said Mrs. Coe's  
Hobbs was delighted to  
meet all her old friends  
yesterday at the barbecue.  
She is on a visit to her  
brothers in Memphis.  
She has been away  
12 years. I must  
stop & say our  
dinner lunch it  
should be. His  
the children for  
me, with much  
love to you all  
Hobbs devoted  
Mother.

of paper but your Father says he can't  
take time to get any other, tho there is  
a plenty come where, he is dying to get  
to the store. Don't say talk about ladies  
meeting & gossiping, but the men some  
times are just as bad, there is a set  
that meet at that store & gossip all  
the morning, hardly come home in time  
for dinner. Well, the barbecue is to be  
discussed today I suppose, & a cow steal  
ing that one of the Middleton tenants is  
interested in, Mrs. Father is in jail with  
15 others for the theft & Charles wants to  
bond him out. Made the modest request

that your Father put his name on a 300  
dollar bond for him, of course he would not  
do it & it may cause Schurke to move off  
the place another year, they think a white  
man must grant these requests as another  
how unreasonable. Charlie already owes us  
for a horse sold him last winter.

I was very glad to have your letter some days  
ago, intended answering right away but time  
gets away so fast I scarcely know how it goes, at  
any rate I am always busy. I am glad Marie  
is improving & the children are having a nice  
time. Boyie must be a brave boy to go into  
the water so deep without fear, after all it is  
confidence in the Father leading him. I do  
hope Marie will not exert herself very much  
on her return home & lose the benefit of the  
rest. No, she did not write me that one of her  
brothers would occupy the house in her absence.  
I thought the "roomers" there would take care

of it. It is hot & sultry today I am afraid there  
will be rain this evening & spoil much hay.  
every one is busy cutting. Reuben had come on  
the ground Tuesday night, there was a rain on  
it & he said he must hurry off from the  
barbecue but when we left he was watching  
the dancing in Mr Hatch's hall. After dinner  
all the ladies & a good many men went over  
there. Some played cards on the porch, some  
danced & others sat around & talked, it was  
as cool & nice on the porch. The barbecue was  
as pleasant as any thing of the kind could be  
to me, of course all the ladies of the neighbor  
hood (except Miss Mary Ann Downell) were  
there & a good many strangers, several hundred  
people but no crowd, plenty of table room,  
quantities of nicely cooked meats (17 animals)  
fine gumbo, bread, pickle, & lemonade in  
abundance, ice water of course. We ate our  
gumbo standing at the table then took our  
little trays of meat to the buggy where I had  
plates, knives & forks & could eat in comfort. We



had such a beautiful supply that what  
we did not eat I put in the basket for  
today, that, with raw tomatoes, stewed pears &  
cake will be all we will want for dinner.  
Well, Fred's family are all safe at home. From  
St. Louis Harry went straight back to Charlotte  
Hills, changed her mind 3 times in 24 hours as to  
where she would go next, decided on Louisville  
had not been there long when she was informed  
by telegram that Dorothy had struck a nail in  
her foot as she was off home in a hurry, the  
foot was better but Audre had high fever,  
then Dorothy was sick but both are well now.  
I am so sorry Fred's book was not adopted in  
Misses, the old one was adopted. He thought the  
general desire to make the minimum number of  
changes which was the policy of the State Dept.  
of Education, was the reason for it. They want to  
get Mrs. Camp & the little boys off for a visit  
to Ga. I think Harry & her ways must have  
afforded Louise Duggar, & her Mother through  
her, a good deal of amusement. This is Paul's  
birth day. I made him a cake & stewed some  
pears for him to take home with him yesterday.



4 East Avenue August 27<sup>th</sup>

Dear Doctor Duggar,

Will you read  
this first part, and — as far  
as it is possible for any one to  
comprehend another one's situation  
comprehend mine. When we made  
our plan about this house —  
the date of your accompanying  
was tentative — depending on  
the arrangements, or naturally, but  
I did not think of their re-  
turning so early, especially as  
the University opens late.  
Someone's very plans for Clara  
were not matured, and I had  
no idea either when she would  
be leaving, or even where she

comfortable for you. Mr. Johnson has room -  
my room and Carlos - the housekeeper -  
only part of you raised it -  
that you need pay no rent until  
the fifteenth, and it seemed to me  
- while not what one could wish -  
the very best I could possibly do.  
Now I have been in Oregon since  
Mr. Cuyler told me you were ex-  
pecting a family of four to visit  
you for awhile - coming in almost  
at the first. I have thought of one  
possibility after another, only to dismiss  
everything as impossible, and after

would go. All that has been  
for me to arrange, and the  
element is the earliest date  
for her going - the fourteenth of  
June Martin who has been ill  
should not be well enough to  
travel earlier. For here also  
I have had great difficulty  
in finding suitable quarters,  
and two rooms of Dr. Crockett's  
in Cascadilla we can not  
occupy until the fifteenth.  
I realized anyway you had  
behind you the necessity of  
leaving, and even against  
immense odds, I must  
make place. I planned that  
I could give up, and make

an all night alarm with the  
problem I concluded to make  
an effort in this way.

You spoke of the discomfort in  
Leicester, with smoggy air, and  
sneezing not going on smoothly  
anously. It could not be so  
good as that here, and yet  
we could have air arranged -  
without the addition of your  
family. You know the furnished  
was to be, and has been taken  
from Mr. Thompson's rooms -  
your own has not arrived -  
I have never had more than  
one or at most two guests at  
once. This house is furnished  
sufficiently for our family but  
not abundantly - I have to  
pack Clara's possessions for our



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entire year, since she will not  
return for any vacations —  
One of the young men on  
third floor, who expected to  
leave for some weeks has not  
gone — another who had not  
expected to return until late  
returns Saturday — As I said  
I could have arranged a  
fair living place for your  
family but I cannot see  
how I could do more.

Believe me I do not belittle  
your side of the difficulty —  
The household in order for  
the Craig — a continuous, and  
active baby — inefficient  
help, and guests who —  
I perfectly understand —

days coming down into a house ready  
for you, and vacant of visitors.  
As far as financial arrangements go -  
I am willing to do just anything if  
you will accept this plan. I have and  
as soon as Glenwood are ten dollars a week.  
The two days horse rent would be four dollars  
and I would deduct two dollars from  
the October rent towards the extra expense.  
Please do not think this is a high rent.  
I will do my best to manage your I am - I see  
no other possible thing - and I do  
regret dreadfully the necessity for saying  
it. Really I could not help myself  
and I hope you and Mrs. Dugger will  
understand that. I am  
Sincerely yours,  
E. Gale to Ben Thorne

you have felt to be impera-  
tive. Life will get into a tangle  
sometimes - I know you tried  
for an arrangement at Slater  
ville without success.  
I took dinner with Mrs. Bailey  
at Glenwood last night. They  
have been delighted with  
the place, which is open un-  
til the fifteenth. The fare is  
excellent, and there is plenty  
of room. Mrs. Dugger said  
your friends had been on the  
coast all summer, and felt  
I am sure that it would not  
be what she wished for them  
- a change - Still do you not  
think under the circumstances  
that you would all be much  
more comfortable there for two