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Just comes, send by freight. I have some money in the bank in  
Davenport will send you a check for \$20.00 - to help you along.  
I must answer  
Bessie's note so  
good by for this  
time. With much  
love you devoted  
Mother.

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1891

Yesterday was your  
birthday & I should have written  
to you but waited for your letter  
until it was too late to write,  
we all wish you many happy  
returns, would like to have had  
you with us. This time have been  
with us since Thursday night, & I  
think they would have enjoyed  
their visit more with some of the  
boys to help entertain them, take  
them riding &c. Your aunt Bessie,  
Reuben & Darry came with them,  
R & D - returned next morning,  
coming back Saturday for aunt  
Bessie, they left late in the  
evening so I had Bessie 2 days  
& nights. We will take the girls

in to the "grand concert" at the  
Opera house, Demopolis, given by  
St. Andrew's choir for the benefit  
of the church. It looks rather cloudy  
& thundered early this morning so  
we may have rain, but I hope  
not. I think the music will be very  
fine, rather too scientific I fear as  
Fanny is chief director I think.

Minnie, Miss Lou Bowdler, Jessie  
Collins, Joe Davis, Mrs. Hauser, Herman  
& Rosa Folda assist as choruses.  
I am very glad they gave you the  
scholarship if they did have to  
"strain a point" to do it, don't  
think they will regret it as I  
am sure you will give good help  
in that department, hope they  
will appoint a certain time for  
you to work for them & then you  
will have the rest, fear if they  
do not you will work too hard.  
It is strange about Prof Newman,

his acceptance of the place was  
published in the Advertiser, Mrs.  
Cobbs saw & told us of it.

I hoped Lewis would have come  
home this morning, wrote him to  
do so, maybe he did not receive the  
letter. I wanted him to go to the  
concert. We have just read a letter  
from Fred, he wrote mostly of the  
place at Auburn, wishes to have  
it explained to Dr. Bauman why he  
was not given the place Prof  
Newman was elected to, not from  
any fault of his, but because  
~~they~~ it is a new College & they  
wanted to get an elderly man  
& one widely known. Fanny added  
a P. S. telling us Mrs. Wm. Dock  
Lykes was killed in the wreck in  
Mo Co last week, I feel so much  
for his Mother, she was so devoted  
to him. Fanny feels it too I reckon  
for they were raised together.

Wave says he agreed to room with  
his last years room mate, Thomas,  
had a letter from him saying he  
had applied to Mrs Reece for a  
room, Wave would like you to call  
there & enquire if she will take  
them both & let him know. I hope  
you have found a good boarding  
house.

Suzie has applied for the place  
of governess at your Uncle John's,  
Beccie writes to us to know how we  
think she would do, begs us to be  
candid with her, it puts us in  
rather a trying position, honestly, I  
dont think she is competent to  
take charge of those children in  
every thing, still I would hate to  
say anything to prevent her getting  
the place. It is getting more &  
more cloudy I fear we cant go  
tonight. I will send the books &  
get together all <sup>you</sup> want when the

up with Harry he went. I don't think 15 minutes a  
week is much to devote  
to a mother, anyone  
he can write a letter  
in that time, he will  
not be long in response  
about the place,  
only 9 days. We  
will answer Mrs. A.  
when he returns. I think  
he is afraid to be with  
you. For fear you will  
think he is in his  
studio. Some Grand  
Mother has been going  
to W. for some days  
but is not off yet.  
We leave this evening  
the boys & myself hope  
to be back Saturday.  
Mabel W. goes with her

I was very glad to receive  
your letter this morning hasten to  
reply because we expect to go to  
S. tomorrow, spend the night,  
return on Wednesday, the next day  
have company, so you see I would be  
late in the week writing. Mrs. Robinson  
will repeat their concert in S. to-  
morrow night. We went up  
this morning full of business for them,  
he was to rent a hall, find accom-  
modation for the singers, get special  
rates for their teams, put up "poor"  
cell tickets, do all he could towards  
decorating the stage, hire a piano  
so as, enough to keep him busy  
all day, Frank Cobb kindly offered

to help him as I reckon he will  
get through, your Father is in a  
fever to get off tonight so as to be  
there in the morning & see if every-  
thing suits him, I think it doubtful  
if he gets off until morning. They  
died splendidly in Denbigh, took  
in 105 dollars but expenses were  
heavy, 31 dollars, all went in on the  
train & stayed at the Hotel.

All performed their parts well but  
Fanny of course out did them all,  
her singing was beautiful, the Last  
Rose of Summer was the prettiest  
thing you can imagine, sung by her  
when "enchored", also "Origin of the  
Harps" by request. I believe I wrote  
you they want to make enough to  
enclose the church with a good  
iron fence.

I thought the draft might relieve  
you of some anxiety, your Father is

so slow about such matters, he told  
me he expected to help you along  
but I know one likes to see their way  
through, know what they have to  
depend on. I am sorry Wave cannot  
get in with Thomas, he expected to,  
Mrs Anderson (the French's wife) wrote  
to Wave asking him to board there,  
he has not answered yet was waiting  
to hear from Mrs Reese, he says she  
does not keep a good table. She wrote  
she would have a few nice boys, had  
heard he was a good boy & would  
like to have him.

Livie & myself went to Farnedale  
to church yesterday evening, service  
was delayed so late that it was nearly  
dark when we left there & after 8  
when we reached home, the minister  
comes down on the 4 o'clock train  
yesterday it was nearly 5 before the

train arrived. Six silk hdkfs  
were a nice present. Do you need  
any underclothes? let me know if  
you do, will send the Latin Grammar  
the only one we find here, also the  
"Primer" by mail, & the box later, as  
soon as I can get the things together.  
Your Uncle John told me cousin  
Sybilla was at aunt Mary's & wants  
him to send her over to spend the  
day with us, she will come Thursday  
some of his family with her I expect.  
The twins stayed a week & I believe  
would like to have stayed longer.  
Wave left the store today week was  
there 6 weeks. Johnny Holmura looks  
dreadfully, much worse than he  
did when he resumed his place.  
Hazel's letters are few & short, if  
all my boys drop of writing to me  
as he has done I don't care to see  
them many, I suppose he is so taken

brother & said right well with that last month, sold 20 lbs, expect to sell  
more this month, we are so little now. The weather  
is still as cloudy, the  
geese are all  
huddling water & birds  
blackies told your father  
on they had no water  
in their yard for  
anything, have to  
have it, change to  
say our men are  
good is full, & we  
have a plenty here.  
It is time to show  
milk is good right  
with much love for  
Ward & yourself  
Your devoted  
Mother.

Yesterday morning found quite a number  
of letters as we had not had the mail  
since Friday, among the number was one  
from your self, one from Waver & a long one  
from aunt Melville and seeing the baby  
pictures, all were most acceptable. The baby  
is a fine looking little fellow & I am glad to  
have his likeness. Your aunt Melville wrote  
of the departure of Winnie & her numerous  
family felt as she says flat when all left  
one chummed & another waited in the house  
while Winnie cooked & helped clear up, however  
she found a boy to churn for some butter  
milk, & she & Fanny did the rest for  
some time, had at last found a girl who  
agreed to try the place for a month. Chorus  
is there Lucy & herself had begun school

this day she finished her letter, they are still uncertain about their move ments, are trying to get the Baette Hill men to buy their sweet milk, if they will come to terms Ben John Harris will then give the Baette Hill men the contract for 60 lbs of butter a month for the University, if that arrangement could be effected either I would be saved much trouble & they would make more too. I am glad you wrote to your aunt. I am sorry you see so little of Wave. I must hint if possible to get out of that baptist family & if you can help him in the matter please do so, I did not want him there but then he seemed to think it his only chance. They must keep College matters very close at Auburn, unlike most little towns, where every one knows every one else's business. When you see Wave tell him I will write to him later in the week. I had a note from Miss Patey saying 'sister Ann' & herself would like to make me a visit, come on Thursday,

your Father said we could not possibly have them now, that we had no horse girl & no one to send to the Station for them & then for the trunk, so I had to write & say how things were, I hated to do it for he could go for them himself if he would, & I could have managed to get along some how, Jenny is here cooking in Katie's place, she has another corn. I hate to tell any one I can't have them when they want to come. Reuben spent Sunday with us is looking rather better & brighter than when I last saw him, talks of wanting to get a place on that new road, the A & L - Mr, I hope he will find something else to do don't want him to go on a rail road. He says he stays very close at work, the girl takes much of his time, so often something is out of fix, the man running the engine is a common field hand & it is a wonder things have not been blown up long ago. Lucy is in her own house at Farnedale & I hope your Uncle Ben is comfortable at home once more. R - says he

he is such a popular sales man that he is busy all day, every darkey wants "Mars Ben" to wait on him.

Mrs Robinson took Mabel to school, the very day she left Willie was badly kicked by a horse, his face very much hurt but he is getting on very well I suppose as they have not sent for your Father again, we went over the third day to see him.

Herbert's arm is healing well.

Cornels Bailey is clerking at Mr Joe Collins & at "Mr Bob Woods" they have a youth from Va, I think he is a brother of Mrs Woody Collins, they must all expect to have quite a run of trade this fall. Johnny Holman is looking a little better, trying to build himself up on God liver Oil.

I wish you could pick up some, I reckon you "tramp" too much getting specimens, maybe you are like one father when sawing time comes. If you need money at any time Benny let us know, my income is from my

Fort Hill, S. C. Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1897

Dear Ben,

Your letter to me came  
a long time ago, and it  
was not because I did  
not appreciate it that  
I have waited so long to  
answer. When Mr Duggar  
was writing to you regularly  
there was little left  
for me to tell since Fort  
Hill does not supply suffi-  
cient news for Mr Duggar  
written near the same  
time. However I have  
some time since Mr D.  
<sup>has</sup> written to you, and that the

Time has come for me  
to answer your interesting  
and highly appreciated  
letter

Mr Duggan had no money,  
Mr Pickett, has been sick  
now for some time, the  
cousins are also sick; two have  
died, and one is sick now  
so you see Mr D. has been  
very busy. <sup>in the morning</sup> though it is  
now after four I have  
seen him only about an  
hour today altogether.

We enjoyed as much  
your last letter telling  
us of your course of study.

Neither had we surmised  
us of it. I cannot congratulate  
you on your choice of  
subjects & the little taste

I had of biology makes  
me think it must be  
a very delightful subject.  
You know Mr. Duggar and  
are also studying German,  
or rather are she learning  
it - without much study  
for the books we use  
increase so gradually in  
difficulty that we have to  
make little effort to learn  
each new lesson - in the  
Woman's First Reader and  
Joyce's Old's Introductory lessons.  
I suspect you have had  
more difficult-text books  
than these.

I know you are anxious  
to study Latin also, and  
if you have time to take  
it I hope you can yet.

make some arrangement  
to do so.

When we were at Col. Morris  
about two weeks ago, Genl.  
found some cotton leaves  
which he thought you  
might like to examine.  
I shall put them on  
this letter.

I cannot give you very  
many names about the  
class of '91 of the S. I. & C., for  
they do not write regularly.  
Carrie Black is teaching  
Chemistry & English in  
Asheville, N. C.; Julia Fitzpatrick  
is teaching in the Cox  
School at LaGrange, Ga.;  
Edlyn Montgomery, in  
the High School, Oxford,  
Miss.

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I am glad to say  
that I hear good reports  
of the new S. S. & B. President.  
I have not had a letter  
from Grace Augusta since  
her great sorrow, but am  
glad to say that she  
entered college at its open-  
ing, and is in the  
Sophomore class. In the  
last letter from her she  
says in answer to a question  
of mine, "Of course my  
dream is <sup>still</sup> to be a physician.  
I couldn't give that up, at  
least not yet; indeed I  
am getting impatient to  
begin my course." So I suppose

This dear little friend of  
mine will someday be  
the famous "Dr Cox" unless  
she does what most girls  
do, - loses her heart before  
she has time to make  
the preparation <sup>that is</sup> necessary.

We enjoyed the Hartford  
days very much indeed.  
Hope you will continue  
to write us all Mississippi  
news you hear.

We were amused at what  
you wrote of Prof. Sumner.  
And I imagined I  
could see you smiling as  
you wrote it. I will tell  
you a secret, - I met that  
gentleman while he was  
here, and was by no means  
prejudiced in his favor. But

of course it would not be  
prudent to tell this to  
many beside my  
brother.

Has Mr D written you what  
good things the trustees have  
said about himself? I rather  
think not, as I shall do  
so. Ed Morris said there  
was no finer crop in the  
state than his, and others  
have expressed themselves  
well satisfied in various  
ways.

The trustees have decreed to  
build five new houses, and  
we have our eye on one  
of them, have already spoken  
to the annual trustees and they  
did not seem opposed to  
giving us one. Mr D. is very

anxious to get into a house  
of his own, and I shall  
like it too. I was delighted  
yesterday at finding <sup>Mr. D.</sup>  
had gained some <sup>in prizes</sup> pounds  
of money to buy  
clothing but not all I  
feel certain.

Please write us all about  
your studies and your  
work. you know how much  
interest both of us take in  
your progress. If we get a  
house I ~~will~~ go intend  
indulging the hope of  
having you spend part  
of next summer, or part of  
it any way with us.

Has Mr. D. ever sent you  
the papers about the Harvard  
scholarships? If he has not

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you should have them  
at once for you might  
want to make application  
for one. a number are  
mentioned for most  
of which application has  
to be made many months  
before the time at which  
the scholarship begins.  
Mr D. is still out, and I  
can send no message  
from him.

Hoping you will write to  
me again as soon as you  
can, I remain,

Truly yours sister  
Fannie.

P.S. Give my love to Wm.

a good deal Sunday night at Johnny's. it seemed to be from indignation,  
your father says some of Mrs. Hollis's letters were the cause of it, we  
bought a small can of  
beans & ate them for supper.  
I am trying to be very  
modest so that I may  
be able to eat some of  
the 20 cakes they are  
to have at the Belles  
wedding. I have  
made a mess of  
this letter writing on  
two sheets instead  
of one they were  
so close together  
I did not notice it.  
Sunday is nearly ready  
to go to the office so  
I must close with much  
love to Mary, your devoted Mother.

On returning from your  
Uncle John's. Monday evening we stopped  
for the mail, found letters from both  
Waver & yourself, we were glad to hear  
from both of you, I will write to you  
now, & to him later in the week, if the  
rain does not keep us away, will tell  
him about Miss Eugenie's wedding, we  
hope to go, the hour suits old folks, 4  
o'clock - Miss Abby will be married this  
evening at the Presbyterian church, the  
bridal party will go to the Hotel (Lucy's)  
where the groom will furnish the  
wedding supper, is it that a queer  
notion, the old man, Mr Alexander,  
would not give them an entertainment.  
Lucy will prepare & manage everything.

was busy the day we were there having their furniture unpacked & much annoyed that the carpet had not come as she wanted to put it down & fix the room Monday. Including the bride she will have 13 boarders, regular boarders. has very indifferent servants & says she never knew what house keepers had to contend with until now, she had such good servants when she lived there several years ago. Uncle Ben looks well & is very cheerful, working hard, they say he sells more goods than the other three men put together.

We went to your Uncle John's Sunday evening that he & Beecie might go to Fannedale with us, & with Ben & Lucy sign that paper from a man in Ca that we have had for three months, we returned with Beecie to dinner & home in the evening. Soon after we reached John's <sup>Sunday</sup> Beecie & I drove up

with all her children & soon Mrs Skinner, I wondered what Beecie would do with us all but soon found Beecie & I would go home, she stayed until almost dark. This driving, he goes to the new teacher Mrs Miller, they are all delighted with her, say she manages the children so well, she has had experience enough. I am sure, been teaching for over 20 years. I am so glad. This goes to school. Fannedale continues to improve, I noticed some new houses & the bricks are in place for the foundation for a Methodist church, just across the road from the Paritytem. I am glad you spent such a pleasant evening with Mr Magruder, I wonder if he is going around to all the Agricultural Colleges, I've mentioned his having been at their College, I expect Fannedale would be glad to see him at Fort Hill. We have only had a postal from him in two weeks, said his assistant had been

ish some times & a disence had broken out among the cattle so that he had to spend a great deal of time with them. My only reason for wishing Waver to change was that I prefer his not being in a baptist family, I dont know what influence they might have over him, one baptist in the family is more than enough, he can be on the look out & when he can change try to get with our own denomination.

I think you had a pretty good walk for a pr of choce, suppose you will soon have to repent it for the heat, as winter time seems to be coming, dont put off to late to have fire, it is not right to sit any length of time in an uncomfortable cold room, is worse than dressing without fire, I dress without it but make fire in the chamber when I am ready to sit down to my work. Methew & us have been feeling very well, I suffered

has been at the shop for weeks & not fixed yet. I never saw so much  
cotton as is spun in the  
country now, the fields  
are white every where.  
Hedbert came in with  
your Father just now  
to leave his hand  
decided it is doing  
well, Willie has begun  
school again. With  
much love for Ben &  
yourself your devoted  
Mother.

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1891

I promised you a letter the  
last of the week, as I wrote to Ben  
about Tuesday I think, have taken up  
the butter & before anything else comes  
up will try to finish my letter. It is  
quite cool again, frost last night. As  
usual I am all alone your Father goes  
to see a very sick woman in Free town,  
we stopped for him to see her both going  
& coming from the wedding. That was  
a nice affair I will try to give you  
some idea of how things were arranged,  
we were invited at 4, but the marriage  
did not take place until much later,  
the groom was behind time. You  
remember there is a hall the length of  
the house, yellow curtain flannel

curtains draped with lace & vines,  
were stretched across the middle of the  
hall, the walls all through were  
decorated with palm-trees, & the corners  
with large branches of golden-rod &  
the pretty white, <sup>wood</sup> we have so much  
of now, making a very pretty effect.  
The bridal party formed behind the  
curtains in the lower part of the  
hall, when every thing was ready the  
curtains were drawn back & there  
was the marriage tableau I suppose  
it might be called, we, in the front  
part of the hall anxiously awaited  
the drawing of the curtains tho' I  
could not see well as there were tall  
ladies in front, I think there were 12  
attendants, Reuben waited with Blaine  
Selden, Lottie & Mary waited but I  
did not know their groomsmen, in  
fact there were so many strangers I  
hardly knew any one, but the guests

were nearly all married people, all our  
kin were there also Mr & Mrs Stickney &  
Mrs Gleason. After congratulations were  
over the bridal party & some others were  
invited in to supper, when they were  
through the rest of the company; the  
table was very pretty, a pyramid of  
flowers in the centre & one of fruit at  
each end, cakes, ice, nuts &c in the  
greatest abundance, while we were taking  
our supper the bride put on her travelling  
dress, the train was to stop in front of  
the house & take <sup>on</sup> the whole bridal  
party, of course the attendants were to get  
off at Faneuil the others go on to  
Birmingham, where Mr Bottham expects  
to hand Catherine the keys. We left soon  
after supper, (a little after sunset) Mr  
Dennis came from Beacon to perform  
the ceremony. The presents were summers,  
I remember 3 silver butter dishes, 3 sets  
of handsome carving knives, several

sets of silver spoons, pickle dishes,  
bureau ornaments, card baskets & all  
sorts of pretty things, too many to name  
if I could remember them. Mrs. Mrs.  
Knight the bride of the night before,  
was there looking as if she had lost her  
last friend on earth, he did not come  
near her all the evening, but I suppose  
he didn't know any better. Well I have  
nearly filled my letter with the wedding  
but I have written so recently to Ben  
that there is nothing new in the  
family. I am sorry you could not get  
excused from dull, suppose Ben gave  
you Dr B's letter. I will enclose Lewis's  
last letter for Ben & yourself to read,  
try to write to him some times. Your  
Uncle John offered to give me some  
cotton seed for the cows if I would  
send for them, we hired Lewis today  
borrowed Allen's wagon & sent for  
them, one broke down hauling coal,

October 28<sup>th</sup> 1891

Son

Your Father spoke of writing  
you a card this morning but I told  
him I intended writing & would tell  
you what he wanted to say, he thought  
you might like to take a cheap trip to  
Atlanta, says if you would like to go  
he will send money to pay your  
expenses, you can answer at once if you  
decide to go, or go on if ~~the~~ you have the money.  
Your Father sold his two rifles, little  
calf & Red Eagle, sent Duchene &  
Rockott back (each with blue ribbons)  
by Peter & he went up to Tuscaloosa,  
Saturday night, reached home Monday  
morning, telegraphed me from Galloway  
that he was here, as I came over on  
the 4 o'clock train, I had such a

after I thought he had  
found but I had to  
wait at my house, it looks  
right but time is passing.

& he will send a check for \$10.00 to reimburse you, he asked me

pleasant time that I was right sorry to leave, Bessie seemed so glad to have me, I stopped to sit awhile with Lory, the evening I returned she told me she had 20 to dinner that day, she is in a rush all the time, I hope she will make money, but she keeps a mighty good table & it must cost a good deal. I went to church Sunday enjoyed the service but cant say much for the sermon, the delivery was poor, in fact there was no delivery, the sermon was read off like a school boy would read his lesson, so different from what I am accustomed to, Mr Cobbs was no more & of late is more animated than I thought he ever could be, I have not heard from the Convocation in his church last week.

Yorn Father left all well in Tuckahoe, but very blue, Mr H- has not found any business yet, fears he will have to

take back more of those cows sold to New Baker.

Profs Mc Gee & Mc Kay had charge of the College exhibit, that & the penitentiary exhibit, was all outside of the stock, that was worth looking at, the Profs spoke very highly of Lewis, which was of course very gratifying to us, he seems to like his work in the green house as much as Waver dislikes his milking & churning. Tell Waver the razor was sent yesterday hope he received it this morning, I will write to him the last of the week.

I think your collecting trips must be any thing but pleasant these dirty times, I never saw the dust worse than it is now & water is getting alarmingly scarce, we have a plenty but here was found in the orchard well, had been there so long that we cant drink the water, are using it for the horses, drink from the big stable well, that is a long way to go

for it. "Uncle John hauls for sorghum &  
stock from the creek. Reuben keeps  
busy did not take a meal with us  
until Saturday when the gin was  
not running, sometimes it was 10 o'clock  
before he would get to the house for  
breakfast. I have been interrupted so  
often that I feel as if there was no  
sense in what I have written, excuse  
a short letter, I am trying to make a  
winter dress but get on slowly, my time  
is so broken into, it is time now to set  
the table for dinner. With much love  
for Waver & yourself

Yours devoted Brother,

would make no difference there. I must say good night, with much love  
to our devoted  
Mother.  
My dearest letter from  
Henry said Fred was  
looking so well &  
gaining in weight,  
the cattle still continue  
sick.

Nov 3rd 1891

Your letter was handed  
me this morning. I was very glad to hear  
from you, as other letters will be coming  
in will answer yours tonight. Wade  
said he would write once a fortnight.  
So I suppose I need not expect one  
from him this week.

I expect you were sorry ~~you~~ to stand  
the examination for "Abetector" it  
would have been so nice early to  
start out on, but as you at Fairburn  
I hope will be a great benefit to you,  
when that time expires I hope you may  
find some place equally as good as that  
of "Abetector"

I suppose when cold weather begins  
collecting will be at an end & you will

miss your long walks.

Uncle Waver arrived Sunday morning, I have not seen him yet, your Father went up Monday to see him, returned with several little presents for us from Mother, you would have been amused to see them, a basket of grapes, a tin measuring cup with some custicle soap & a piece of a ~~tooth~~ stone from old Blanford church, 2 pcs of black stockings & a box of confectionary, containing a loaf of bread, a bag of ginger cakes, one of ten cakes some snow balls, 6 large apples & a bag of candy. I wish for your boys to enjoy the box with me. To your Father she sent 2 white silk hdkfs & a large black one, these things were put in to help fill a trunk Br Waver bought for your Father. Goods are so cheap there I wish we had sent on some orders.

Mother was left all alone, I suppose Br Waver will remain here this winter,

these establishments in the Sugar family for four people, ours & their two. Nothing of interest is going on around us, your Father has been attending Mr Booker, Mrs Kings son in law, he is better, not much sick now. Hunter had a right bad hunt yesterday, when John went in the evening to put the haws up they were in the church yard & he was hurt, your Father looked around try ing to find out how it was done, he must have run against one of the posts to Mr Walke's grave, the brain & blood were on it, some one passing through left the little gate to the church yard open & they went in. No help could be gotten yesterday evening to hold him but this morning your Father sewed up the snag, it is just back of the lower part of the shoulder & makes him walk lame. There was a drove here today with some very fine horses, asked to

Now if you meet any cash let me know at  
any time & I can help you out - as I have  
some on hand now. D. I see by the paper that  
a Mr Gallet of Auburn & a Dr. Bantley of  
Dexter will be candidates for the place of  
Prof. Newman - try & pump Prof. at Auburn &  
see how their chances are & what he thinks -

be allowed to water here as he could  
get none on the road. Sunday we  
were almost sure of a rain that night  
but the wind went back to the west  
without even a sprinkle.

If you do go to Atlanta I hope you will  
enjoy the trip. The papers give a glowing  
account of the Montgomery Fair, from  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> there will run so that  
persons can go from here, spend the  
day & return by 10 o'clock at night.

I had a note from Bessie today, all  
was well, she said she missed me  
very much, wished the Dr. would go  
off again so that I could make her  
another visit. I want to go to Fairburn  
but believe I prefer waiting until after  
4 snow, when roads & weather are bad  
I will have such a lovely time here, it

you must persuade your Mother to pay  
me a visit it only took your Uncle  
Waver and myself 3 1/2 hours to come and  
it is almost like a street the stations  
are so close together must one such dear  
Bonnie for I miss you all - Good night - A.G.D.

Dear Bonnie

Affectionately yours G. Mather  
Nov 12 1891

Your letter and photograph  
came safe to hand and I am sure  
Grandmother was glad to receive  
them. The likeness is a perfect  
one and I judge you have gotten  
some of just a new one. I have  
meantle until I had it framed. At  
this time I have been thinking  
that I had answered your letter  
but it is never too late to do so.  
I will make up for the long time  
I have delayed and you must  
not forget that it is answered  
when you receive it and let me  
hear from you again soon.  
I had one from Freddie also and  
now I have began to write will  
try and answer this too you

hear from him often I hope  
he and Danny are very happy  
I hope very contented anyhow  
he says he is coming to see me  
if he possibly can I will be de-  
lighted to have him come and  
bring Danny I have plenty of  
room for any of and all of  
you that will come you all  
seem more like children  
than grandchildren though  
that is the next of kin I suppose  
you know your Uncle Waverley  
has gone back and I did hate  
to see him go - he forgot his  
cravat the morning he left  
and did not find it but when  
he nearly reached home then  
he wrote back how it was that  
I let him come off without it  
my eyes were so full that  
I could hardly see him much  
more a cravat - how prone we

are to blame others for our  
oversight I think it is a universal  
fault of human nature how-  
londy he is I feel more for him  
than I do for myself this is  
a noisy street no time of the night  
but what you can hear some  
one talking walking or singing  
I think he liked his little trip  
to Petersburg and Washington  
I tell you this is a cold place  
and we are looking forward  
to great improvements if  
we never get them but I  
do hope we will as it will  
begin close by one you will  
soon be grown and educated for  
the sphere of life that you  
may choose can you realize  
it then comes Waverley how  
is he getting along I hope well  
Alice has left me I think she  
is with her mother dear child

she has an affectionate loving  
heart and I hope her father  
in heaven will take care  
of her she writes one word that  
her Mother has sent her to teach  
ing Fanny so she is at something  
you must write to her I am  
afraid they will marry her  
off before I see her again  
you must take a high stand  
when you through all your  
students cap Louie finished  
at Boarding school quick only  
six weeks Alice writes that  
her Mother could not part  
from Louie and she knew  
that when she took her away  
it was like your sister and  
Lawellyn I am delighted she  
is getting along so well I was  
in hopes he would take a course of  
study as a Term at Queens College  
Meane this year — we have a great  
many pretty girls here Episcopalians  
Methodist Baptist Presbyterians and Romanists  
Mr Gibson has 60 members in his church too many  
we have to attend to