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1000 threads as I used to do.
 I hope dear Sir, you have a
 good capable servant, so that
 you can continue your art-
 studies. If I will risk your
 "Money" could he, ruin me while
 you were enjoying artistic work.
 Much more to you talk than
 sketching children at their
 play. I always had a young
 girl for that work, when
 my children could play
 with Dolls. I know you must
 enjoy the home made preserves.
 We enjoy 'em. Mrs. McDonald told the very
 business she made & sent me a
 bottle. Aggie joint with me
 much like it. Sweet kisses
 at very short I make me such a
 cup. Love 1899, I long to see

Do you feel the
 spring more than
 the 20th day
 when we
 were in
 the
 with you for the
 13th 1915
 Plum & nodding you had
 it. While we were in Sun-
 day. I had my "tenth day" an-
 ner on that day & Aggie had
 Maggie Martini & the young
 Methodist Parson, at our joint
 as they wanted to meet each
 other. & I am glad you are
 Aggie & have company for this
 & due Helge in "Honor" & the
 doll not "complains" while "kissing"
 under the "rod." ad I am afraid
 I do sometimes (unwillingly) complain

"Anna" our servant had just
come into my room for mail.
I beg me to thank you with
the whole heart for the clothes
for her children & beg you will
send every old thing you can spare
for her. The negroes are very poor
for their cotton does not yield
them any price & Wm & my
things is so high. I find "Anna"
a good servant & very affectionate
& kindred. I am going to have
some roasted & baked for lunch.
Don't you wish you had some,
but the weather is so dry all
night it is ruined. Have you heard
from Mr. Burdick? He told me
several weeks ago, that he had to pay

you fifty dollars the 1st of May
Agnes went to see him a week
ago & he was not at home. But
he left a message for him, telling
him to come & see her. Please
send me a pretty & comfortable
Japanese jacket & a Belt for
my Berta. day gift. Charles
does not seem to feel the hard
times & is constantly on the
go. Jack seems to enjoy being
with Alice & is devoted to Charles
Alice says. I sent Anna Patrick
a scarf I embroidered for her
yesterday. She wants me to make
a Battenberg handkerchief for her
wedding gift but such things
are out of date in Paris now.
I am sure you would also suffer from

I hope Ben kept nice & do
write him for me. also the
other children & keep a
heart full of love for you
and direct self from your
devoted & admiring
"Mama"

The Kennedy may be say
some people, though from
the up country. & I would
cultivate them since the
world
was we are all living on the
same plane. & the "Rotten"
people were very nice. Wardlaw
Springfield, Ballantyne & Co.

Blissful to be February 3rd

My Darling Daughter -
Many thanks
for your Box. Containing
my thing I wanted most.
The Lord got me beautifully.
& so do the mail & the rail
is beautiful & the Box is quite
fully & something I needed.
You are as precious dear to
me & so many other things.
God is so good & expensive.
I have very little & spend on
clothes. But I am thankful
at times are hard & the two



Boys do their best from
the more here from Charlie
Aggie's last time came up on
the 16. the inst. (the Larry's study)
& I will be alone, unless I
get Julie Heyward to come
& stay with me. The Sunday
or is such that Aggie must be
away. I will write to Julie
by this mail. I am glad
dearling that you are enjoying
life again, also that you are
busy with your book studies
Aggie takes music lessons &
she enjoys it & she keeps it
down for her. It is truly here

though she seems to enjoy the
quits. She is also raising
the horse. Mr. Houghness
has been absent for three weeks
at the mill. Her father
died recently, after a fall he
had. We hope to see him tomorrow
he is a gentleman & very intelli-
gent, & we must bring him
over a week at least, & he sends
Mr. Candy & Lake. But say nothing
about him in your letter. Aggie
is so sensitive. Nothing had been
done by Julie about 'giving up'
the organ so. He talked big 'but got
off from our wonderful welcome,

don't know how it will
end. You know she
was sick five weeks
in her room all
during the holidays.
I could not get any
Xmas. presents. I have
not been able to leave
her to go to Savannah
since Alice and I
went. My lease will
be called until March.
Then I don't know what
Drama will do. I want

not take the money I all give
to - for the children. I will get
send them their money. But
you sent even my & Valentines
here. The House is so poor
no account of the war
do make some save
kind for me too. I
it. I wish to all the paper
I have so much coal.
will make you save some
long and I wish to give
fall. Little Jack is having
you give money for Magdalen
and giving me Bill. Little
I don't mind it. Ever your mother

very smart in school. Mary
tells I long to see and talk to
you. How are you getting
on with your Art. studies
you don't get much time
to work. Alice and Doug. are
delighted with - Head of Nancy
that you sent - the for James.
Mamma gets out every day
but she wants excitement -
all the time. Over and over I

write to you so often
that I think what the
use in my writing
for she tells the news.
you know there is
nothing interesting here
I go out - seldom. Tell
me about the precious
little "Nancy". we were
so worried about her,
and you have not written
in a long time. Is Boyce
stronger this winter? I
know he must be

is light-grey marble,
strong but simple, a lovely
cut in the marble is
on top. Then Daddy's
name and year he was
born and died. 1833-1914
There is so much rain
down here that it would
not do to get anything
fussy. I will plant lots
of pretty flowers out there
as soon as the fence is
up which will be for today.
Marie I thank you so
much for your dear long
gift. I felt hurt you did

to get Mrs Rowell ^{Feb 14, 1914} to stay
with her. I won't be
away very long. Marie,
Dottie is out of her
cast and has on her
leather coat. So now
her hips are even and
her spine perfectly
straight. She is going to
school in Chicago once
again started the first
of February. I am so
thankful the child is
getting on so we can

lily flowers in his room, and
Mabel and the ~~last~~ ^{last} ordered
the fence and Tomb stone and
a marker for Uncle Julius
and Benjie Eunkah's grave.
They cost \$4.50 a piece then
the fence \$38.50 and Daddy's
\$44.25. The man I ordered them
from will put them down in
a day and it won't cost
over \$100. I've given up putting
down the stone I ordered from Daddy.

ever know how I have
worried about her. Some
days I feel as if my
trouble were too many.
I don't feel at all well
can't sleep. I am taking
Alin oil to gain a little
before my knee comes up.
I think and dream
of our darling Daddy
so much and miss
him dreadfully. I went
out to the cemetery with
Mrs Mulligan two weeks
ago and we put some

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Louisville, Ky.
February 26th,
1915.

Mrs. Benjamin M. Dugger,
5470 Clemens Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:-

I have the pleasure of acknowledging receipt through Mrs. H.N. Spencer check for \$10.00 from you for account of Jefferson Davis Home Association for which please accept thanks. Mrs. Spencer has asked me to advise you as to the condition of the affairs of the Association and its future prospects and hopes.

I may say that the Association, and by that I really mean the people of the South, own the birthplace of Mr. Davis, located in Christian & Todd Counties, Kentucky, (the county line runs through the little town of Fairview). It embraces Nineteen acres and is a beautiful spot and the place justified the name of the little village--
" Fairview.

We have had the grounds put in splendid condition, is a beautiful spot and we have erected a handsome ornamental stone fence around the property with a very handsome entrance gate. We have expended up to this time for the cost of the property and improvements close on to \$15,000.00 and do not owe anything on it but I am sorry to say have but very little left on hand.

The State of Kentucky appropriated \$5000.00 to be available when the time comes after we decide whether we will erect a monument or

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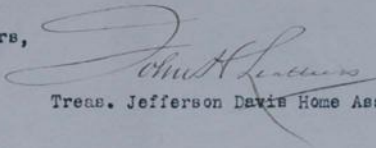
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a memorial hall or other building to properly commemorate the memoray of Jefferson Davis.

We who are classed among the "Veterans" and who started this work at least have the satisfaction of knowing that the Southern people own Mr. Davis' birthplace and is now in beautiful condition even if nothing else is ever done to it and in the days to come it will be one of the places to visit and worthy of visiting in this country. Its a gratifying fact to me and to all the Confederate Veterans that we can turn this business over to the women of the South who will look after it and will keep it when we are gone and teach their children to do so.

Mr. Davis has never been accorded yet the place in history he is entitled to. We hear all the time of Lee and Jackson and Albert Sidney Johnston and all the great Generals of the South, glory be to their names, but the man who suffered most and I might say, gave most, has so far received the least credit. The Southern people can at least do this much for his name to honor and properly beautify the spot upon which he was born.

Sincerely yours,


Treas. Jefferson Davis Home Ass'n.

P. M. BLUFFTON, S.C.
MAR. 12, 1915

Bluffton S.C., Thursday

My Darling Aunt Marie

Many thanks for

Your dear little picture book

Little Hayward had just

arrived on the steamer

I stay with me while Aggie

leaves tomorrow for Chicago.

I hope to keep her until

Aggie returns. She is interested

in the record of art & science

& I am greatly interested in

having her with me, instead

of my having to go to her

We will folk with the Senator
Gelman: at the last large
expectations from the New York
that was taken by the Federal
Bureau of Investigation. The war. I
had taken the whole of my
house & furniture from
the ground. Love from
Aggie & myself to Ben & the
children as well as yours
that help. In love - Yours
devoted Mother

Ma
P. S. I am glad you are
well & devoted. To your best friend
Aggie as taking a much better

Maac, April 7, 1917.

My dear old Ben:

Well, I am certainly
a proud man today! This certainly
is fame at last: "Portrait of Dr.
Thilly" by Mrs. Marie Duggan, No. 91.
How simple, like all great things,
how definite, how confident in the
certainly that everybody knows this
Dr. Thilly or ought to know him!
I can see, in my mind's eye, the
art-loving citizens of St. Louis
gazing upon it, moved and in-
spired by the artist's genius, and
yet inwardly ashamed of their
ignorance of the deeds of America's
great men. Yet beautiful and bright
be stood! This is glory that comes
to few academic heroes, to be hung
on the wall of an Art Museum,
to be enjoyed by the people, to be

critically scanned by connoisseurs,
to be judged by a jury of geniuses,
and then to pass into immortality.

My satisfaction would be fuller
if I could make myself believe that
the artist's output was worthy of
all the labor, the talent, the care, the
patience, the faith, the intuition, which
she expended upon her task. I am
sure that if she had known into
clay the soul of William James
or Henri Bergson, she would have
received greater recognition than
she will receive, for even genius
if awards are human beings, and
an obscure philosopher's portrait,
who looks like an every-day
mediocrity, will make little impression
upon them. Nevertheless, I am sincerely
grateful to Mrs. Maria Duggan
for the time, energy, and artistic
skill she has devoted to me,
and I earnestly hope that she
will receive the prize, - which will
be the greater because of the insignificance
of her subject.

AP. 7. 1915

I am very sorry that you will not be with us again this summer. We have all been looking forward to a repetition of last year's joy with you. But we shall be patient in the hope that this is only a postponement of a happy reunion at some later time. In the mean-while, may you all gain health and strength in the mountains of Colorado or in the Michigan Lake region. Mrs. Phyllis would join me in good wishes to you if she were present; she is now in New York City enjoying a much needed rest and sighing for sartorial worlds which she cannot conquer, we being just as poor as ever.

The children are well. Frank was greatly interested in Louise's

wearing glasses; "we'll be a glass-family," he said at once; so you see he regards the thing as settled. He asks me all kinds of questions in Geography which neither of us can answer. "How far is New York State from the North and South Poles?" and the like. Does not the answer differ according as you believe in Ptolemy or Cook?

Everyone here is pleased with Gallatin and Schumacher is delighted with him. One hears no more of the old quarrels: Rice and Tuck are quiet at last. I am impressed with the looks of the new agricultural men: they seem to be a different type from many of the former crop. Someday I hope you will come back here; if the outward signs of peace and good will are a true indication of an inner grace, you will find the place more suggined. - I mean the agricultural side of it.

With love to all of you and renewed thanks to Mrs. Duggan I am as always
Cordially Yours,
Frank M. Wells

Bluffton April 15th 1910

My Darling Sister:-

I feel a mite better but you know mama is better but still in bed. Has been for 6 days. I am almost worn out and so is Anna. All mama wants to do is to lie in bed and take things to make her sleep. And cries for Chloeyann. I suppose Alice sent you on the letter I wrote her and told her to send to you. I get so tired, that it is hard to write when night comes. Darling, I wanted to go to you in St. Louis but was kept in Chicago 2 weeks and five days. Then the boys only sent me 70

to pay my hotel bill and
fare home here. and be-
ginning I just had
enough. could not even
stop in Washington. I
only had \$20.7 when I
left here and it took
\$50 for my fare going.

Will. is a big fool. Talks
big and that is all.

The case was thrown out
of court for Mr Backyard
made a mistake ^{in life} when
the desertion took place.
So it was settled out
of court; Will saying
Jack could have the Dimes
by letting me have the children
and \$20.7 per month. If
I could have settled the
thing after the first

time I went to ²Lehigh
for I was willing (willing)
just as I do I to take
the Divorce, \$25 or \$30 per
month and the children
you remember? Jack was
perfectly willing, but
when Doug and Will told
Mr. Backus the least
would be \$50 per month.
Jack leaves the house.
Mr. Will tells the lawyers
they are in better circum-
stances to do more for me
than they were a year and
a half ago. He is a
jackass. Mr. Backus's
Brother died in the middle
of the lease and he wanted
to hurry and settle so

he could go to Baltimore
and Will wanted to hurry
to Indianapolis to a
base ball game or some-
thing. You see Will is
at the head of the Base
Ball Team in Buffalo,
and Buffalo and Kenos-
hah had a law suit-
and Will had to be in
Chicago all the week
before my case came
up as a witness for
the Team, and the case
went over into the first
week I was there and
Will gave me little
thought or attention. And
wanted to hurry to go back
with the Team. He is a
dandy but you know
him so why say more.

I had to wait a week and³
five days for Mr Bachrach
to get back for the Judge
did not want to give
Doctor the decree and
wanted to wait for Mr
Bachrach. So Will went
away and I staid. I had
a nervous break down
and was quite upset.
Dollie was my only comfort.
Dear child she is so sweet.
I wanted to call you up
long distance one night
while in bed but found
it cost \$1.50 and I could
not spare it. I just
could not write. I was so
broken hearted. I could have
tied the case over the Judge
said and won. But Will
said he did not have the
time or money to waste.

I was so disgusted, for
no one had more to get
a divorce on than I and
them to let it be settled
this way. Of course I am
delighted to get rid of
the Mathisons and as
the Judge says and
even Jack Longus that
it is more to my credit
that I left him than
he left me. Jack told
Will he wanted to marry
me again and Will
was so nice to all the
Mathisons it made
me sick. I would rather
have had a stranger
than Will. But he don't
make this to Alice for
I don't want it to get back.

So it was settled, as ^{APR 1954}
it is. I cannot forget
it. The injustice to
me seems awful.
I went out to Washington
with Mrs Harrison
my sweet friend
and packed up my
personal things and
machine and pictures.
Mrs Harrison has the
pictures for board
money. And I did
not want the old
furniture. Jack was
there and told me that
he never told anyone in
his family say an unkind
thing about me and that
no woman he ever met
comes up to my standard
etc etc. And wanted to take
me out to dinner. But I
would not go. I was so mad
Bill wants me to live in

Chicago, and take Mama
with me. Say, he could
not have Mama live in
Buffalo for she would
hear him talking about
Betsy etc. Jack is
to hear the children
one or two months
in the summer until
Jack Jr. is 14 and
Dot 18 then they can
choose who they will
live with. Call Book.
What I know and
think about Lanyer
and Court would
not look well in
print. Mr Evans does.
Lanyer is a single
man of 40, full in the
middle in Court and
took me out to lunch several
times and dinner etc and
called me up ^{over} ~~over~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ each day
Mr Backus thought that

APR 15, 1915
BORDEN'S MALTED MILK
I did not intend to write so much
but when I got started I had to
stop and I have no paper but
these scraps. Do excuse it. I
will write again soon. I received
your sweet invitation & will
go after I get South. Mr B.
forwarded it to me. It is better
I did not stop for Cousin Lulu
was tired and left as soon as
I came. She said she did not.

a great joke. Said, what would
Sangers do! Had the Judge
known of it, he would disturb
Mr Erans, for the case was
not finished until the day
I left for the South. I met
Mr Erans at a dance about
8 years ago, but did not know
him. It was funny. I only did it
because I wanted to slam him ^{off} and
I did before I left. Will Drane

see how I could stand at-
here, for Mama was so im-
possible. Mama hurt her
feelings all the time. Yet
did not think so. And
talked about Cousin Leticia
all the time till she got sick.
Poor dear, it is unfortunate.
I hope she will soon be up
but she wants to dope all the
time. It is awful.

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Good night sweet Sister-
and fond love to you all.
Ever your devoted
Agnes.

I have one trouble right
after the other. Fate certainly
is cruel to me. I left Dot in
Chicago to finish High School this
year. Mr. Prallemans did not want
her but I kept her. Mrs. W. tried to be so good
to me.

P.M. Bullington
Feb. 28, 1915

I don't see why
it takes so long to
get a letter from
here to St. Louis. I
got your letter tonight
it was mailed there
24th.
This is some
J. Wilson's paper
NEWPORT
RHODE ISLAND
Is there go
brother and I
brother's name
for he is as kind
in letters. And
sent as many
medicine and things
to Georgia. Bro. Wilson
wrote once again not long
ago he spent the day at
Mama's house

Only a note to tell
you Mama is still in bed
and very weak. I am doing
everything possible. This Saturday
will be three weeks. She complains
all the time about a pain in
her stomach but it can't be

and Mrs. Verdin were the same age. And
Mrs. Verdin was 80 last November. Mamma
was 60 years younger than Aunt. Lettie
so she is about 19 years old. Aunt. Lettie
was born April 25, 1836. I saw it in
an old bible and in some papers.

It is quite warm here but only in
the middle of the day. I wish we could
be at the same place this summer.
Bab. will have to wait and see. I am
so tired of sickness and trouble.
Mamma does not want to get well. And
that makes it harder. She only wants to

very bad. I give her peptonoid
which is very good, and malted
milk and broths. So she has a
light diet but nourishing. She
says everything tastes bad and
that they give her pain in her
stomach. I think her mind is
a little bit off. This Doctor can't
find a thing the matter with
her. So if she isn't better I am
going to call for Dr. Harris to
come over from Savannah.
You know Mamma isn't near
80. For Aunt. Lucia would have
been 80 this past Fall she

sleep. I have to give her
enemas every day besides the
Russian oil every morning.
Mr Davis. Dot does not graduate
but finishes the 2nd year of
high school. She is much improved
by the plaster cast, and the
halter corset keeps her spine
straight. I don't think Doctor
W. will ever send for the
children this distance, besides
Jack cannot handle so far alone.
Bill was a big fool. Imagine, that
is why his wife takes him in so.
He says he did not want Maria

to live in Buffalo for ^{APRIL 15} she would
ruin him by talking about his
domestic affairs. Well anyway
I am too tired to write longer
I have had a hard day with
Mama. She is a most im-
possible patient. I told her to-
day she would wear out six
nurses in a week. I only hope
I can keep up. I have not been
out of the yard in over three
weeks. Can't leave her and she
calls me all the time. She said
this morning that God was a



Mrs. B. M. Suggar.
5470 Clements Ave.
St. Louis.
Mo.

Highland Hospital. PM May 19, 1915?
I am here this morning, clean & fresh.
The Colored High Episcopal
church in front of the Hospital
is holding services this morning & then
singing & sends my sweet & warm
has them enjoyed it - now she is
sleeping for a few minutes. She is
quiet & seldom and sleeps a little
that it is God's mercy to her & us when
she does. She is gaining very slowly
but the dr. says she is better every day.
She never asked me a minute yesterday
& had a restless night. I asked the
dr. to give her a veronal suppository
so that she would rest a little &
he said "To sacrifice her health
for the comfort of some one else. Oh
no" & I said not for my comfort
but to give her a little needed rest.
After having things to make her
sleep for years to take every thing
away at once especially in this

awfully noisy place shows
lack of judgment & humanity
to me. Exhausted as I get - I can
not stay here.

I was glad to get your letter yesterday
forwarded from Washington - & I think
just how anxious you are & worried.
There is nothing you can do
dear & you need not worry
every thing in the world is being
done & the Dr. says Mamma
is better & going to get well. If you
could come here it would not be
but for your health for you can
not keep her & she would keep
you busy every minute & the
weather is very warm. We have
a fine nurse & I like her & know
that she is good for my Mother but
Mamma dislikes her as she
dislikes every thing here & any
where else where she has to have
things done for her. This is all

P.H. Savannah, Ga. May 19, 1905

Tuesday afternoon.

Dearest Marie:-

It is as hot as h - right now but I hope it will cool off by night. Mamma is about the same. She can only sit up a few minutes at a time. If she is very weak. She is quieter to day after a terrible day yesterday.

Agnes is - bed to day with a head ache & all unwell. She is getting up now. She goes back

to Bluffton tomorrow & returns Thursday as she did not bring any clothes with her for Mamma & herself after spending three days on there last week.

MAY 19, 1915

Ge: I could tell you a
bit that I can not write.
With two unreasonable
women to deal with it is
hard to know exactly what
to do.

Mamma has had a head-
ache all day & it seems a
shame not to give her
something to help her. It is
now five o'clock & the Dr. ought
to soon be here. She is begging
for chloroform & says you are
the only one who cares enough
for her to give it to her & that
you sneak it to her in the
night on a handkerchief.
A breeze has sprung up
& it is a little cooler.

5:30 P.M.

The Dr. has been here
and says Mamma is better
physically but worse mentally.

every thing is so slow & ^{MAY 19, 1915}
there is so much red
tape - I wish St. Harris
could be in Mamma's place
for a half day. It is now
after six and I haven't
had time to finish this.
Mamma wants 'wanting' in
every minute & if you leave
the room for a second she
calls for you at the top of her
lungs. She does not take
a mouthful of water with-
out a fuss. But she says
she is better & we are trying
to trust in him. She certainly
has the best of care & no
nurse could do more for her
than is being done so reat-
easy. I have made up my mind
that when my time to die comes
I am going to crawl away & then

wrote by myself.

Mamma sends you her
love & says you are a
darling, sympathetic
daughter.

Devotedly
Alice.

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB

SAINT LOUIS

My dear Mrs. Duggan
Your note was read
at the last meeting of the Executive
Board and I am instructed to
quote to you By-Law II Section IV
in the Constitution which reads
"The invitation shall be considered
withdrawn if it is not accepted
within sixty days by payment of
initiation fee and dues, unless good

Cause for such omission shall be
shown to the Executive Board."

They are sorry but vacancies must
be filled. Hoping you will come
into the club later

Sincerely yours
Grace Searle
Corresponding Secretary

May 24th 1915

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 P.S. You are
 Higgins for
 that's it -
 his right -
 father. He says
 he knows the
 man who
 was at the
 time of the
 24th 1915 -
 right and it -
 Park D.C.
 I have just
 purchased nothing a kind
 but straight - from the
 shoulder better to Church
 asking an explanation
 of his conduct - to me as
 well as to mamma -
 telling him that it is
 to him to help in the
 cause by offering to take
 Smith - for the summer
 months. I've said he

would not pay any attention
to a letter from you now
it remains to be seen if
he will notice mine.
If he does not I am
through with him & his
for all time.

Arrived at home Saturday
morning & surprised the
whole family & they did
not expect me until
Sunday morning. I surely
had to warm welcome.
Charles said that for
me I came home sooner
than I was expected & he
did not have to send for

me & I told him that he had
been as good to presume what
my feelings about his thought he should
considered. It was hard to
have myself and from our previous
misconduct & I should have but I was
doing no good as the great law -
justice, not to believe his trust
in the three times every opportunity
for a change & all I have. I was
to in it & in the evening I wrote
the essay & would not expect to get
it. I told him that I did not expect to
could not wait with the essay. I
had nearly finished the essay but I

their niece who had to
come. to them from the
Hospital after her recovery
from appendicitis. I did
not feel as if I could afford
to go to a Hotel unless I
was needed by Mamma.
The Dr. says she will be
up & around before long
tho. she was very weak.
Mamma promised me
she would eat more
& when I left her she was
eating her dinner & taking
some of it. - Hope to hear
from Agnes this afternoon
& if I do will enquire her
letter in this. If you are

sure of what you say MAY 24, 1915
about prices - Tennessee I think it would
be a splendid thing for
Mamma & Agnes especially
if you can be there also
but you must not stay
in the same place
with Mamma & Agnes
for you could not stand
the strain, I have no idea
what the R.R. fare from
Savannah would be but
Ben. could find that out -
Then if you could let Agnes
& Douglas know they could
decide whether it could be

done or not - the boys are
under a big expense
now for the expenses are
about - twenty - dollars per
week. If it of the trained
nurse for two weeks or
that helped a little. Anne
would not need a special
nurse - because for Ignace
does not - have the children
with - but she can do what-
ever to be done for Anne.

Maria does Anne as
very as can be for Ignace
+ Anne her dearly but I can
not - respect - but for she
has not - any faultless of
dignity - & she very commendable
if you say what - they - please

to her + vicariously the rest - do some
make much - & mean she begins
to make eyes at him - & even
he is an invalid - & the hospital
young a girl. She knows he is
a refugee in summer because
in St. Joseph's and if he says to me
what he does - Ignace would respect
him. Every one will respect him -
him - respect - greatly but not from
within - has cheapened himself to
look on Ignace that even the
best makes - in the hotels - & because
that is a Frenchman - & his
the hospital & her about of the way

"They all know & like me
for I have been here so
much." She little knows
how they talk about her
shout her to day & begged
her to be careful. She will
never marry again unless
she makes another mistake
for no decent man would
stand for her actions and
wonder how innocent she
thinks they are and she
can not change for it
has become second nature
to her. She says "no man
who has ever met me
pays me" but it is as her
dear friend Mr. Thompson
says. "No man pays Mrs. Thompson
for each one thinks there

is a chance for him" MAY 4 1896
I have seen the character
of both Agnes & Willie
completely demoralized by
the people they have had
to live with and my heart
is sore, sore. Agnes grows
more & more like
Mamma in looks & ways
every year but she has
not had the love of
a devoted man to protect
her. If any thing should
happen to Mamma
Agnes would be terribly lonely
the rest of her life. She & Mamma are

but nervous and upset
each other but they talk
in silent each other.
understand each other
& Mamma says she
would rather have her
dear Agnes with her
than any of her children
& Agnes certainly has
taken good care of her
& has saved her life so
far. Would have been
a wreck if that poor
struggle what Agnes has
with Mamma. They will
have to fight it out. At the
end for they both say she could
not win with-out each other.

Strive to give her mother but
she will say she one thing &
do very thin thing by day & she
one Mamma or Mamma's death
after she could walk what was
not to be done.

The Councils that has been
started at nearly Agnes says
she will do all she can. I said the
said Douglas a thing from
you & me as a little bit &
you haven't got a day - I think any
more about that. I would not
wonder if you & the other is
the Councils and could not win.

at this time, Aunt-
Lucia's store has not
been full yet - & so
we can get any satisfaction
from George Heywood.
His letter has come from
Aguas so I will send
this along.

Did you receive the
little letter I sent you?
Sometimes letters containing
money get lost.

I want to go down & see
old Aunt-Eliza Quercus
now & tell her about her
friends in Savannah.
With devoted love to you most
affectionately to your dear ones.
Devotedly, Alice

DE SOTO HOTEL

— EUROPEAN PLAN —

R. W. POWERS, Manager

Savannah, Ga. June 3rd 1915.

Dearest Alice:-

Just returned from the Hospital staid over his hours and Mamma did nothing but complain about the Doctor, Nurse and Hospital. It was 2 o'clock when I left and she had not let her nurse bathe or fix her for the day. She puts so much rouge on and powder but

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DE SOTO HOTEL

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R. W. POWERS, Manager

Savannah, Ga. 19

won't let her face be washed.
 She is the Minister, Doctor
 says she might live this
 way for a few weeks or a few
 months. It would be such a
 blessing had ^{she} ~~expressed~~ away
 grudgingly. She told everyone in
 the Hospital, ^{this morning} how she took care
 of me and my children for
 three years yet I won't even
 get her any chloroform. I
 got a curious headache from

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R. W. POWERS, Manager

Savannah, Ga. 19

hearing her fuss. She wants
chloroform all the time now.
told the Doctor she would
give him a beautiful seal
ring if he would give her
a little. I don't know what
we are going to do. The best
place is just where she is I
think and the nurse is a
dear middle aged woman and
gives in to her all the time.
Mamma would not like anyone.
She use to give me fits in

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R. W. POWERS, Manager

Savannah, Ga. _____ 19

Chafflon. Doctor says she can
have a Veronal tablet every
2 hours at night until she
sleeps. I saw Maude Heyward
at the Library this morning
I want to see Cousin Selma
but she was not at home.
Please excuse this note but
I am going to lie down. I often
wonder how I kept up taking
care of Mama when she was
at her worse, and the nurses
can't stand her hardly one day.
Dr Harris and Miss O'Toole said

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R. W. POWERS, Manager.

Savannah, Ga. _____ 19

This morning I was a wonder
to them. But I kept up on
my nerves. Drama makes the
nurse go to bed at half past
seven and keeps the window
and door both closed and had
two blankets over her this hot-
day when I was there. I don't
know what we are going to do,
do you? I have to laugh when
I think how she does every one.
it is tragic, yet so funny.
I am glad to get back to this room
where it is quiet. I met John

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DE SOTO HOTEL

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R. W. POWERS, Manager

Savannah, Ga. _____ 19__

Horkins in the hall this
morning at the Hospital. He
said, Aunt Anna is the
funniest person he ever saw.
Old, Cousin Geo. Hayward called
to see her, and she asked
him who his mother was. She
told me that he was the most-
looking man she ever saw.
And who was his mother.
With devoted love to you all
and a sweet kiss for young
Ever your devoted
Sister Peter is sick in bed.

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Saturday morning

Dearest Marie

This letter came
this morning and
pleased me for itself.

It is just a matter
of venturing on your
part & duty - on the
other & should abide
by what she dis. att.
you. I can not see
how you could get any
satisfaction out of a long
hot day except to get to
the morning & hear her
saying that every body

every thing that I could do I would do for her. She

June 13th 1916

My dear Lou

This is a lovely day, a nice cool breeze that is very refreshing. I hope you have just such a day to go to church, the Baptists are holding forth this morning but I seldom go, never enjoy their services very much & it is usually a hot walk over & back, when we have services Mrs Stanset or Mrs Hatch send carriages or buggy for us. I wish you could see how nicely the Cemetery looks now, has just been thoroughly cleaned, mowed, & the squares put in order but the graves will soon take

possession again if we have such good
rains as we have had in the last few
days the rain was most acceptable, the corn
in front of us shows the good it did. Herbert
tile draining has certainly improved that piece
of land. I never saw corn grow so fast. Just
before the rain (when I saw the clouds) I planted
beets, carrots, another crop of snaps. I had
no early beets as I thought I would try
these, get nothing from my garden now but
snaps. We buy very nice cabbage from Mrs Davis,
home raised. I cooked some ~~the~~ yesterday & it was
as little like cabbage that I wondered if you
wouldn't eat it if called cauliflower.
I hope the children enjoyed the S S picnic, the
long auto rides must have been delightful

for all. Anne must be a lively, talkative
little girl, not quiet as Louise was. I expect
she entertained the party. I had no idea the
Park was so large.

I should think President Wilson would try to
hold on to Secy Sherman as he has lost one of
his cabinet, was it that a startling thing for
New Bay an to do? perhaps he thought it
would help him should he run for President
but I think every one should vote for Mr
Wilson, republicans & all he certainly has
shown himself the man for the place like
every one else we are anxious to hear what
Germany will reply to his note, oh! it would
be dreadful to have war with Germany, such
a barbarous nation as she has proved herself to be.

While I think of it - I still address Ware's
letters to Carizozo. The work he expected to do
is not ready for him yet. His last letter was dated
the 6th, a few nights before he said it was cold
enough for frost almost & just a week before did
the snow disappear from the peaks 10 miles
away. The highest mountains were a solid ~~heap~~
sheet of snow. But I think from the way he
writes that the creek places must belong to
Alice & I think she must be the widow he
mentioned once as looking for him. I remember
once he said something about the children
misplacing some thing - If I had been like
other people I would have asked about the
children & who the widow was but I did not.
He had a friend, Mrs Wiggins that he mentioned
often, maybe it was his widow & Ware
thought he ought to take care of her for him.

I don't suppose we will ever know much of
Wave's life out there. I believe Alice would
tell us anything we asked her about their life
since married.

Our Father went to Denopolis Friday, the
only time to go now is on the noon train &
come out at 9 P M. He left buggy to wait at
Gallion but came out in an auto, he & Mr
Katch with an acquaintance, Mr. Katch cut
down for the buggy & took care of the horse that
night. Our Father came into the yard just
as quite a wind & rain storm began & I was
so glad to have him home before night. Mr
Prout was not at home so the trip was for
nothing except to trade off 2 lbs of butter
for some canned goods & get a few other

little things. Merchants will not pay money for butter as we take what we can get. I think tho' if I have any to spare after this Mrs Storer will give me 25^{cts} for it.

Mrs Hart is on a visit to Mrs Storer, so we called on her yesterday evening. I am sorry she will leave Dorchester to live with her son in Colanton. We also made Mrs Bacon a visit; she is the lady with nine dogs & a baby 9 months old that weighs about 12 lbs. I never saw such a poor little thing in my life.

No, I have never seen any new preserves. Tell Maria not to deprive herself to send to me, or else send a very small sample.

I expect the children will be at a loss to

amuse themselves now that school is out. I hope Louis will practice. I would like her to be a good musician.

I can't give you any recent news from Henry, would like so much to hear how the baby is getting on with cutting his teeth.

Monday morning - I wrote this far & the dinner bell rang so I must finish this morning. Reuben came in after the table had been cleared away but I had put by dinner for him. Such a dark cloud came up he thought he might have to spend the night but it passed around & I think he reached home without rain. I have written a long letter (hope you are not bored) the breakfast bell will ring directly so I must close, much love to you all
Your devoted Mother.

June 21st 1915

My dear Son

Early this morning, (about sunrise) the front porch was so cool & nice that I wanted to take my writing out there & enjoy it, but alas for the wishes of a house keeper! the cook had not come & I found so many things needing my attention that I had to put off my writing until after breakfast, & taking up the butter, so I may not be ready for the post man. I wish I could send you the nice Melon of butter I made & a bottle of the butter milk we enjoy so much. Yesterday I had a right nice dinner but did not really

care for any thing but a cup of better
milk, it might have been that I was so
disappointed, Sister Sally had telephoned
me Friday that they would be down to spend
the day & attend afternoon service with
us but they did not come. I am afraid either
one or the other was sick. Mr Barnes came,
only 10 persons to a 5 o'clock service, nice
time to come out too. Rainbow came up just
as dinner was ready, as Johnny used to say of
sister Sally he "had a tale of woe." His work
went off for a 2 weeks visit, put her sister in
her place, Low the substitute, was much needed
at home & left the night before Rachel was
due, which was last Monday, she had not
come yesterday, Rainbow could get little or no
help, had to do all the milking, churn, take up

the butter, wash up, & feed every thing on the
place, once or twice he found a woman who
helped a little in the morning & looked com-
bined to last him 2 or three days, that with
clutter was the most he had to eat. He said
he would not have gotten off yesterday but an
old white man he knew came the night
before to get some milk & stayed all night,
helped him milk in the morning & promised
to stay on the place until he returned at 4
o'clock so he had two hot rides. With all his
work he had to go to Des Moines ^{on a mule} Saturday to
sell his butter, could it do his work & get there
before 1 o'clock then had to walk around with
a large basket of butter, now does it he have
a time! but I could not write all he had to
do & all his little misfortunes. You may know I
piled up a basket of all the eatables he could

company with him. The cook wrote she is
sick in Birmingham. Tom Father is improving
but did not feel well enough to go to church
yesterday evening. Mrs Stewart has just stopped
at the gate & sent in some apples for him. I
know he will enjoy them baked.

Yesterday evening Mrs Stewart brought Mr &
Mrs Harris around from church & Mr & Mrs
Ford came around, the Fords stayed until the
noon was up. She is a great admirer of old
furniture & she heard we had some &
asked to see it, admired particularly the "big"
side board, was much pleased with the old
portraits. Tom Father was so delighted to have
some one to "spin yarns" to, that he talked
wildly & I was afraid he would never give them
a chance to go. They live at the James place &
were returning on first visit.

Mad wrote last week that he had to make ~~his~~^{his}
visit to Washing. ton & to Miss by the 1st of

July, not so many as usual at commence-
ment. Please excuse the blots, this pen has a
way of putting out so much ink some times &
am trying to take it up with the blotter I spread
it.

How are you all? Are you having hot weather?
I hope all hands keep well, I have heard
nothing more from Henry about Lloyd.

If you see a chance for Louise to make us
a visit I think she will be satisfied we
will be very glad to have her come. It is
about mail time I must stop, excuse a
scattering letter have been interrupted several
times. Much love to you all

Your devoted

Mother.

June 28th 1915.

Dearest Maria,

I was so glad to see your hand
writing once more. Ben's letters are mighty nice &
greatly appreciated, still I like to have a letter some
times from you, it makes me feel you have not
lost interest in this old piece of humanity. I
know you have many things to keep you from
writing, certainly the ⁱⁿ past few months. I can
understand how you have felt, & how much time
was taken up writing to your sick Mother & other
members of your family. I did not know your Mother
had been sick so long. Ben wrote at one time that
she was better & would go back to her home, hearing
nothing more I concluded she had recovered. I
sincerely hope the improvement you spoke of will

continue & that in October you will find her
in good health. Now nice it will be for you all
to make that trip & coming or going, whichever
suits you best stop with us. I think I can take care
of you all & would be delighted to have you. It will
be a good time for you to visit us, cool weather, no
red bugs to bother the children & maybe a plenty of
peaches for them to have a treat every day. I think
some will be falling about that time. One tree drops
its nuts in Sept, others come on later.
I was not surprised to hear of the expected, as the
darkies say 'my mind told me' there was something
of the sort on hand. I wish I was near enough to
keep Louis & Bezie the month of August for you.
When the little one comes I expect they will think it
very hard not to come home, but it is a good idea
I think to have some one take care of them for you &
it is as near Ben can send out often to see them.
You cant imagine how much I want to see the
children, Anna particularly, she must be so sweet.

I wish I could help you make the little wardrobe but
I cant do nice work now, my fingers are stiff & I cant
manage any thing fine, cant even turn down a narrow
hem nicely, such a pity our hands get stiff, slow &
awkward when we grow old!
I am glad you have such a pleasant home, it is a
great thing not to feel cramped, & to have play room for
the children.

Dr D. has just passed through the room says give
my love to them all & tell them "I am here". He is
not looking so well since his little attack & not feeling
strong but has a good appetite & I think will improve,
he takes a good deal of milk & better milk & you know
that will keep any one up. I have taken to better milk
too, like it right well now. I have known the time
when I would not touch it.

This is a damp evening, we have had a shower or two
which tho' not enough will help very much. I have
moved my writing out on the porch to enjoy the cool
& the sight of the prettiest, greenest field of corn I

never seen, it is across the road, grows faster than
any thing I have seen. Herbert has drained the land
& then cultivated it well before he planted the corn.
After this I must plant some things in my "postage
stamp garden," it is a great help. I set it a pity, the
dry weather has caused the figs to drop so badly, there
were quantities on the tree.

Two evenings ago one of the new comers in the country
gave a Turkey party, I gathered round to see if
we could lend them any thing to help them get up a
ridiculous costume. One young man was delighted with
"a swallow tail" broad cloth coat & beaver hat, but
unfortunately the hat was too small, another took a
"coat away"; they said they had a fine time, all the about
11 o'clock there was a loud storm.

One of the new comers came to see me the other day, &
had never called on her but she said she owed this to
a call, he had been to her house. I don't like the new
people so much, most of them seem common to me, but it
may be just their ways & manners are different, as the

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any way is most of them are hustlers, very independent
& not afraid of any thing, get in their buggies, take a
picnic along & go, but some of our own people do that,
water Sally for instance. She & Lucy are the most
energetic people I know, they do every thing, are now
shipping their cream to Selma & do you know many a
time they take it then drive to the 9 o'clock train at
Hammdale & get back home before it is very hot, their man
would stay half the day.

I have not heard from Reuben whether his work has
returned I wrote Ben about his having every thing to
do himself. Fred must have gone to Washington as I
did not hear from him last week. There is no news from
Alewys baby either.

The autos are running by as if there had been no rain
you have no idea of how many potholes on this & the other
roads. It is getting late I must beg you to excuse bad writing
& mistakes & close. Much love to to you all & heirs
to the children.

Your devoted
Brother.

Sunday afternoon. Reuben surprised us by coming
up late yesterday evening, may have to spend tonight,
we have had a heavy rain & the road will be so
slippery & the prospect is there will be more rain; it
is thundering & so dark, the only 3 o'clock. When he
rushed home last Sunday he found his cook had
returned. He sends much love to you all -

Affectionately

Mother