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I saw by asking the boy letter book that I wrote to Waverly only three days ago, I had forgotten it as usual. I have written in this some of the same things I told Waverly. I wrote to school. I looked at my book before writing & wrote

Dear - not to keep him so close that it only made him more liable to cold. I hope his fever will be off tomorrow & that he will be much better.

I received your letter Ben sometimes last week, was glad to hear from you. I hope your Father attended to the prescription for Waverly's eyes, he is as forgetful when I am at home, that I often wonder what he does, now that I am not there to remind him, he wrote that he was very busy.

I think Waverly it is about time I was hearing from you, I expect you wrote today.

Maybe your Father has written to you since I left & mentioned that I started Monday, the weather was cool but bright & I had a pleasant trip up, Mrs Harris met me at the train which fortunately arrived on time, or

perhaps, then I would be over to write nearly as, 8 o'clock at night. I made an acquaintance at this junction as did not mind writing there as much as I expected. The weather has been cold but bright since I came, two evenings Fanny stayed with the baby & we went into town, this morning I went to church with Mr Ho & Edwin, Aunt Melville would not leave the baby as he had fever. This evening Virginia Harris was here. Yesterday three ladies called to see me, tomorrow Mrs John Harris sent word she would be here & I trust said his wife was coming so I will have a good many visits to return. Mrs Little has been sick with the grippe ever since I came. I went to see her with Aunt M. I hear of a good deal of sickness here. Edwin wrote that a good many of the boys there were sick, I hope he will not be, a boy who was chatting on the pond that cold weather broke

through & the fire was wet only to his
knees took severe cold & was dangerous
by all. I was glad Amos was not tempted
to join in such fun, he went off &
obtained some work at the packing
house, made boys by a good fire. I am
glad Ben goes rather to him sometimes,
he said in his last letter that no one
had ~~written to him~~ since 4 weeks except
myself. I saw your Uncle John on the
train yesterday he said Lawrence does
not open until March so Reuben will
return to his house & do some grading
for him, he had fix ed up John's books.
Reuben has had a good week for
out door work. Ben's Fenwick & his
hire band were on the train, going to
Island, she introduced me to him & as
they sat just in front of me we had
a chance to chat considerably.
Suey has grown a good deal & improved
too, reads right well in the second

Feb 12th 1892

My dear Son

Well here I am home again after a visit of a little over two weeks. I enjoyed being with sister Sally as much & am sorry I did not stay a week longer as she wanted me to do for I found your Father very much occupied with Mrs Joe Collins she is very ill. He did take time to go to the Station for me, but called to see her on our way ^{home} then went right back stayed all day & night & was there all yesterday, did sleep at home last night but is there this morning.

Yesterday he thought there was no hope for her but last night he said she was a little better. Jessie & Grace were telegraphed for Wednesday, the

day I reached home. Mrs B- has been very unwell for sometimes but would not allow Mrs B- to send for a Doctor.

I found things getting on pretty well at home only Kate let the cows get down to very little milk, there is decided improvement already. Your aunt Virgil's milks 7 cows & makes only 3 pounds of butter a day, they feed 12 head in the barn besides the calves. I don't see how they can make both ends meet at that rate. Mr H- is no manager & ought to sell his cows & get some business in town, they don't know what minutes the land is away from the streets & upset their business. Sister Sally is much opposed to returning to the plantation, Mr H- talks constantly of going back this fall, no one can tell how it will be.

I think you should have accepted the

invitation to the Leap year ball, of course your escort would have introduced you around & you might have made some pleasant acquaintances among the "village girls". Those lectures must be very interesting, I would like to attend some each myself - there is nothing to improve or amuse one here.

Fred must have turned over a new leaf, we have had two 4 page letters from him in less than 2 weeks, I wonder what stirred him up. I ought to write to Fanny but I always find that a task, I can't feel there is any congeniality between us, wish I could overcome the feeling but I can't.

Our garden is broken up & some things planted, many dead peach trees cut down & some of the pear trees trimmed so it presents a much better appearance. The weather has been very disagreeable the last few days saw cold winds. I

don't think seed will come up rapidly,
one good thing about it - the fruit
trees will be kept back.

I am afraid I will have no early
chickens, my hens are not laying at
all. I don't see why, sister Sally has
only 7 hens & had eggs enough to set
two hens before I left there.

The girl Ruben used to go to see in
Tulchaloosa, Miss Martin, ran away
while I was there with Mr. G. Dean
Forster, she lived with her grand parents
& they were opposed to the match, every
one said he is a nice man & it was
strange they opposed it. Tell Waver I
received his short letter, will write to
him next week, he is getting equal to
Paul in the letter lines. I hope his eyes
are quite well, with much love to him
& to yourself.

Your devoted

Mother.

Ogil College, Miss.
Mar. 20, 1892.

My dear Mother-

I received your
nice letter Thursday morning
and was so glad to get it, and
also very glad that at last you
have succeeded in getting a
nice large border around the
front porch. I think it is very
nicely arranged and will
make things look a great
deal better. If the front part
of the house were painted, things
would certainly look much bet-
ter.

We have had some very cold
weather in the last few days.
It rained nearly all of Thursday.

night, and Thursday morning it was still raining. About nine o'clock it turned cold, and the rain turned into sleet, and by dinner time the ground was covered ~~by~~ with sleet, and ^{snow} ice. Then we had a hard freeze that night, and everything stayed frozen all day Friday. It froze again Sunday night.

Now let me tell you the damage done; Prof. McKay lost forty or fifty thousand tomato plants, the early crop of strawberries which were coming nicely and most of his fruit crop. He said about twenty thousand tomato plants which were in the greenhouse, but all the tomatoes in the cold frames were killed. The cabbage plants in the cold frames were injured

but not killed. The weather did us no damage in the greenhouse at all, but it slightly injured a bed of pansies just outside of the house. They had been out long enough to take root, therefore they were not hurt much, we also had them well covered up. We have some very pretty pansies in a bed in the greenhouse. Still, you had to keep up a good fire to keep our flowers from freezing.

I worked all day yesterday potting out some geraniums, cutting taken from that lot of geraniums, which I mentioned getting in sometime ago, watering up, straightening up, etc.

Today is a bright sunshiny day, but very pleasant and warm, I hope the winter is

now over with, and that
we will have more good
weather.

The second term ended
Friday. tomorrow we will
have an examination in
English. Tuesday in book-
keeping. Expect my report
will be out this week, I
got a low grade in Algebra
this month which brought me
down all my class some-
what, but I think I can get
back all right next month.
We are in a very difficult
part of our Algebra now and
I don't think Col. Burr is a
very good instructor. When
you get through with my

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report please send it to me.

Please send the statement
of my financial affairs also.
I always like to see exactly
what my work will amount
to.

Tell Father and Mother that
I will always be glad to
hear from them if they will
write. Expect father is somewhat
busy now is he not? Who are
the tenants at Fredrickton and
Apple Hill this year? The same
old ones I suppose. Expect
Ben and Fred are kicking
because I don't write to them often
but I am going to try to write
to one of them today. I have been
very busy all this term, and it

...since that if I write one letter
home a week, I am doing well.
I think our studies this term
will be more interesting and not
so hard as they were last term.

My room-mate has been elect-
ed a delegate from the M. C. A.
to represent them at their con-
vention in Knoxville, Tenn.,
on the 31st inst. He will go,
and I expect he will have
a nice time, all of his ex-
penses all paid. When I
was coming back after Christmas
I met Mr. Westbrook on the train, and
he said that Mr. Forker had
bought Mr. Bledsoe out at Gallatin
and would set up a store there
himself. Is that so? I must
close, with best love to all,

Your loving Son,
Levie.

March 2nd 1892

Very dear Son

Today's mail brought a letter from Uncle. I have 1 one from yourself and were glad to hear from both. I am very sorry to hear Waver is sick, which I was sure to miss him, hope as you say, that he will be out in a day or so. I suppose he has received my letter by this time. Your Father went to Danopolis today on the freight train has not returned or might send Waver a draft by tomorrow's mail. It will be a little behind time but I hope will not inconvenience him. I would have written to you

writing my book, I wanted to get your
letter before writing.

I am glad to know Prof. Atkinson
would like to have you as an assistant
& hope Dr. Brown will present ^{the money} ~~the money~~
the Trustees to let him have ^{it}. I
expect it would suit you as well as
any place you could find & you would
be near home. I have been watching
the papers to see if Gov. Lee gets the
money he wants, Lewis wrote he
would ask for a large amount. I
had a new long letter from him
Monday, Dr. Stuart had been holding
a series of meetings in town & he
seemed much interested, had attended
several times. He is getting up in his
class, is now 4th in a class of 31,
general average 91.4, no demerits to

disturb thought when A. has Day
was married. More than 1000 were
present.

Ricebush has heard nothing from
Blotom, nor of any other place, he
has been sick but I hope will be up
in a day or two & can try to find a
place. I think may be Gordon might
find him a place in Birmingham
if he would write to him, I heard he
secured a place for Mr. Shivers at
90 dollars a month but he did not
hold out long, has returned home, I
suppose he could not give up his
beer, or something stronger.

Capt. Munroe, Mr & Mrs Hatch
have all gone to Mobile, also old
Mrs Smith, Dr & Mrs Trask, I suppose
they enjoyed Monte Gano. Mrs Hatch

& ~~business~~ expect to be gone some
times. I am sorry they will not be
here when the Bishop comes, he will
visit our people on Monday. Mrs
Dan Ross invited him when him to
stay with her next time but it is
very doubtful now whether she will
entertain him, we may have to
take him, Mr. House says she is
sick. I would be glad to have the
Bishop but don't getting up a dinner
for the preacher & others that always
expect to be invited to meet him.
Monday is the worst day of the
week to have company for one can't
prepare the day before.

Uncle Waver left Sunday morning &
reached Petersburg Monday evening at
7, found Mother well & the house

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all nicely furnished, & self feeding
stoves in the dining & meals brought
in a bucket & put on the table. He
said the weather was "despicable,"
worse I suppose than we have had,
the last few days have been very
unpleasant but the sun is out this
evening & it is much milder, the
wind was terrible yesterday
Thursday - Cous Father was left by
the train yesterday as has just come
in, slept at Mrs Hosmer's last night
says he will enclose in this a
draft for Waver, tell him if he is
able to let us hear from him, if
not you can send us a postal, if
you have no time for a letter.
Kate is laid up with her machin-
toe, Jenny in the kitchen & John

announced this morning that he
could feed no longer as we are in
a fix for company, are we not?
I can't imagine where we will
find a boy at this season. I am
constantly expecting old Smith to
send for Jerry to go home.

I must hurry to a close as your
father is going to the depot in the
buggy for some things he bought on
tour. We all unite in much love
to Waver & yourself, please excuse
this dreadful scrawl the pen is
the poorest I ever saw.

Your devoted

Mother.

I send \$35.⁰⁰ twenty five for Waver and
Ten for Ben —

W. S. S.

March 31st 1892.

My dear Son

Your very acceptable letter came Tuesday, I put off answering that I might write to Waver as he did not seem to understand that my letter last week was intended for both of you, when time & news are scarce I think it just as well to write that way. Tell him your Father says he will write to him tomorrow & enclose a draft, I could not find a time to put it into my letter.

We feel as if summer is coming more, it is warm today altho there is a high wind. Reuben is getting real sun burnt working at the fence. He & Wash fixed the one from the corner of garden to the strip, today they have fixed the cross fence at the new pool, he is out now busy about

something, he would do a great deal if your Father would just give him leave to go ahead.

You must have had a time that night with the coat & smoke, we had the same trouble in the chamber one day.

I think Prof A. was rather hard on his post graduates unless he had given them notice beforehand, they might not have paid particular attention to the public lecture & by that means have missed 1/3 of the questions.

I will be right glad when vacation comes & you can rest some for I expect you work too hard, you must have a good rest this summer.

Reuben had a letter from Fred yesterday. his head is full of schemes for Reuben but we can't see any profit in them, the latest is for him to cut hay in the "Flatwoods", first he would have to pay as much to the owner of the land for the

privilege of cutting, then a mow would have to be bought, labor & teams hired & a day to be done, & finally haul it a days journey over the worse roads that ever were, hills perpendicular ^{almost}, by the time he was through I think he would have sunk all he has ever earned. If Reuben would only take a business course in Medicine they would help him secure a place but he won't hear of it.

This girl Gordon likes so much is a Miss Gordon step daughter of cousin Jenny Waghams, she married a widow & with several children & this girl is one of them. I think I wrote Waver we had a dispatch that Grand Mother was very ill & that Waver sick in bed, we have heard nothing more since so I suppose she is better. I was over to see Miss Lorn yesterday evening, she gave me some pretty chrysanthemums for my little garden. I think it is about full now. Reuben

is as busy as a bee with our chickens, getting ready for it. I wonder what sort of things they will have —

has come in & says he will go to the office so you must excuse another short letter, mentions how Waver is when you write. I read Lewis's last letter & expect he is much pleased at the idea of going to Hamletville, it is a beautiful country & pleasant climate & I have no doubt he will enjoy the trip very much. I had a letter yesterday from aunt Melville all well, Elvira was one of a class of 22 confirmed there last Sunday. She begs again that I go to Commencement, I have not promised yet. Good bye, with much love for Waver & yourself

Your devoted

Mother

P.S. I forgot to say Fred expects to go to housekeeping about 1st of April, wish I could take a peep at them. I wish Fred

April 19th 1892

My dear Son

Your Father came in with the mail just as we finished dinner, quite a number of letters, among them one from Lizzie, Fred & yourself. I gave out the servants dinner & then sat down to enjoy them, have just gotten through & will try to reply to yours before Wash goes to the depot. I am always looking forward to Monday & Tuesday (my letter days) with pleasure. I think your eyes made a fortunate escape, hope the ~~business~~ left no scar, it must have been very painful at first.

I want particularly to write this evening that you may receive my letter before

going to Opelika, Reuben wrote to
Montgomery Ward & Co for samples of
10.00 Suits advertised by them, as we
think them remarkably cheap I send
part of each one to you that you
may have some idea of prices there
& it would perhaps be some guide
for you even if you did not care to
order from them. If such goods are
\$10.00, for 12 or 15.00 dollars you might
get a very nice suit from them. If
you wish me to do it I can send
their new catalogue & you can
write for samples. Of course do as
you think best I only want to let
you know where we think you
might be suited at a reasonable
price.

I am glad Col Newmann speaks so

well of Fred but I don't know how
he could help it for Fred is certainly
a good worker. I am only afraid
Cool M - will put too much on
him. Fanny wrote for him Sunday
week, said he had spent much
time that day with the cattle &
tobacco plants, uncovering the latter
in the morning & covering them at
night. Fanny says she enjoys house
keeping very much, his letter today
was to Reuben, suggesting that he
try a milk business in Birmingham,
rent or buy 3 cows & a horse to start
with, milk & sell his milk himself.
Asked him to visit Uncle Harris &
look into his arrangements & learn
all he could of the business, Reuben

seems to think that as impracticable
as his grass scheme. Reuben can get
the horses but is still hesitating
about taking the agency, he needs
self reliance, is afraid to undertake
anything of that kind.

We all went to Hammedale Sunday
to afternoon service, all our friends
invited we should stay to the
S. S. celebration, we consented, Mrs
Bennet invited us first to take
tea, so we went with her. Lucy thought
she ought to have us but I had
rather not go there too often for fear
she will think we are making a
convenience of her. Johnny & children
were at Mrs Bennet's also. The
celebration was good for so small a

number of scholars, your Father & my self returned that night but Reuben spent the night, attended service yesterday morning & reached home to dinner.

I have stopped so often since I commenced this that my ideas are scattered so please excuse it, I am writing as hard as I can to get through. My turkeys came out of the house & had to be watched to see that they did not stay too long, then the dogs in running after a rat turned over a sitting hen's box & I had to go & get them all up, then goose was wanted for the wagon &c &c, but I am determined this letter shall go this evening.

Gordon will be married on the 27th
 go to N. C., stop at home one day
 & night only, his employer will
 not give him but 3 weeks days,
 he will reach Gallatin Sunday &
 leave Monday morning. The running
 will be very quiet, no attendants.
 Your Father enjoyed his Montgomery
 trip so much that he did not
 reach home until Saturday night
 10 o'clock, thereby depriving me of
 my visit to Greensboro. "Big Mule"
 was confirmed there & Mr Drake's
 eldest girl, he was not, we heard
 he would be. I will write to Wave
 later in the week & tell him of
 our last night's drive. With much
 love for you both
 Your devoted Mother.

Box No. 113 Old St. ofl 24th 92

Dear Sister,

We have had five successive rainy days & while I have been about my town during the week have not done much writing but am content to send a paper occasionally to let you all see we think of you. There is very little to write of the people & place of interest to you. I have been diligent in keeping you posted while mother was so unwell. She sits up part of each morning till her nurse makes up her bed, enjoys her early cup of Coffee which I always make for her, the water being boiled on our stove & I just have to take the Coffee pot, put on the ground Coffee & pour out & hand her. She also enjoys a boiled shad for dinner bakes apples &c. I think the liquid Peptonoid she takes helps her. I am much bothered by my detention here as I did not prepare for it & will be much of a loser as

well as incurring heavy
expenses. I was at the
office of Mr Hamilton
to day to make some in-
quiries. I did not see him.
No distribution will probably
occur till May 21st as the
Notice indicates. in the mean
time legatus will be inconvenienced.
I was in the Court house yesterday
while Criminal Cases were being
tried. did not have a chance
to chat the Judge. he is the
same one to make the order of
distribution. I saw Mr
Boisseau to day all as
well with him. Alice is a fine
sized girl now. Comes & goes daily.
Looks like a Rose. — I did
not hear any Sermon Easter

but music was pretty good
no better than some of ours
at St Andrews has been.
I shall regret very much should
Mrs Robinsons family ever
leave us. — I hope Willis
will never feel the loss he sustained
by his Christmas accident.
I notice some nice Spring Goods
in the Stores here. I shall try
to make a hair & get me a suit
before returning. — I am surprised
at how little Mother has gotten for
herself to wear. all was spent in
eating & furniture. most of which
she did not have use for. at least
till the coming of her summer
parlour furniture & Carpeting over
new matting. Mrs Taliaferro is

in the room now talking to
mother about the friends
Mrs Hunt attended the funeral
of her Brother Aristides Smith
at Norfolk - I was at his school
once there when Conner Sue was his
pupil - he was 83 yrs old - I was
sorry to notice in the Regis ter
the death of your Cousin Miss
Sybilla Minge - I hear the Misses
Nelson are here seldom out - What is
Reuben making by his Agency - times are
too tight for farmers to buy much for Cash
wish he could have taken a job to
have some few acres of Corn planted
for me on fertilized ground for forage
he could have made \$20 that way
I hope Bro. R. had a nice time in Monday
Mother says if she goes back ^{with} me you
will have to keep her till I fix up her room
&c. she joins me in much love to you
Bro R & all the Boys. I thanks to Aunt Hattie
for her letter. Affec^{ly} of G. M. Duggan

Atlanta, Georgia May 3 1892.

My dear Marie.

It was with great pleasure I received your dear letter last night & the pretty card you sent me as a birth day present. I was so glad to get it because it showed me what a thoughtful & good little daughter I have in you.

I was also rejoiced to learn how well you stood in your class & to see the high grade you took. It must be very pleasant for you after so many weeks of hard study to know that your grade was such. It does not matter much whether your teacher remembers to give you the book or not; you have at least derived all the benefit from the study & you have the satisfaction of knowing that your teacher was pleased in this I will add the consciousness which you may & ought to have of knowing that it makes your Papa proud of his dear Marie.

Now as to that birth day party which comes on the
13th of May you know that it will give me the greatest
pleasure to send you the money to have it if by any
possibility I can raise it. If it were to come a few
days later I could manage it without much trouble
& I will do my best any way to let you have it. You
must let it be partly for Charlie's birthday to for you had
been able to get the money in time I would have sent
him some also. I am engaged on a big piece of work
now & I will try to get some money paid on it on
Saturday night if I succeed I will send you some
as soon after as the mail can carry it.

Tell Agnes that I am very sorry to hear that she has
been so sick & I hope that she will soon be well
again.

Tell your dear mamma that I got her letter at the
same time that I got yours & that I will answer it
soon. Kiss Charlie & my Willie as well as Agnes & your
mother for me & just imagine that I send a thousand
for yourself. I am as ever
Your Affectionate
Papa.

Walling Sta. June 2nd 1872.

Dear Ben.

As Ware wants some more cash I send him in this letter twenty dollars and put in five for you. I believe your Mother wrote a few days ago to both of you and she writes so regularly that there is seldom any news left for me. To day was a bright pleasant day & in direct contrast with yesterday, which was windy, and also, two or three showers. Yesterday was the great day with the girls & boys, as a picnic to "Cottonwood Creek" had been abandoned twice (on account of clouds). In the morning directly over us it was clear & bright but in the west far away there hung a threatening cloud with occasional distant thunder, the best indication of rain & wind, and so about eleven o'clock a slight shower & at two it was as dark, even at twilight, with al-

-Must a storm, Bobbie in a double buggy
with Miss Minnie Hatch - Reuben, ditto - with
Miss Nedie Maupin - Mr Ralph Smith with
Miss Suedgrass from Montgomery - Dr. Will Powder
with Miss Bland Nelson &c - and the rain
storm caught them, Willie Beazly had Miss
Lou Powder in a buggy - the rain caught them
at my gate & it was so hard they drove under
the cedar tree; We could not go to their assistance,
so they stood it out - they all declare they had
a nice time. - The poor darkeys had a turn
out also at Mrs Olive - & adjourned to Mr Joe I.
Gollins woods - where the rain flashed upon
them, & they went home like drowned rats.

Mar 2nd I went down yesterday evening, &
or rather, evening before last to Faneuil to
see the Bishop who having missed his trip
to Pushmataha, came down to visit Mr Wm
Stickney (who was sick). & on his way back to
Greensboro, with Mr Cobles - stopped over at L.
He gave us a very good practical sermon,
the best I have heard him preach. We all
regret your not getting the place at
Harvard as you had some hopes.

The change of schedule on our road
has put many to discomfort.

The trains pass each other at Farmdale
 1/2 past Eleven o'clock in the day - so the
 one leaves Selma in the morning going
 to Meridian. - and as it is nothing more
 than a mixed train, it cheats us out
 of a regular passenger either way -
 & it does the work of the regular freight.
 (Only one train daily either way.) -

Nothing positive from your Uncle
 Wase or your Grand Mother, perhaps
 she may stop yet, I would not be
 surprised.

We have had a very good garden
 so far - Turnips, Carrots, Irish Potatoes, Onions,
 Salad, Lettuce, Spinach, Artichokes, Snap &
 peas in abundance, Cabbages since headed,
 beets & bunch butter beans, &c. - Today we
 had peaches, some few early peaches have
 ripened, but the grass & weeds seem as if
 they intend to take possession of us. -
 I forgot to mention squash - and early

(I send you & Wase a summer tie - each -
select & give Wase the other one. -)

B]

Corn. The tomatoes are showing nicely and I think we will have a better garden than ever. Some of the pear trees are loaded especially the green pear. The peaches are rather small - but in some sections I understand the trees are loaded.

The corn in the country is beautiful & a goodly quantity planted. The roots are being harvested, a good crop, the Melitots & Johnson grass has tried itself, & the poor Reutor rejoiceth in the chance to eat Melitots for his stock. Stock generally is looking well, even that mowed by the negroes.

If you go on to Shakerville I hope you may have a good time. A letter today from Fred, all well. We will be glad when you all can be at home again, it is late now. As good night.

Your Affect- Father,

(Signature)

S. C. Agricultural Experiment Station,
J. F. DUGGAR, M. S., Assistant Director.

Fort Hill, S. C. 8-1-1892.

Dear Ben;

I was glad to get your letter a few days ago. Your mention of Alumni meeting was the first news I had on that subject. Harrington is an excellent choice for orator.

We were delighted at hearing of your election at a salary which is excellent for one's first earnings. Dr. J. S. Montgomery, Pres. School Board, Starkville, ~~Mo.~~ ^{Miss.} wrote to know if I would take charge of S. F. I. if salary suited. I said yes, if salary suits. Please tell me anything you know about school affairs in Starkville. He says the city has bought the Sellers property. Do you know whether they propose to run a day school or day and boarding school? I do not want to live in a dormitory.

I suppose the former scholars of Mr.

Institute. Do you think it will be run
as an ^{Inst.} Institute for girls or as a public
school for both girls and boys? I have
no idea what they pay. Dr. M. said they
would like to employ Fannie too.

I am sorry that I cannot
lay hands on my only letter relating
to walnut timber. It was from a
lumber commission merchant in Balti-
more. I think his name was Shrylock,
at Shrylock's Wharf, Balt. He said that
walnut always sells readily in
Balt., & gave prices which at the time
I thought would justify shipping.

I send you some addresses of
veneers and niggers of fine furniture,
to whom it would be well to write.

W. P. Craig, Lumber Agt., Philadelphia;

C. H. Buxton & Co., Cincinnati, O.

Barnutz & Diehl, 143 7th Ave, N. Y.

H. Herriman, 370 Broome St, N. Y.

Cincinnati Wood Ornamental Works, 673 Elm St, Cin.

" Panel Co., Cor. W. 8th St. & C. H. & D. Ry., Cin.

J. Copcut & Co., 432 Washington St, New York.

E. D. Abro & Co., 711 West Sixth St, Cin.

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S. C. Agricultural Experiment Station,
J. F. DUGGAR, M. S., Assistant Director.

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I have had no important news in past week. I expect to write to Brunk today. I am now engaged in sending out a bulletin which was printed against my wishes, it being entirely too small. A much better bulletin on grain was retained and its ultimate fate I do not know.

If in your work there arises any point on which I can aid you, do not fail to write me.

Among others, I sent on to Md. high testimonials from Pres. Strode and Col. Norris, former chairman of Board of Control of Expt. Station. You may have noticed that in Organization list recently published by Office of Expt. Stations, my title was given as Asst. Agent. This was altogether unauthorized and was, I suppose, Prof. N's. work.

Frankie joins me in love.

Yours aff. bro

Shannon, Miss. Sept. 10, 1892.
Dear Ben, at Umontou, Ala,
Your letter came today
and I shall be very glad
indeed if we can help you
by our advice. We will not
mention what you write
us.

As far as we are acquainted
with them - and we know
of a good many - the Southern
schools for girls are almost
without exception poor or
indifferent, lacking first
class professors, libraries, &c.

If there is no objection to
education, I think the
University of Miss. ~~would~~
suit all requirements.
Its professors of English, Latin,

Greek, French and German are especially fine. Elective courses are allowed, and the Library is extensive. Moreover the place is accessible and the expenses very moderate - no tuition and board not high. However, if Miss Lucie's uncle is willing to expend as much as four or five hundred ^{a year}, or upwards, the University of Chicago, Cornell University, or Harvard Annex would offer unsurpassed advantages.

The University of Chicago has its session to include the summer months, making it especially desirable for a Southern girl who would no doubt greatly enjoy the bracing summer of that clime.

mate and the advantages of being in Chicago during the Columbian Exposition. Harper, formerly Professor in Yale, is its President, and he will gladly furnish any information you may desire. Mr. Duggar and I thought of going there after leaving Hout. Well if we could both secure fellowships we wrote, however, too late. We could give you full information concerning all the Universities named had we access to our catalogues, but they are not yet unpacked.

Mr. Duggar recommends Cornell highly. You yourself know the standing of Harvard & its Annex for girls.

The best known colleges in

the U. S. exclusively for girls
are Wellesley and Vassar, the
former being considered the
finer of the two. I believe it
is at Wellesley, Mass., near
Boston. Yes, I am sure
it is very near Boston, for
I remember now that one of
my friends while visiting ^{recently}
Boston went out to see Wellesley
College, and came home with
glowing accounts of it.

If, however, only a girls'
college, and a Southern
girls college would answer,
I think that Converse
College, Spartanburg, S. C.
is best suited to the needs
of the case. I understand
that it has a large faculty.

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truly and I believe,
and has come lectures from
the professors of Wofford
College. I think it probable
that the students there have
a good library or have
access to one. The climate
is delightful. My class-
mate, Ethel Deaton, teaches in
~~Cherokee~~. Expenses there are
about \$30 a year. I doubt
not that they allow elective
courses.

I enjoyed as much the
other letter you wrote me
not long before I left Fort
Kill, and have intended
answering ever since.

You know that Prof. Irby was
elected in N. C. W. H. Cannon
is studying medicine at the

University of Va. It seems strange
he should have selected the
Univ. of Va. for this branch,
since its medical course
is not considered especially
good. We are not sure
that he applied in N.C.

Prof N. is now carrying
things his own way in
S. C. to some extent, but I
think the trustees will learn
his real value in a few
years. He spends the station
money as fast that it gives
out each quarter before
the next supply comes, and
yet he has ~~some~~ very
small force, and no valuable
experimenting. He seems to
want as few in his depart-
ment as possible and is
really cramping it all he

can from a scientific
point of view.

I do hope Mr. Duggan
can get back into station
work. He disliked very much
to leave it, but it was not
a matter of choice. I shall
write you confidently exactly
the situation in Shannon,
and then you can know
a better opening should
you hear of one. The school
now has thirty pupils, and
their tuition will amount
to \$78.00. Next month the free
term begins. Mr. D. & I will
then receive salaries from
public fund amounting to
\$100.00 per month, this to be
supplemented by an over-
plus tuition which I fear
it will be difficult to collect.

The free term lasts four months.

Out of this income, must be paid \$8.00 ^{for} insurance and interest on \$7.00 mortgage)

Mr. Duggan finds land here very cheap. can rent a farm of 200 acres capable of cultivation, some of it very rich but overflowed bottom land, and ^{with} comfortable house on it, for \$3.00 per year. He thinks he can get it considerably cheaper by leaving out about half the cabin and some of the land he doesn't want.

The Shannon community is exceedingly refined and pleasant, and it would not be an objectionable place to settle in but for

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one thing - it is almost surrounded by swamps, which we fear must be unhealthy.

At present we are boarding, mama and grandma are visiting in Columbus, and our furniture is in the depot. We sold all furniture but our cot and our secretary.

We expect to decide on a place and get settled in a week or so. Seven or more places have been offered Mr. Duggar; a ^{large} house and thirteen acres rent here for \$6.00 a month. Another house and fifteen acres for \$8.33. Meat and other provisions here are ~~very~~ cheap.

so our household expenses
here will be very light.

Mr. D. says he has no
experience with ground peas
but that there is a pamphlet
on the subject published
by Orange, Judd & Co., N. Y.
and costing about .43.

^{Distended} They are planted about
same time as cotton on
narrow beds about fifteen
inches in drill, culture like
cotton till blossoming time,
then, I think, cover over
the extremities of the branches.
Prof. Newman says the
blossoms should never be
covered, but I have not
looked the matter up. In
harvesting they are
usually harked off,
vines and goobers being

all pulled together, hung
up, dried, and the nuts
then picked off."

We saw a specimen of
your photography not-
long ago, and recognized
Reichen and Rocket before
we knew it was your
work. I think you have
made excellent progress.
I do hope you will not
be disappointed about going
to Harvard next session.

Mr. D. and I both feel
complimented that you
wrote us for advice, and
what I have written on
the matter of schools is
our joint opinion after
discussing the question
together for some time.
With love from us both, I

remain,

Your affectionate sister,
Fannie D.

Aug 7th 1892

My dear Son

I was to have written to you yesterday but I was so busy all day that I had to put off until this evening.

We missed you at our Sunday dinner today & I wished you could have been here, but I know you can't be every Sunday. We were much disappointed that Mr Barnwell did not fill his appointment, he telegraphed that he had to go to Ga as we only had Sunday school. Mother drove up yesterday evening to spend the night & be ready for services today. Bas Waver came to the

gates this morning I told him we would have no services but to come in, he said no he would take a little drive first & that is the last I have seen of him, I asked him to come back to dinner; he is a curiosity if ever there was one.

I was much obliged for the nice grapes by the boys, we enjoyed them so much, we told them to ask you if we should send you some (O, your Father said) & a coveter, by freight, in a light box, but they forgot to ask you. I will try & see if Alfred can carry them along with his things, get one of the boys to see him

tomorrow. I am glad you found a
cook, hope she suits, I think you
were very smart to get a stuffed
bram fixed, the boys said it was
so nice. I made some pickles
yesterday & will take you some
when we go up, your Father
says he will go up before very
long & I will go with him. We
could not spare Jackson at
this time, had no idea it
would take so long to have his
head treated.

We heard by the boys that Vera
Went was in bed again. I am
so sorry. Bland Nelson is with
Minnie & Berdie, looking as
sweet as ever, Bobbie did not

return until Friday, went to
Verebrate with Miss Pinner, says he
is going to New York with her this
fall. Grand Mother sends love
says she will write to you some
time. The Spragues are much
pleased in Michigan. Alice is
lamenting that little Alice did
not go. Let us hear from you
sometimes when you are not
too busy. With much love

Your devoted

Mother.

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My dear Son

Your Father intended writing this morning but is called off so he says I must tell you that he saw Alfred's Mother & she said he could not go to you, that he could not leave the place. Uncle Waver told us Wednesday that Eli said his month would be out on the 16th of this month & that he would be free then so writes at once to him care "Section Boes" Gallion & he will get the letter. Your Father says he is more reliable & a better hand than Alfred. I hope

you can get him. I am so
sorry you have whooping cough
cure enough, thought your
cough was so much better that
it would be well by this time,
we wanted to go to see you
this week but Mother is still
here, came Saturday evening,
we hope to get off some time next
week. The Bishop gave us a
splendid supper, Mrs Du Bose
claimed him & the ministers
for dinner but Mr John said
he wanted to come with us so
expenses were made to Mrs Du
B - for him & he & his son
dined with us. Mr "C W" sent
us a splendid present of

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meat which sued my
mind on the subject of dinner
& was much enjoyed by all. I
wish you could have had some,
as well as have been at church.
Your Father says take care not to
get wet & don't expose yourself
at night, he will send a
prescription tomorrow morning.
Direct your letter to E. J. Stokes.
I had quite a long letter from
Fred but it was a learned
defence of Geo. Hobson's conduct.
it is well he is not in Ala-
to defend him, some might
question his loyalty -

Harry Collins has been quite
sick but your Father made

his last visit to him yesterday.
Mrs Gordon Robinson is on a
visit to the family, she is not
pretty a bit, but but they say
she is good & she certainly is
talkative & has a plenty of
confidence. The Robinson concert
comes off in Danverspolis on
Thurs day the 18th, mention it
to the young people you see.
I am in a great hurry & Mother
is talking to me all the time
so overlook this disconnected
letter please, Mother writes
with me in much love to
you. I was so glad to hear through
Mr J. that my old friends are
better - go by your devoted Mother.