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Columbus,
Jan. 2, 1893

My Dearest Emma,
Hester
has not come back and I
do not think she will
if the teachers give her
any more for ever to be so
that she has injured, she
can not possibly make
more than thirty six
things. I Lucie does not
object very seriously. I think
Miss Cathey should let
her room with me. I will
also get her a place at
table. She will not have
to write to Miss Cathey.

about her. I have
also ought to try for the
more in everything ex-
cept that and the people
that she will I suspect
were necessary for her
to attend the conference ex-
amination, but I advise
her to do it. It will be much
better for her to come over
here before our examina-
tion. I will be in on
the 18th of Jan. because if
she does not, she will stand
no chance for the Presi-
dency class next year.
The class is judged by
their examination &
some go on & some go
back. I am well. Eva
and Lucy went back.

last year. If Lucie does
not attend the exami-
nation over here she
will be put in the
lower division. It will
not be necessary for her
to come over here in any
form or for her to put
it on until a week or
two after the examination.
So do not worry about
that. She will take a
normal sept. C. H. The
normal study, Algebra,
Latin, history, French, is the
same of English and Essential
Arithmetic, the same
one that I studied at
home. Free hand drawing,
principles of mechanics, light
and electricity. I wrote
Lucie a card last week.

last night and sent
her my old Latin book
which was record kept
when I got it and which
is very Philadelphia and
Harvard house. I
told her that her father
spent hunting with
the crowd. Later Harvey
came back to the col-
lege yesterday morn-
ing. I will after school
send my lecture. I
hope you have. I'll
not that I am to have
up and send me the
card. Will send you
a catalogue.

Margaret Day.

Atackville Jan. 4. 1894.

My dear Mr. Duggar.

Your letter received, your motive in writing I appreciate, and freely comply to your request. Lucie went this eve to her former teacher, Mrs. Will Montgomery, to see if she would assist ^{her} in reviewing Wentworth's Algebra, preparing for her examination at the I. V. C. I send a letter from Margaret which will give you an idea of the showing she will have there. Her going, is from her free will do not think I interfere her at all. She has promised not to correspond with Mr. F. while at school. Her trip to Oxford instead of

being a benefit, certainly demas-
tized her, removed from that
influence I hope a sober second
thought will possess her and
that she may be as she once
was. I should say her former
self. With best wishes, and
a hope that you will pursue
your studies in the best of heal-
th. I am sincerely

Your friend -
M. F. Gay -

Shannon, Miss, Jan 15, '88

Dear Mother;

We were thrown into some excitement last night on receiving a telegram stating that Secy. Rusk had signed an appointment for me at \$1,250 per month. The work is to be in the Office of Experiment Stations and is chiefly editorial, - preparation of articles to accompany exhibit of southern crops at the World's Fair. My appointment is effective tomorrow and Director Harris wishes me to come on at once. The job is for two or three months, but I think it may lead to something permanent either in the central office

or in ~~and~~ of the stations.
Fannie bravely offers to carry
on the school in my place,
some other teacher taking her
place. It is hard for us to
part for the two months that
must intervene before the pub-
lic school term here is finished.
I am very doubtful that
the Superintendent in Tupelo
and our trustees will consent.
We will attend to that tomor-
row. If we can make ar-
rangements I will leave here
Wednesday.

If I go I may leave the
care of what grain I have sowed
and will sow to my young
neighbor, McCown, who lives
about a hundred yards away
and who stayed here during

my absence at Christmas.
Fammi, her mother, and grand
mother would remain here
to the end of the public
school term in Mar., when
F. would join me, and the
others go to Columbus. We
shall then have to leave our
furniture packed up in
this house till our perma-
nent abode is fixed.

I do not like to make a change
but know that I cannot af-
ford to neglect this good opening.
Please do not mention this
except to Ben and Reuben and
father, cautioning all. For the county
Supt. may hold me to my place
here.

I have not sent to the mail
today. Hope Reuben has a place.
I have been to the

mail since writing
last sentence, and there is
no letter from you.

In writing, to
Waver I had forwarded
copies of testimonials to
be handed D.S.P. He
replying, neither promises
to send my letter nor
to return my testimonials.

Fannie joins me in
love.

Your aff. son
Fred.

Shannon, Ind. Jan 19, 1893
Dear Mother,

Mr Duggar left about two hours ago for Washington. He wished to write you before leaving, but was so much hurried that he did not have time.

Monday I went to Tipton to see if the county superintendent would let Mr. Duggar off - Mr. Duggar thought it best for him to stay and carry on school while I went to Tipton for him. I went from the train to Mr. Smith's office only to find that he had ~~left~~ ^{started} ~~about~~ about five minutes before on a tour of

inspection of the country school.
Early Tuesday morning, Mr.
Duggar sent four boys with a
note to Mr. Mills, five or six
miles to the school where we
heard he would be, asking
him to come at once to
Shannon.

Wednesday morning
we awoke to find the
ground covered with snow
ten or twelve inches deep.

We feared then that Mr. Mills
wouldn't get here, and Mr.
Duggar didn't know what to
do about sending an answer
to Washington but Mr. Mills
did get here yesterday after-
all and agreed to just what
Mr. Duggar wanted. He granted
him a leave of absence till
Feb. 20th, and I am to take

his place till then, a temporary
assistant being appointed in
my place. Mr Duggar's
appointment in Washington
is signed only to Feb. 28th he
thinks this is because the
old administration ends then,
and Sec'y Rusk can make
appointments no longer than
his own term. Director Harris
wrote that he thought the
time would be extended.

If it is extended, Mr. Duggar
can resign here, and if not,
can return and still have
a place.

I was afraid for him to go
to such a cold place in
January, and we both dreaded
the separation from each other
more than can be expressed.

But it seemed to be a good

opening, one that would probably lead to something in station work, and he was so much pleased with it that I could not advise him against going, much as I dreaded to have him leave me. I shall have my hands full with the school work. But I shall have no trouble with the discipline of the school.

The snow of Tuesday night is the heaviest I have ever seen in the South. It is still on the ground, and promises to stay some time since it is freezing today. The county superintendent advised me to suspend school during this weather as there will be snow till Monday. With much love to father and yourself, affectionately, Lammie Deagan

not forget to advise him to dress up now, wear a standing collar, gloves
Alfred coat, & a Dub.
so don't be uneasy about
his appearance in the
city of Washington. I
hope for his sake the
weather has moderated
there as well as here
I hope he will write
now & give us his
address. I will close
now & try to get this
to the office this
evening, thought you
would like to hear of
family arrangements.
With much love
1898
Your devoted
Mother.
We were all very glad
to see you last night &
today, but I wish the
roads are too bad for

us today week we had Mr Barnwell here
Saturday & Sunday nights but maybe I
have told you that, can't remember when
I wrote to you as excuse me if I repeat.
I have so many to write to I forget what
I have said to each one.

I went with Miss Lou Barnden Tuesday
evening to see Mrs Stewart at Mrs Hatcher's
was so glad I made the visit before the
bad weather, don't expect to get out again
for sometime, we found the Capt. in bed
& I am afraid he will hardly get up again.
Reuben did not know what to do with
himself today as he has gone to Sumnerville
said he would go to see you when the
roads are a little better. I enclose a letter
from Fred & Mary, read Fred's first
& you will be as much surprised as I was
I reckon. I hope it may turn out well but
this is a bad season to go so far north, I
will feel very anxious about him. I wrote
begging him to put on thick clothes & had

such a long ride.

Aug 18th 1893

My dear Son

I was very glad to hear from you in Montgomery, hope now you are feeling quite rested & settled in Auburn, at least for a time. I am sorry you were troubled about your money matter, it is not pleasant to see even a few dollars slip away in that way, I suppose there are such uncertainties the banks must be careful.

I hope you will find the weather more pleasant in Auburn, that is, cooler, & that you will strengthen & improve. Little of interest has occurred since you left, the boys were invited to a dance given at Fanned ale by the young men, only Reuben went, returned home at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, said they

had a nice time. The night before
(Thursday,) your Father spent at Uncle
John's, having been sent for late in the
evening to see him, he had an attack
of intermittent fever, Mary said Friday
night he was better, was to let your
Father know if he needed him again,
as he has not sent up I hope he is
much better. John has been heard from
in California.

I have suddenly determined to leave
every thing & go to Tarkenton tomorrow
or next day, if I hear from sister Sally
that it will not be inconvenient to
~~leave~~ me a day or two. My eyes trouble
me so much that I want to consult
Dr Wilkison about them & get suited
in glasses, this will be my only chance.
I would have thought it unheard of to
make the trip at this time but your
Father says every thing will go on just as
well without me, so I have decided to

try it & see what he will say when I return, if I was missed or not.

We are trying to take good care of your dog, Mr Ward has not called for her yet, yesterday your Father got a little yellow dog, fine, I suppose he is, said to be very sharp, I think we will be well guarded.

Yesterday the boys cut some stakes for my grapes, I hope tomorrow they will drive them in & tie up the grapes. We have a shower nearly every day, some times several showers.

In cleaning up stairs I found a pretty good pr of those grey socks, will send by mail. Ben, after all you did not look at a number of plants you pressed on the back hall table last summer & I put away up stairs. I forgot them.

when I brought down the ones you
took some of. Let me know if you
want them at any time. I was so intent
on getting the mending done that I
forgot about other things. I feel as if I
hardly saw you, your visit was so
short. Don't be afraid to write of the
state of your health, I intended to get
you to promise that you would, & that
you would not make so light of
bad feelings but take them in time.
Reuben & Waver have gone to the Baptist
church, next Sunday they begin a
protracted meeting in their church.
Reuben was glad you did ^{not} send the rest,
Selma's stock must be low.
It is time to fix the dinner table as I
must close, have not seen Grand Mother
since you left, with much love from us
all

Your devoted

Mother.

Monday, Aug 19, '95.

P.S.

In these busy days of morning there has been a long delay in mailing your letter. I have not heard from father recently. I had a nice letter this morning from Cousin Ed. Vaughan; he had seen Col. Rich and tho of course the latter did not commit himself, the former seemed hopeful of his support for me.

I learn that Prof. Morrow has accepted the place in Okla. From a paragraph in the a N.Y. paper it seems that on account of Dr. Collier's sickness, a director for the N.Y. State Station may be elected Aug. 30. and as some man already prominent in station work will probably be elected, some changes may result in other states. Did the alumni memorial materialize? Yours aff. brother,

J. H. Duggar

Letter from father today, who thinks probably Mr. M. Walker may have influence with Major Culbreth.

in Jackson, has not helped sister Sally at all. I don't think I - want
 to cry at all, & dread
 the ~~same~~ very much.
 She is looking very well.
 I think the electric shock
 must have helped her.
 I went up Tuesday night.
 returned Sunday morning.
 The boys took very good
 care of things for me. Mrs
 Cobb, Mother & Mr. Ware
 dined with us. Lizzie &
 Alice are expected on
 Thursday's boat. Myron
 has gone back.
 All unite with me
 in much love to you
 Your devoted
 Mother.

2nd 1898.

Your Father & myself went out this
 morning to visit some patients, on our return
 found your letter awaiting us, we were very
 glad to hear from you & that you keep well. I hope
 you feel stronger too.

Ware will not write this evening as I will say
 for him that Mr Whitaker promised to take
 him as a boarder for the coming season. He
 says he would like table board at Dr Anderson's
 provided he could get a room near by, unless
 more expensive than other places. He says try to
 find board at Mrs Gachet's, Mrs Reese's, &
 Mrs Edwards's, if not to be found at either of
 those places just do the best you can for him.

The Bethel dance was postponed until last
 night, Reuben & Lizzie attended, Ware depended
 on Allen Collins to take him, but as the

"meeting" is going on & the preacher is staying at his Father's he could not get off. The boys had a nice time, the only sett Lewis danced was with a Uniontown girl, Alma Hangerford. Mary Pringle is going out to all the parties this season & her dancing much admired, I can't say much for her escorts, Edolie King, the depot agent, & the bar keeper, if I were in Johnny's place she should have better escorts than those men. I think I wrote you that John is in California. Before the dance began a telegram was received that Belle Wilkins was dead, the boys did not know what to do about going, but finding their aunt Lucy was going they went too, you know she was in Cleveland Ohio, cousins Margaret & Alce were with her.

Tom's Father has been quite busy since Pease's home was called out at 6 o'clock Sunday morning & did not get in until just before we came from church, yesterday he made five visits, took me with him this morning to see Mr Woody Collins' boy & Taylor Hatch, is now about to go

Aug. 22, 1893

over the creek, chills are more common now than they have been in some years.

Mrs. Byall is trying to get up a class in this neighborhood, as dancing seems to be coming in fashion again we will let Leroy take lessons, Waver too if he happens to take a notion but I expect the effort will be too great for him.

Mrs. Wheeler & Juliet left this morning much to the regret of the "kids", she & Leroy had a flock of them around them Saturday evening & night, about a dozen of them came from Dr. Browder's over here to eat pears, by Leroy's invitation, he went up to bring the girls over, finding others he had to ask them too, of course Miss Lou came as chaperon, after the pears eating most of them went to the "meeting" arriving in time for the closing hymns. Miss Lou gave the girls a party Wednesday night, invited all hands, all went & enjoyed the evening very much, they had

dancing, whist, & suchre, ice cream in
abundance & of the very best quality. Your
Father actually took a dance with Juliet.

I wish you could have gone to Madison but I
reckon you did not want to lose the time or
money either. I hope Prof Tovey can arrange about
the place for you. I would be much better satisfied
to have you in Washington, especially if Fred
remains there during the winter. I had a note
from him last week in which he expressed a
wish to have you there.

I had a very pleasant visit to aunt Melville,
went three different times to the D^r, he took a
good deal of pains to have me suited with
glasses. I have a pr that I can see very well with,
they are divided like Mrs Collins' & I can recognise
persons now at a distance, he said my eyes
had been much injured by using glasses that
did not suit. Aunt Melville was pretty well
fracked up, I helped pack the parlor furniture
to be left there until they have need of it. Elvira
has been having "a good time" with her friends