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548. lo. 1490h St. New York.

May 19th 1912.

Dear Dr. Duggar,

Your letter with check
for \$48.37 arrives this moment.
I am glad some of those "times"
were not mine. I am sorry
you are leaving Cornell, but Dr.
St. Louis & sounds most interesting
to a scientist and I do hope
will be and continue to be
just what you wish - with
trimming, and that you
won't ever find anything better.
Working - making - mending -
How is any one to rest? Keep
on life itself. My idea of bliss
is to be or have been driven
from the house where one's
parents at least were born!

Alfred Russ Wallace

about the house - I know the
walls must need quite general
attention. All the places you speak
of were there when I left and
I wonder they've held so long.
They all fallowed immediately
the extraordinary winter which
was our first for the house
with everything new. I wish
the painting had been done;
but a purchaser might prefer
another color you know, and
cost would be allowed for.
After waiting and debating
and taking much advice -
which all tended that way
I did put house absolutely in
Mr. Farbell's hands. No other
tenant would do as you.

have, and I cannot attend
to matters. Mr. Farbell is
- well - Two letters from him
are all I could ask in
apparent frankness, and kind
news also. At any rate - since
I have put things in his hands
I must not interfere & tell it
or he would have just cause
of complaint. I told him I had
offered house to you for nine
thousand. If Prof. Tilling
had made an offer of that
much - Mr. T. would have
taken it. I don't know if
he did make any offer.
As for renting - of course I
am so anxious to sell I
don't wish to settle that

yet. It is very kind of you
to offer to give up Sunday by
July - in case it can be set-
tled a month ahead. Also -
to see about the repairs. There
is no more paper like the up-
stairs study - it would need
doing all over - There is paper
like parlor. I was so attached
to that, and dining room, I
got enough to do a second
time all over, but dining room
is all right. I will wait
a little to see what happens.
Kerr is so rushed and sitting
up nights - I won't say any-
thing to him right now -
also he is rushing mails -
applying for "jobs" -
I shall write again soon con-
cerning affairs. With love to the
family I am cordially yours

Henry is a long, long
time, when I will
have to give up expecting
letters from him. He now
writes more than if he
had a dozen children to
look after. I think
your father intends to take
up my time with little ducks
but I had 8 settings of eggs but that
was not enough - but for another
setting that he will put under a
hen today. The little ducks have
to be fed 5 times a day
every 7 weeks off, then 3
times & kept supplied with
fresh water. When he bought
3 young ducks as we have now
5 ducks & a drake, none of them
laying now, the first are setting.
It is said that young ducks lay at

I hoped for a letter this morning
but it did not come. I will not write as it has
been some time since I have written. I intend-
ed sending you a letter the last of last week
but was very busy about different things & did
not get the writing done. Altho' I have the same
girl in the kitchen I have a great many things
to do, she does not help in the house & requires
much looking after. She left for a week, then
decided to come back, poor help as she is I was
glad to have her return, she is not honest & today

8 months, if as we should be on our way up in the fall, have a party
all summer
your Father
old ducks,
Bluffs
meets him
house was
them &
and saw
them, the
your chicken
suffer.
It is intent
ing to with
the letter
chicks get
all in a
branch &
picks the
note off
each other
hands.
With much
for to you
all
your brother
Mother.
your Father
pay the
chickens
were taken
from a
big way
near the
meant
wherever
where we
sleep,
coming
first, her
is about
you think
so! She
cook must
have
chained
the day
as she
sometimes
thinks, of 18 right good size chickens that were
in a box with the bees just inside the grapey. I
am in hopes they were just scattered about in the
grass where he went to feed them, I ^{came up} were there, but
it did seem as if something was going on wrong
last night, the cows were in the road this evening,
gates all shut the cook said.
Your Father has gone down to the Red Store to deliver
about the last hay he has to sell, sold over
200 bales last week at 50^{cts} a bale, it is in
great demand now, nearly every one has sold out.
He finds it about as profitable to sell at that price
as to hire wagons to haul it to Gallien & Dampier,
in fact wagons can't be hired now every one is as
busy. The frequent rains keeps everything looking as

fresh & green, we had a hard rain yesterday
evening, everytime I think the road about dry enough
for a trip to Lanesville another rains comes. Aunt
Melville might come in her carriage if she had a
driver, her lot man is half blind & she can't trust
him to drive.
I hope you have had as pleasant weather as we
have enjoyed lately & possibly the flowers are coming
out. My roses have been beautiful but the first
blooming is about over now. I wished so much you
& Maria could have seen them.
Last week one of J Winn's daughters wrote she
wanted to visit her Father's grave, we expected her
to spend the day & maybe the night so I tried to
put the house & yard in good order for her except
now, prepared a nice dinner but she did not

does when
the
company
arrives in
if she did
not that
I know
she helps
some one
else.

came in the 4.30 P.M. train & left for the
7 P.M. so my trouble was for nothing except that I
was glad to get some of the old papers & trash out
of sight, all too precious to be burned - I don't know
what will become of me if the collection keeps up.
Yesterday Mr. Pullen dropped in at mail time to have
a little talk he said, your Father invited him to
stay to dinner so we had him all day. Rebecca
did not come up, perhaps his cook wanted to go
off & he had to stay at home to take care of things.
I suppose by this time you have decided what you
will do. I have an idea you will remain in Illinois,
am I right? Was Maria improved by her visit?
I hope she gained in weight. I know there was
great rejoicing in the house when she returned.
I have heard from Waver recently but not from

celebrated the 3rd anniversary of their wedding, it was a family union,
 35 members of the family were present, including your parent,
 children, grand children & others. The paper of the Party presented them with a bag of gold coins, 100 dollars.
 Mrs de Ories is in charge of the church. Now you & yours as deep as dead to seeing, your father carried with me in. Perhaps love to you all, his the 19th October for now. Your devoted Mother.

Last night just as I was going to bed your Father brought in the mail, sleepy & tired as I was I enjoyed your letter very much it waked me up. I got sleepy as early these nights, retired almost as early as Lavier & Bojeus I reckon, but I am up as early, sometimes by 4 o'clock. I like the cool of the morning for work when the weather is warm as it is now. It is hot in the sun but nearly always a nice breeze. The ground is hard & dry now, really a little rain would help every thing. Our season is far ahead of yours, the earliest vegetables, spinach, radishes, peas, & the early crops are over, Reuben brought Sunday the last (peas) picking from his vines, he said, & to think your vegetables are just up! I buy from Mrs Lou Davis hard headed cabbage, & nice onions, we do not cultivate a garden, only one or two little rows.

Saturday was a crowded day for you, these places to go to, I suppose you are so busy as soon you feel you must go to every thing - I am sure it was a relief to get rid of showing people over the house.

I am glad your mushrooms succeeded as well - I have never tasted any except a canned one, think they must be very nice. I have an idea the taste is something like salicy.

Now ask if Fred will be present at the Graduate School of Agriculture Michigan, I understood him to say he wished to spend the month of July there but was not certain of being able to get off. I think Auburn Bonneau must be there 1st week in June. I wish you could both be in Michigan at the same time.

I do not envy you the job of packing for the move to St. Louis. I think you have hardly made an arrangement for a house there yet. When will your duties there begin? Can't you all make us a visit before you get to work there?

We would be so glad to have you, maybe if you could come a little earlier in the fall than you usually do we might have some good weather.

I am glad the children like to hear what we are doing, tell them I had 9 little ducks I hoped to raise, but one night something carried off 4 of them. I am looking for some more to hatch. The grown ducks (5 of them) are not laying now. I fed them a great deal, & they drink ~~as~~ ^{much} water, they eat a little & run & drink, I never saw such things, the little ones do the same way. I think I wrote you all the little chickens but 2 were stolen. Tell the children we were down at Mr. Hart's the other day, he showed us 45 little ducks, 19 days old, taking care of themselves, no mother, hatched in an incubator, they had a boy to go into at night. He had also 400 little chickens, some large enough to fry.

Yesterday we made our first visit this year to Aunt Melville, had not seen her since Dec. She was looking pretty well but still complaining of her head. Della left her without the slightest warning, I am so glad

she has found a woman to take her place. Not so
with my self, my cook has been gone 2 weeks & I see
not the slightest chance to fill her place, or even to get
a little girl to help. Tom Butler if he feels like it milks
once a day, the cow is a good one & I hate so to see the
calf get so much nice milk that I could make into
butter. I have seen the time when we could get a woman
to milk night & morning but we cant do it now.
A Pennsylvania man bought a few days ago, 360 acres
of what you know as the Haunering field. The part he
bought joins Herbert's 60 acres & extends nearly to the
overseer's house on the place. We hear he paid \$35.00
an acre each, & will build & bring his family down,
Stoner is his name - It seems our country is to become
thickly settled.

I wish you all had some of the dew berries that are
very abundant just now, but will soon be over. The
Baptist ladies are to have a straw berry supper next
week for the benefit of their church. Mr & Mrs Cobbs

did you ever try it as a tonic. I have a good appetite
just back strength. It certainly would be delightful
to see to spend a short while with you this month as
I think, have always wanted to see the place but
there is no possible chance for us to get off from home,
little as we have, that little must be cared for. I think
too your Father is afraid of long trips, & changes of climate.
The children are making up for their long winter confinement
& I imagine they enjoy it fully. If Louise keeps
on growing as fast you will have a grown daughter in
size, before you know it. I wonder who she takes her
height from.

I am so glad the Republicans think Roosevelt can't be
elected, would it be terrible for the country if he were
to be! I wish our man Vandewater could get it. I wonder
if there is any chance for him. I read only the *Advertiser*
which is for him strong. With your letter last night

came one from Waver, he means speaks of coming to
see us. I feel as if he has had time to make a fortune
out there & could afford to come once to see us in our
old age.

Reuben spent Monday night with us, went next
morning to Lanesville, returned this morning, stopped a
minute to hand in a bag of vegetables from sister Polly,
burr artichokes, green peas, & asparagus, he said he had a
shout in the buggy & was in a great hurry to get him
out of the heat as I could not ask him anything about
them or his visit. He let his cook off the Saturday
(after she had carried his butter to town) & Sunday before
& he did her work, Sunday morning he churned 3 times,
ate a cold breakfast, then milked 10 cows, strained up
the milk & washed the things, it took him until
12 o'clock, altho' he started at 4 in the morning. I
think he deserves a visit, he is very closely kept at

horses work hard on fences & all sorts of things. Fred
thinks he should have a Separator, then churning would
not be so heavy. Have sent an Advertisement of "The
Economy Chief" said to be the best skinning separator
ever put on the market, price only 27 dollars, guaranteed
for 20 years, sent on 30 days trial.

Last week, I don't remember if I wrote you, I dined at
Mrs Powell's with Mrs Beaupin, enjoyed the little outing
tho' it was about the time I was feeling so badly.

Autumn commencement I think begins Sunday, the girls
will have a good many friends with them. Unfortunately
one of Fred's horses struck a nail in his foot & they may
not be able to use him, was anxious to have both vehicles
in use at commencement time. Some Father made a
train trip to Danvers yesterday, accomplished very
little, the main thing was to see about sugar while it
is down a little but he did not do it, & some other things
more important than buying cheap shirts, candy &c. &

2 young calves & was one to snail. The cow has a young calf & then her heifer. I am trying to
persuade your father to
sell her (the heifer) I don't
think she will make the
cow for then get she would &
then I am sure are proud of
I agree. She wishes the
old cow one day of her
feels like it if not then
the calf to her to get all
the milk, if comes we
needs little better, boy
what is lacking.
It is turning cool, think
I will stand the blanket
again tonight.
There is no more in
the 19 night blanket, we
one night that I know of.
Much love to you all, kiss
the children for me, I have
not writing you lately. Mother.

I have been trying all day to get the
time to write to you, it is now late in the
afternoon & my work just finished for awhile,
presently I will have to feed the little ducks, they
need feeding so often but are growing for it. In
3 days there should be 2 more hatchings & they
will need feeding 5 times a day for 2 or 3 weeks.
I am alone on the place, your father has gone
to the depot expecting another setting of eggs. I
think he has decided to try a different plan
with them & I hope they will hatch better.
We have had rains for several nights, last
night was cool enough for 2 thin blankets. I
slept so well that I was startled when I
awoke to find the sun was up, & my head
over him. I feared, but fortunately it was not.
The rains have been fine for the gardens for

I send a letter from Waver a few days ago, nothing from Henry.

they were burning up, but I don't think the
cotton needed it. Considering all things the
crops look pretty well. Hay was scarce & in great
demand some weeks ago, one Hull sold ^{at that time} his last
years hay for 26 dollars a ton, was it that
a big price! The new hay is being cut now
perhaps some on the market.

I hope your examinations are all over & that you
have a little breathing spell.

Autumn commencement was over Wednesday
night, no letter since, but a printed list of
the graduates from Fred. Frederic graduated
with honor, Frances with highest honor, your
father is very proud of "the Duggans". Mrs Camp
told me when I was up there that Fred had
been offered two places for Frederic as soon as
he graduated, she did not know whether he
would accept either, & Harry did not condescend
to converse with me about any thing. One of the
places was in Washington. Frances I expect will

go to some girls school to study music, &c.

Mrs Stewart & Miss Gray were up one afternoon
this week & sat quite awhile, Mrs Hatch came
another, & yesterday evening Mrs Powell came
over. This morning Mr Pullen spent quite a while
with your father. The latter bought a heifer
yesterday, says he wants another, to fatten on the
abundance of grass on these lots & sell in the
fall. I am afraid it is rather risky but he
does not listen to me. He may not be able to get
what he thinks they are worth & have them on
his hands all winter to feed. So many people
are buying up cattle now, it is surprising where
so many come from.

Oh! I must tell you - the Bishop appointed
our preacher to preach the opening sermon at
Council, we all thought it such a poor selec-
tion & were real sorry about it - Lucy Briggs
was at Council & wrote sister Sally "that" Mr
Warner covered him self with glory, delivered his

sermon so well & was at the least bit frightened
= ed. His voice is so weak I don't see how he could
be heard all over a large church.

What is Priscilla doing? Tell her I made a little
very pretty plum jelly this morning, may preserve
some next week if I feel well. I am getting very
particular about not overdoing myself, such things
we can do without, but the every day cooking we
cant, I have to save myself for that.

Benjamin did not come up Sunday, spent the Monday
night before with us on his way to visit aunt Bulville,
I was so glad he did, he has such a lovely time &
sees so few people. He stayed until Thursday. Rick
gave him a shoot & he was bringing home with
him, did not stop to tell us about them all, only
brought in some vegetables aunt Bulville sent
me. She writes there are several cases of Typhoid
fever in Canada, one next door to Fanny Jackson,
none of our friends have it yet. I wish it a pity to have

PM Bluffton, June 24, 1871
 I send you not more than
 any more of the
 the Peerless Liquid which came
 safely by the Louisville. The Dase
 had not come yet: but I hope
 for the best. Did you send
 it as you sent Regret? The
 second has safely, & William
 & Cynthia were delighted with
 your presents & thank you
 much for them. He are getting
 on as usual & Sarah. I send as
 three will be mailing to hear from
 the Bishop she says. Love
 from
 J. M.

Marlene is running on the
"Cliff" between Saranac &
Beaufort. As Apple is more at home
than I am, she has been & having
trips on the "Cliff" by moonlight.
Jack does not send her the
money to return to Chicago, so
that I hope to keep her a few
weeks longer. I will be lonely
without her. I want you to see
me positively if you are coming
in October & will spend the ^{evening} ~~night~~ ^{with me} with us. You & the dear children.
I may go to Saranac if you don't
come & cheer our dull life. I am
going to have dear Susan's room
Kathleen's room & have up as
a library & music room. Don't
you think it will be much better?

June 29th 1912.

My dear Son

Good Father has been saying all the week that he was going to write to you as I did not write, but as about 10 days has passed & no letter to you I will scratch off a hurried letter this evening, you may feel anxious about us.

We are as well as usual & everything going the same old way. Day before yesterday we spent with Aunt Melville, Miss Marilore Marlowe was there but expected to return home today. Aunt Melville had just been shuffling things around to accommodate Mr & Mrs Harris, his daughter (Amanda) & grand daughter for a day & night, although they know she has but one room, she had to put her bed in the parlor for Amanda & daughter, & put Mr & Mrs Harris up stairs, she sleep on a couch.

they not only wanted to spend the night but wanted to be sent for, & sent back, how inconvenient - at some people are. Aunt Melville is not feeling well but keeps going. Lucy had been canning crops that morning she is much interested in canning vegetables of all sorts, her tomatoes are the nicest I ever used.

After dinner today there was a very black cloud & thunder, we expected a storm, had a good shower & another is coming up, no storm tho'. It is as dark in the house I had to come out on the front porch but the rain drives me in. I find your father in the chamber says he is writing to you, he would not tell me he was going to do it.

We were much pleased with the looks of the crops on our drive, the corn is looking beautifully, such a rich, dark green, the cotton is small but well worked & doing finely. The country should have a plenty of corn for next year, so much planted, this rain will

be good for it tho' it was not needing rain. This will help the gardens, have you had any vegetables from yours yet. I was at Mrs. Bavelle's a few evenings ago & she gave me 2 heads of cabbage that must have weighed 10 lbs. each, one will hurt as a week, the other I will give Benben tomorrow to take home, his garden has burned up from so much water standing on it, the pool overflowed it. He was with us Sunday to dinner & that night. I gave him about a ^{meal} ~~supper~~ breakfast Monday morning that he might ^{two} have hands he expected to work his corn.

Mary Hoss, Harry Jackson, Alice, Charles, & her sister, were out in Alice's automobile, the young man running it lost control, it ran down a little elevation at the rate of 40 miles an hour, turned over, Alice's arm was broken, Mary's knee cap fractured & arm badly bruised, Harry's knee ~~was~~ arm was also hurt & the young man's collar bone broken. Mary will have to keep her bed two weeks or more, it is very trying to her as she has a house

full, boarders & family amount to 25 or 30 for
every meal. Milvilles Brown & Lovie Briggs are
housekeeping for her.

I suppose you & Maria are busy packing, what a
job it must be! Don't wear yourselves out.

Our lands are still changing hands, Mr Collins
sold his Walker place to a Western man, ^{for} 40.00 acres
and the "John Walter" boys gave an option on theirs
at the same price. Davis Collins bought Athol at
7000 dollars. I wrote you 350 acres of the Manning
place were sold not long ago.

Mrs & Mrs Joe Collins were summoned to dig for
Thatcher's sick bed, it is thought she will not
recover, her health has been bad a long time.

Our Kate stopped at the gate yesterday with a
basket of delicious peaches & plums, & a jug of good
well water. We have been very fortunate in getting
nice peaches & plums from Mr Laif, he lives near
the Roddie place has 20 acres in fruit, and it
around every few days. It is time to get this to the
office, much love to you all

Your devoted Brother

June 29, 1912

he cooked, dined on sundries, some tomatoes
& bread. When the family came into the
house from the rain they were much
surprised at their visitor but very polite,
gentle negroes.

I stopped here to dress an egg plant for
dinner, Beeie Wilson gave me several & we
have enjoyed them. She drove over to see us
before we left sister Sally's that morning
brought her baby, 7 months old, a sweet-
looking little thing but spoiled to death &
so afraid of strangers, quite different from
your baby.

Fred wrote us he would be home the
2nd of Aug, in time for the famous summer

school, then the Democrópolis men want him at the Alfalfa meeting there, they will attempt great things, the country people will contribute lots of animals for the barbecues, with the high prices of meat I feel as if it is almost a sin to kill so many for these barbecues, always so much waste -

Reuben did not come last Sunday but came Monday to have a sore foot dressed, had a sore on it from some cause, probably scratching a mosquito or red bug bite, then cow stepped on it & made it worse so after waiting several days he came to the Dr, we have not heard from him since, he carried medicines & instructions home with him & I do hope it is much better if not cured.

My dear Grand Daughter

We were much

pleased with your little letter, thought
it so nicely written. We are glad you
like the little bed, I hope it will
remind you of us & the visit you
made us. I wish you all could
come oftener.

Uncle Benben, come to see us

yesterday, says he has 25 little
kids, would sit you & Boycie like
to see them - My two little white
kittens are growing fast, run to me
when they see me coming.

Much love & kisses to Boycie &
yourself from

Your loving

Grand Mother.

P.S. Did the white violets grow in your
yard? Thanks for them.

Miss Marie Louise Duggar.

Ithaca