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July 1st 1894.

My dear Lou

I can't remember when Lewis wrote to you in my place but I fear it has been over a week, if as I am sorry, you must not think I have forgotten you, I have been in some what of a strut since the boys came & things are not done as regularly as usual, being very unwell for several days threw me out of the regular routine. I am glad to say I am quieter myself again tho' this very hot weather makes us all feel irritated, the thermometer stood yesterday at 102 in the front porch, inside the house 98, every thing one touched was hot, even clothing felt as if it had just been ironed, if this continues I think every thing must burn up. I expect the heat is very great in Cambridge too. Fred mentioned how hot it was in Washington. I am afraid he will make himself sick nothing, delivering the milk, & doing errands for those three ladies, he said he was very busy, he ought to have come out. Do take care of yourself. You did not say if you would change your lodgings as I address the letter as usual.

I hope you were able to make the visit to Provincetown & that you enjoyed it, won't you have a great deal to tell us when you come!! I wish you could have been with us Friday night, and

had quite a nice little gathering here. Lovie has had so much attention paid her that she wished to return it by having some sort of an entertainment & inviting her friends, she wanted something a little out of the common run, I proposed an "Apron hemming" she was pleased with the idea & forth with made out a list of 14 girls & 14 gentlemen, each girl was asked to bring an apron, thread & needle. When all were assembled the girls names were put into a hat & the gentlemen drew for them, each one hemming the apron for the girl whose name he drew. I had lamps in the front porch, hall & parlor & it was amusing to see them grouped around the lamps intent on the hemming, the girls fanned & talked to them while they sewed. Prizes were awarded for best, second best & for the poorest sewing. Wava won the first prize, a chocolate cake, Ruben & Willie Robinson tied for the second, a bundle of home made goober candy, Lovie Collins won the booby, a cake of corn bread wreathed with flowers. We had a good deal of fun over them, then Mabel struck up a dancing tune & soon the hall was full of dancers, Lovie made his debut in the waltz & all three ^{of the boys} took part in a reel. Ice cream & cake was handed, all seemed to enjoy it very much & after some more dancing the ball ended, very informal but to all appearances very pleasant. Many friends came over on the train that evening & returned next morning. She said she certainly "had a good time." Tomorrow night the young folks meet at Mr Joe Collins'. Miss Cowan & Miss

Many Sprinks are staying there. Lories' Garben is at Dr Bowden's
Lore at Mr Hatch's & Lories at Van Dorn, as there are more girls
there usual in the neighborhood, counting Katie & Oliver there
are 7 girls at Mr Collins'.

Miss Lou Bowden & Mabel will begin a dancing class Tuesday
evening, they will meet in turn at Dr B's, here, at Mr J C's &
at Mr Hatch's, meet twice a week. Wave has invested in 'pumps'
for the occasion, you ought to be here to assist in the lessons.
I think the next time you go into the swamps collecting you had
better carry a bottle of water & some oil of Pennyroyal, is that the
way to spell it? Well I reckon you can guess what I mean.

Wednesday Lorie drove over to Lanesville, we found at aunt Melville's
Miss Ann & Miss Patey, they went next day to Greensboro, had been
there over two weeks & actually had as little consideration as to ask
sister I - to send them to Greensboro, say they will stop a few days
with her on their way back. The evening I was there Mr Harris &
Lucy got off to ~~Greensboro~~ Tarkalooza, he went to see about his
business there, his renter has only paid \$50.00 this year, was to
have paid 40. a month.

Times are awfully dry, if we have not rain soon I think there
must be spontaneous combustion. This has been a year of unlooked
for & disastrous happenings, & now if Kolb should be Gov would
n't it be terrible, they say he stands a good chance that Johnson
would have been the man to defeat him. If he is Gov I will want

to leave the state.

A good many of the gentlemen around here will unite & put up a fine steam ginney & grist mill, at the depot, where Mr Hatch's mill is now. Mr Dickinson & Mr Smith are business managers. Mr H. found he would stand no chance when the new ginney was put up so he had to unite with them, lumber has been ordered for their seed houses, they will buy seed.

I was much obliged to you for the paper. Your Father has gone to see Mr Woody Collins, I am afraid he will almost melt. There is no news so with much love I will close

Yours devoted

Mother.

red bugs up there, the dry weather almost annihilated them here.
I suppose it will not be much over there
except before you will be with us. Susan is going to Tuncrow & Mabel & I expect to be on a visit to Grace Sprink's who is now with them. The neighborhood will be full then. I have
Mabel has a situation for the company every
now & then, I believe.
I think it is, they will try to keep Susan.
I know of J. C. with
Hedge Hill
1894

The boys have taken my pen but I will try to make this one do, hope you will be able to read the writing.
The boys are getting ready to go to the baptist church, as I never go, I will spend the time writing to you. Your letter to Reuben was duly received, I expect you are almost as busy as during the session, I am glad it will not last very long & then you can rest. Fanny mentioned in a letter last week that you would have a delightful trip by water & that she was trying to persuade Fred to join you at Norfolk & make a visit home, I do wish he would, I am sure from what Fanny says he needs the change & rest. I did not know you had decided on your

route. I will answer Fanny's letter & beg Fred to come I wish he could push the baby in a basket & bring him along. I so much want to see him. if I had the money would send them tickets.

Well! we had on Friday what was worth record ing, a good rain, yesterday I took John the cook, & house girl, Reuben & Waver in the garden & we all worked hard putting out plants, planting seed, & sticking tomatoes, the ground had been too hard to put in stakes or even work the tomatoes, where they had died out I planted seed hoping they would come for late, also put in some cabbage seed, now if we are only blessed with an occasional shower we will have some late vegetables. Some, in the last few days, & a little okra is all we have had from our garden in a long time. Friday morning John & Father & myself called on Mrs. Barnes, found her very pleasant &

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school, give a housekeeper, she dislikes house-keeping as much, I hope you kept well this hot-weather, with much love
 Your devoted
 Brother

be as anxious as possible to do the honors of the house, the cloud was coming up when we were to go, she invited us very cordially to stay to dinner, we only missed a sitting by 5 minutes & it was well we came when we did for it rained nearly all the evening. I wrote you the Robinsons started a dancing club, Thure day afternoon they met here, quite a crowd as a good many of the old folks came to look on, altho it was steam-
 ing hot they all seemed to enjoy dancing, tomorrow afternoon Mrs Hatch's hall will be the scene of their labors. I think I will go on the train to Fummedale in the morning & stop by Mrs Hatch's from the train. Lennie will go up for Louisa & she will spend the night with us, we see a good deal of her but I expect she will

soon return to Mobile as Alice is expected
up tomorrow. The young people 21 in number
went out yesterday last week, had two
wagons to take them around. Waver was the
only one of our boys who went. Reuben was
at aunt Melville's & Lurie was taking care
of Mrs Smith in her husband's absence,
he went off to see about machinery for
the ginney they are to put up at Fallow.
Mother's house is finished & she will soon
begin to move, in fact intends sending in
a bed &c tomorrow, so that she can
sleep in the house when in town.
I had a postal from sister Sally yesterday
asking me to go up to see Mrs Little, she
came home with Mrs Harris & Lurie, will
stay only a week. I will try to go Tuesday &
spend the day with them but there are so
many "irons in the fire" here that it is
hard for me to get off. Does the whole
botany class turn out collecting Saturday?
old maids & all? I don't suppose you have

poor letter, with passages I hope to be quite well soon. With much love
Your devoted
Mother.

July 13th 1894.

My dear Son

I was very glad to find your letter awaiting me Wednesday evening on my return from spending the day with sister Sally, went up to see Mrs Little who was there for only a week. I found Mr Harris in bed, before I left he had some fever, I have not heard from him as hope he is up. The children, Mrs Little's youngest, & sister Sally's two were all excitement about a party at Mrs Garbis given to Mom, I helped dress & saw them off then we left for home, sister Sally had to drive them over in the buggy & stay with them, the hour sister has very well, 4 o'clock, of course they returned home before dark. Fanny & old seem crazy about enjoying themselves this summer. I wish

they would put off some of their frolics until you come, they can't keep them up all summer. Yesterday the whole neighborhood turned out to a Collins pie-nice on cotton wood creek, water melon pie-nice they called it but there were quantities of other nice things, so much that my basket was returned almost untouched, others also. Mrs Stewart, Mrs Shivers & myself were the only ladies who did not attend even Mrs De Rose was out in all her grandeur. The spot selected was very shady & cool. they said, seats & tables were provided & all enjoyed the day, even Mrs Browder. I never fancied pie-nice in my young day & of course would not now. Mrs Collins gave your Father some delightful cantelopes to bring home we enjoyed some for breakfast this morning, the place selected was near the water melon patch. Lewis brought Lories down, took her back this morning. Another

is moving as fast as she can, is expecting Alice up on Saturday, Myron came day before yesterday, all want to see the new house I suppose.

Your Saturday collecting trips cannot be right pleasant if the weather is good but I reckon you with the school ma'ams would stay at home & let younger & more active members of the class collect for them.

Do you think the route from New York to Charleston would be cheaper? There would be more of interest to see at Norfolk, I do wish Fred would join you, he has a cook now who relieves him of the milking, I know the rest would benefit him. I heard from him the day your letter came, baby had had a fever, from the heat I suppose. I am afraid he is a fragile little thing &

they will kill him with kindness. Neither one of them ever mentions the old ladies, it seems strange.

Willie Browder's opponent Mrs de G- has withdrawn from the senatorial race, tried in vain to get Willie to do so, but his head is set on it. Judge Robson has come out as the popular candidate & Mrs de G- said, for the good of the democratic party he withdrew. Willie should have been the one to do it, he is thoroughly conscientious & selfish I think.

We have been much concerned about the Chicago troubles, are dependent on the west for our weekly supplies of meat & meat, in Sumnerville neighborhood the servants are living on green corn in place of bread, that will shorten next years supply. We have sent no papers lately because the Advertiser stopped, the subscription has not been renewed. I will send a Canton paper. I had a little attack of indigestion last night, am feeling today so you must make allowances for this

the steamer, but you will write again before that time. The boys & your father
write with me in much
love to you
You devoted
Dorothy.

July 19th 1894

Dear Son

The boys all went to the
train to see Uncle & Miss Cowan off to
Tenn, brought your letter back with them,
we were all glad to hear from you, just
about ten days now before you will turn
your face home ward. I hope you will have
good weather for the trip & that Fred will
join you but I have heard nothing on the
subject from him, no letter this week. I had
no idea Cambridge was suffering for rain too,
we need it now badly, clouds arise every
day but we get no rain, it passes over the
ridge every time with the one exception. It is
very close & hot today.

You spoke of a probable detention on the
way home, if it should occur at Putney
you could ~~go~~ out to see Uncle White's wife,

her address is simply Petersburg, care of
Miss W P Boiceau, you know she lives about
a mile from the city, any one could direct
you there, he is as well known, or if you were
certain when you would arrive & let them
know Alice would meet you. I have no
relations in Petersburg now except cousins
Sally & Mary Wilson, both quite deaf; if you
could ~~make~~ them a call I am sure they
would be much gratified, be sure to make
them understand who you are, they too are
well known in Petersburg. I don't suppose
you would go to Richmond but if you should,
Mrs Stokes (A. G.) & Mrs S P Lathrop are
favorite relations of mine & I know would
be glad to see you, also Mrs Peyton Bannington.
I can't tell you where they live but suppose
you could refer to the city directory. They are
old citizens & I should think almost any one
could tell you where they live.

Mrs Stokes is "cousin Mary", Mrs Lathrop
"cousin Caroline", Mrs Bannington's name is

Gallion Ala -

July 25th 1894.

Dear Ben : -

By the time this reaches you,
your trunk will be about packed
for home vacation. I am glad
you selected Norfolk as your
stopping place, for therabouts,
you may find much that is
interesting, Fortress Monroe will
always be a point of some in-
terest & importance to Southerners.
Norfolk & Vicinity with its attractive
suburbs would consume the pleas-
antly much time & then there is
the shipping &c. I hope Fred
may conclude to meet you &
return to Alabama for a few
weeks at least.

2) I send you five dollars to assist you in sight seeing or as you may desire.

Reuben went off on Sunday morning to Birmingham, where it is reported the large "Caldwell Hotel" has been burnt, supposed to be by "miners". It is reported also that the water supply was cut off at the same time, rendering the fire engines useless. It was about the time some of the Militia had been withdrawn. These strikes have caused an immense amount of damage, besides putting up provisions.

Yesterday, your Mother & I went down to yr uncle John's - little Lauce was sick, the crops are beautiful all along the road, so much better than near Prairieville, or Queen - They had reasonable rains whilst we were parched up.

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The boys have been having a pleasant time here with the other young people of the neighborhood, their occasional meetings to practice dancing has conduced much to their amusement, this evening they are to be at our house.

This morning Wm & Lewis are to call on some young ladies down from Fusk^a visiting Elvira.

We all would like to see Fred's little boy very much and wish he could come along with you & bring Harrie. We haven't yet had a good dish of Tomatoes, our gardens completely dried up. I am hurrying for this mail so goodly.
 Your affect Father. Chas. C. C.

P.S. Have just read your letter to
your Mother - inquiring about
trains from Selma to Gallion.
The Agent tells me the "fight" for
Gallion leaves Selma 7²⁵ in
morning - You had better wait
over at Selma & come out on the
4 P.M. Train reaching home 5³⁰.
Wade's letter this morning says he
will not be able to visit us. —

R.H.D.

July 26th 1894

My dear Son

Your Father wrote a day or so ago, since then your letter came, he wrote you of the trains leaving Selma, freight at 7 in the morning, arriving at Gallows about 12, passengers about 3 in the afternoon arriving at 5 35 at Gallows. Gertrude Pope would be glad to see you I am sure, if you have to stay in Selma. Fred wrote as if tickets were so cheap that you would save nothing by taking a steamer to Norfolk. We are trying our best to get Fred to come. If you change your route drop us a card you will receive this in time I reckon. I expect your Father gave you an account of every thing as there is little for me to write. The boys are getting ready to go to Fannedale this evening to a dance,

Reuben went this morning on horse back to see if he could find girls for them to escort as they don't wish to be "stags", Lewis dances very well & Reuben & Waver better than I ever thought they would. The dancing class has certainly improved them. I wish you could have seen them all yesterday evening, the class met here, there was a splendid violinist with the Folds as they brought him up & when he played we all wanted to dance, his music was splendid. I hope they will keep up their meetings but the leader Corabel has gone off for a visit of two weeks.

Reuben came in on us quite unexpectedly yesterday morning, the 30th regiment was ordered to Birmingham left Sunday morning but there were so many volunteers they were not needed & were sent home. I was very glad for I could not bear to think of Reuben having to fight the miners. I do hope after the

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election things will become settled & work begin. I suppose you saw an account of the burning of that large hotel in Birmingham, said to have been the work of the strikers, they cut off the water supply & the fire could not be extinguished, they have threatened to burn the city. There are 200 men in jail there who made the disturbances at Pratt Mines.

Monday your Father was sent for to see Lorice, I went with him, Uncle John was in Lindsaw, Bee's seemed very glad to have us all day & we had a pleasant ride home, found Uncle Waver & Lorice sitting on the porch waiting for us, they stayed to tea. I wanted Lorice to remain for the dancing yesterday but she had promised Mother to return. Mother seems so pleased

with her new house I spent last Wednesday
with her. Well as you will soon be home
I will not write more, your Father is nearly
ready to go to the office, I am so glad you
are coming, with much love

Your devoted

Mother.

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Mobile Ala Sept 17th 1894

Dr. C. C. Duggar.

My dear Doctor!

You will by this time have learned from your son that I have just returned home after an absence of more than two months, and that for this reason you will kindly excuse the delay in my reply to your kind lines of 14th ultims. — The visit of your son has delighted me, I have only to regret that his visit was such an extremely short one as to not permit me to show him *fraternal* attention.

I am happy to say that I recognise in him a rising force which will not fail in helping to raise the material and the ^{higher} ~~general~~ interests of its native state to a higher level and to take an active part in its development materially and intellectually.

To all appearances my hopes to renew my visit at your charming home and its vicinity in the interest of Botany, will not be realized this year.

As soon as I have straightened matters at home I

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have to betake myself to the field again to collect the
material for the timberwreaths of the U. S. in order to keep
the working force of the laboratories at Saint Louis
and at Washington going on without interruption.
After starting out by the begin of next month I
shall not return home until the inclemencies of the
winter season towards the end of the year are driving
me from the woods. — After having finished
the revision of my reports on the Southern timberwreaths
at Washington, I left the place with the expectation
to see them through the press by next spring, and
during the ^{coming} winter months I hope to get the first volume
of my Plant life of Alabama ready for the printer.
I shall take great pleasure to see the time arrive
when I shall be able to place a copy of these publications
in your hands. —

Ever in grateful remembrance of the warm
kindness extended to me at your house and with
respectful regards to Mrs. Suggar I remain
graciously and truly Yours

Charles Moore

last a letter from June this week, perhaps I mentioned they have 300 students
The die boards were to be sent to the President. Your, your home
Lacey is Captain. Please
is going over to stay with
Mrs. DeLong. Ben would
you like one to sell the
spare, you left & for
how much? Please
I wanted them up a little
& think John will take
them if you wish to
sell. I have not heard
from Fred this week
I hope there is no more
sickness in the family.
This is the 30th
arrangement of our
meeting. I feel as if
I ought to feel very old
I wonder if Fred will

On our return from Dunstable
I found your letter awaiting
me & read it with pleasure, your cards
were received & we knew your destination
was reached safely, still we were glad to
have particulars. I think the arrangement
of your bed room must be very convenient.
I suppose the other young man on the
floor has the use of the study as well as
Mrs. Rich & yourself. I am so glad you enjoyed
the trip as you did, would not have
objected to being with you myself as my
right seeing has been rather limited.
How fortunate you did not return by sea
on account of the storm, we feared that
but did not say much on the subject.
I hope the rights repayed you for the

extra expense.

Our house has been as quiet this week, Reuben is at the Lyon place helping about corn gathering & Waver is at Mrs Smiths it takes close watching to protect ones self from the stinking carried on at that time. Mr Collins says it is terrible this year. We found Waver here last night when we returned he came for clean clothes, went back as soon as supper was over which was quite late, we did not leave town until the street lamps were lighted, the dust was terrible tho there were few vehicles on the road then. We found your Grand Mother well & Bessie in her usual good spirits, Alvie as uninteresting & lazy as ever. Minnie & Neddie Manspinner dropped in to dinner as Mother had quite a table full without notice. Mrs Manspinner & Neddie came Monday, both looking thin & badly the latter has lost her good looks, perhaps owing to the change in arranging her hair

where he has passed through 30 years of married life. I fear by that time
there will be
nothing left of
him - from fellow
travelling
there is no more
Marion's affairs
have been so
thrust here, that
has gone to
Worcester &
disease is not
gone from as
the night school
some place
Butler said she
was very sad to
see you as you
passed through
"With much love"
Your devoted
Mother

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Having adopted the bandana, Bessie
speaks of returning to Mobile I need say
nothing.

We are having very cool nights now, I
expect the days are getting cool with you,
I hope you will fatten up some on cool
weather.

Waver stood the examination I will be
anxious to hear the result, after it was
over he went around to see Katie's home,
she kept him to dinner & all night &
gave him breakfast before the train left
next morning. I think Waver was much
pleased with his visit. Her husband
is employed in the cash & blind factory
Ministers. I have written to ask her
over, hope she will hurry up & come
while I have a few vegetables & the
roads are good, & before I ship. Love, I

can't stand her much longer, her last
feet were to wear Ruben's slippers until
she split them both, then carefully
scrapped & replaced them in the same
stands.

Sunday Ruben & myself spent the day with
sister Sally. I went thinking they might
have service but the lay reading had
begun yet. I did not go to Beechie, heard
all were well & that Abigail had opened
her school with Melville, Lucy Melville,
Fanny & Dary as scholars.

Cotton has been selling for $4\frac{1}{2}$ & 5 cts, I
don't think the planters will get rich this
year - Waver had a letter from Alice
Duggan, she is at the Hollins Institute,
wrote a good deal of how the girls loved
Prof Barnwell, he has the Literature
class. She said - "I suppose you have heard
of the marriage at home, I like it very
well" does not that sound like her.
The family have moved to Petersburg I have

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My dear Son

I was really sorry to send you a postcard instead of a letter but it could not be helped. Bessie's coming was very unexpected & that was the night I intended writing. She stayed until this morning. Waver took her to town in the buggy, he had to go away to have his teeth fixed. We sent Mother a large turkey & some apples which I hope were acceptable, the river (Big Bear) is too low for boats as Bessie will go to Selma & take one from there, Mrs Kirkbride has one on the Alta river now.

Your letter came in due time & was fully appreciated, we were as sorry to hear the cotton was as much injured, packed it as we thought very well. I believe a good way would be to fracture a stalk evenly in a barrel & bend it up of course it could be only a small stalk but a perfect one.

You must find it pleasant to take meals with so many engaged in work at the College. Have you a class in the Annex? you did not speak of what your scholarship work would be while at home. Exercise in the gymnasium may be beneficial to a certain extent but don't go too far, remember the young men

who killed himself "spanning" last session, isn't that
the word.

We had rather better news from Fred this week, he said
for several weeks his health had been better & the baby
can sit alone!! ten months old & is just sitting alone,
most children sit alone at 5 or 6 months & some of mine
stood alone at that age & then soon walked, his food
had been increased too & he was growing in flesh as well
as bright ways.

Your Father was sent for after dinner to see Ben Walker, the
little boy who came said he had a bad chill, had had
several, had sent for his daughter as I am afraid the old
gentleman is very sick, nearly all the servants on those two
places (the Lyons & Seay) have had chills, Ben Walker has
looked badly for some time. It is supper time & neither
your Father or Waver have returned. I am alone in the
house, Reuben is with Sister Sally. He went to a meeting
of the Cushie Club Thursday night at Willie Selden's expected
to spend the night with Uncle Ben & go to Lanesville next
morning. I wish he would drive Sister S. & the children
down to see us to spend the day.

While I think of it, - you did not tell me what to
do about the plants, whether to sell them or not & for
how much.

Corn has been coming in in small quantities today,

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make some little show in the city, Mrs. Woody sent some shelled corn our last years account, promised some cotton seed but they have not come. I heard yesterday that Suecie would leave this evening for Shreveport. Bobbie says "never mind she may go, but I will bring her back. From all we can hear there is some thing in the wind." at "Uncle Ben's" Verdine & Minnie went out hunting a semetres the other day & there is talk among them of what would be pretty for home decorations, but we are sure to know who favored whom will be.

Thursday evening Miss Lou Kowder asked me to ride down to the new ginney with her, Mr. Powell was managing that day, he & Mr. Dickinson escorted us all around, I was much pleased had never seen a steam ginney before, when we left Mr. Powell was packing his 25th bale for that day, the largest number they have packed in one day. Mr. Smith is away & things seem to run more smoothly now. Before returning home we made Mrs. Shivers a visit & there saw a small specimen of humanity, her 6th baby, I think the child's face could be covered with a tea cup. I enjoyed the afternoon, since the little rain the dust is not bad & riding is pleasant. Some one said we had frost day before yesterday morning, I expect we did for a good fire was comfortable that morning & I notice the Bermuda grass looks very dry & yellow, the golden rod too shows it. Beeie & myself took a walk yesterday evening &

brought home some for the room, she took some to town for Mother's
pencil.

I have dismissed Lou, & have a girl just on the other extreme,
we never hear her, I think she will do better than Lou tho she is
dull & slow.

I dislike to leave so much blank paper but these sheets are
so large I cant fill four sides. Oh! I forgot to say, Kettie wrote she
could not come to see us, I am very sorry, it would certainly give
me much pleasure to see her, she wrote very affectionately, and she
was so glad to see Waver & hear about us all. It is getting chilly &
must have a fire made for your Father when he comes, with much
love

Yours devoted

Mother

will not attempt it. Prices did not bear until Monday evening. Mrs. Van Buren & Charles have spent Sunday at Mrs. Hatcher's, they keep very quiet now, must be busy getting ready for the wedding & want to go down & see if they will tell me about it. I hope I can write a longer letter next time. But I tell you our baby can sit alone. With much love from us all
Your devoted
Mother.

Thursday morning Oct. 17th 1894

Your very acceptable letter came a little earlier this week & was a pleasant surprise for that day, at the same time one came from Anne, he seemed well & in good spirits, has been elected one of the editors of the Reflector.

Just here the Holdens came & I had to stop my writing. Miss Earnestine had a bad finger to be attended to, has been suffering three weeks before coming to the Dr.

Well I intended to say your Father went off yesterday morning to hunt a nice stalk of cotton brought home 5 to select from & they are as usual with what he brings, sit around on the front porch, he will try his best to push one surely for you & send by freight. He would like to know what was the express charge on the stalk sent.

We have had a very quiet time all this week. Reuben spent part of last week with Sister Sally, came home Monday, & we went up that evening & stayed until this morning. Tuesday morning early Reuben went over to attend to Mrs. Anderson Walker's business, he has been quite sick, Reuben will stay until Mrs. Walker is well enough to resume work. Lou Lamborne & Eugenia came down to nurse Mrs. Walker, your Father was over to see him several times, while there one day he purchased a wagon load

of cashaws, the nice boys crushed ones, he says they are to help feed us, the cows & pigs. We have some corn but it has not come in rapidly at 40 & 45^{cts}. Reuben says in the neighborhood of the Poles it is selling at 25^{cts} a bushel. I think we should hire two wagons & send one of the boys down to buy as much as we need. Lewis mentioned that at the College they would make six thousand bushels & the nice boys had been gathering it, I suppose he is exempt from such work.

The weather is beautiful now for gathering the crops, the slight frosts have ruined the looks of the grass that not long ago was so green & pretty.

Mrs Harris is expected home tomorrow will have to bring down all the corn he can't sell, has sold only one so far, what a time sister Sally will have with the milk and butter in the country. Harris does not trouble me much now, I think I made this morning less than a pound from our five cows.

Mrs Michael has been twice, to try and trade some Father's a mare for the two old grays, I am opposed to that, want him to sell the grays & get a good horse that he knows something about.

Mrs Cohen made me a visit yesterday, talked a great deal about the City wedding, the grand preparations, great waste &c, champagne at 2.50 a bottle & the greatest quantity of it, 1500 glasses were sent at the table. Mrs Cohen's husband is Mrs Oly's brother.

There is no news with us & nothing to fill another sheet so I

Mr Father so far agrees with the other still has preserved up 75^{cts} bolls on one still & might come the pushing which will be a more difficult job but he expects to do it well.

Agre. Collig. Miss.
Oct. 21, 1894.

My dear mother,

If you will please excuse this pencil I will make haste finish this by dinner-time. Father's letter of the 17th inst. was received this morning, please thank him for the enclosed check. I also received a letter from Fred in which he asks me to sell, if possible, his driving outfit at Shammon for \$50⁰⁰. That is a great sacrifice, and he should find ready sale at such. Mr. Weed, lately married and now located on the campus will probably want a buggy & horse,

I shall see him at the first opportunity.

The week has glided away very rapidly and it is now astonishing to think that I have been here over a month.

I saw the Des Moines paper some time ago and it contained an article stating that Val Taylor was a candidate for the office of Uniontown's Mayor. Is that so? He is doing rapidly in the legal, or rather political, world. Such news must have frightened Lizzie's homesickness and set her aright.

Cards are now out announcing the marriage of Mr. A. C. Magruder

and some Oklahoma girl. At last accounts, however, she was hardly expected to live. The salpica is expected to spend some time at the residence of their father on the campus.

There is a movement on foot now among the boys to have the girls of the S.S.C. over to spend Thanksgiving Day with us. Of course this would be very agreeable for the boys, but older heads may speak differently.

We haven't had any rain here since school opened and everything is awfully dry and dusty, what is getting low too. I have no idea what they would

as if all our citizens
were to become exhausted.

I never saw so much
Laurisina come as there is
now about these parts. Every
body around here seems to
have raised great quantities
of it, the college farm has
about five acres. By the
way, some of the boys
were caught possessing
themselves of it a few
nights ago. One of them
was the son of the Co-
lumbus Baptist preacher, ^{and}
another of good Columbus
parentage, so they will not
receive more than a few
extras as a reward.

What is the outlook for
Hare and Ruben now,
I suppose the latter has

beginning grading.

Your letter, I suppose, will come in to-morrow morning, sometimes they are very much delayed, for instance one that was written on the 11th reached me on the 14th.

By this time I suppose Miss Susan has returned to Mobile and Miss Verdie also, leaving our neighborhood somewhat deserted. Has Miss Susan left for Vicksburg?

About a week ago I caught one of the worst colds I ever had, that together with an ulcerated throat and accompanying headache debilitated me for some time. Now

over, my cold is nearly over
with and my throat
much better than it has
been for some time.

If I have preference to have
the coat dyed than to
forward to me, I can
order a new one. I am
not certain, but I think
it will fit me if he should
send it.

We have now over three
hundred students enrolled
and they are still slowly
coming in.

I intended to go up town
to church tonight, but have
given up the idea.

With love to all,

Your loving Son,
Lewis.

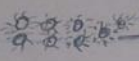
Callin Ala.

Oct 24th 1894.

Dear Ben -

This evening I finished up the box & put in the cotton as well as I could, there were three stalks, but the dimensions of the box were such as only to allow of one stalk complete, which is at the bottom, and tied by cloth strings to staples driven into different portions. Outside or above this stalk is a small stalk of the "Cluster Cotton". I had a beautiful stalk of "Peterkin", but it was too long & branches too extending to place in a box. The bolls or pods of the Peterkin are small but the cotton is finer, of this only one or two limbs with some young bolls on them, I tied to the sides. The box & all looks like a coffin,  or sharp roof house, & this was the only way I found it possible to pack. The stalk stayed out longer than I wished, & became dry - but, if any limbs & bolls are broken off, you can with very little trouble stiffen the limb & attach the bolls by wrapping with very small wire. I hope this may reach you in safety & such plight as to afford a good specimen. The main stalk contained over 75 bolls, altogether, & was rather spreading.

All the cotton in the Country has been picked over twice now, & it was a difficult matter to obtain a suitable one, the negroes are in the habit of breaking off entire bolls, holding them in their left hand whilst picking the open bolls, then throwing down the balance. This cotton came from "Peter James place".

Mr Bailey obtained rates to Boston for ^{the} 50 @ \$1.06 by freight, so I had to lighten every part, to reduce the weight. — I shall prepay the freight here & send you statement from Agent. Since getting these stalks I find two pretty good ones in Valda's Yard at Station, with chiefly green bolls, which will ripen quickly. As I had to bring all the samples I had, in the buggy, at one trip, many of the locks & some bolls were lost but I find they can easily be replaced, quite naturally. — I affixed the locks back into the divisions with flour paste, remembering that the outer end of each lock has but a single seed, whilst the part attached to the inner angle has two seed opposite to each other  — If this fails I am willing to pick the Valda cotton as it is yet quite green. The box with some shelves put into it & slightly upholstered with curtain cord tacks &c &c — might serve you as a room-book case.

Everything about home is in its usual condition. Wase occasionally hunting partridges, & Reuben riding around gathering up escaped tope-to dogs. However he is laid up with a bad cold & thought he had a chill this morning. Josie Robinson went off to Shreveport, Mabel to Miss & Lizzie to school; I believe Miss Lena H. is in Mobile, so the neighborhood is "dry" on girls, unless the boys undertake Miss Lou B. or Minnie H. — The latter is quite busy as I am informed — "turning old dresses &c." or perhaps another wrapper and waist is being trimmed, at any rate, there is a commotion about something. There is a hint that Miss M. H. after she gets her garnishings finished may get tickets with another fellow, & fool all homefacks.

Corn is actually more abundant than last year & Jackson & Gordon even get some for their share, they are picking up a little in flesh.

We had a letter from Fred and it reported that "Fredric" could almost say papa, as he said plainly bi-bi- and pa-er. — Whenever he commences to walk, they will have to let off some fire-works or have a public reception.

I have been close at home for some weeks, but
yesterday, went with your Mother to Mrs. Johnson's.
I found her not, so as I had two patients on
the road, the trip was not lost. Ruben is suf-
fering with "nose bleed" so I must stop now.
Your Mother sends best love.

Your Affectionate Father.

R. D. Long, Jr.

MB You did not mention yet, about the plant sent
you — or rather vine. D.

Gallien Ala. Oct 25 - 1874

Dear Ben -

I write merely to say that your box was shipped to you today by freight - & also I wrote you yesterday - As I was called out last night to Mrs Walter Leallins' wife - I was not able to get back home in time this morning to see about the box, so W & a went to the Station & shipped it. -

(Another little Leallins girl. -)

My letter was mailed this morning so it will reach you in time & in this I wish to enclose the "Rule of Fading" - for the morning's mail -

We have no rain yet, I think this a very severe season upon every thing, I can't remember when our last rain occurred - not for four weeks I think, & the roads are so full of dust, you can't distinguish a person or vehicle in the road ahead of you 2 hundred yards - The grass looks like it does after a severe frost. - It may do some good in hastening the maturity of

opening of cotton; Many of our neighbors are
hauling water from the Artesian wells for
drinking purposes & driving their cattle
some distance; scarcely a pool any-
where has water sufficient for a weeks
supply. Dickness is also increased, and the
trees are dropping their leaves & beginning to
show the real Autumnal tints. Cotton is
below 5 cts a pound, which is even worse
than wheat at 30 cts - - So the Western grower
crop is better, because he has raised what he
consumes, but the cotton planter has to buy
or pay for his 10 cts wheat with $4\frac{5}{8}$ cotton;
and yet the negro is as happy as a lark
& sells his corn for ginger snaps.

Horses brought from the west were sold
in Demopolis last week at 12 to 18 -
Marion received your letter today; 'tis late,
so I must close -

Yours Affect Mother -

Nov 1st 1894.

My dear Son

I wished to write to you this morning but left my spectacles at aunt Melville's yesterday & did not get them until late in the day, fortunately for me your Father had a patient there this morning, one of the servants in the quarters brought them to me. Reuben took me up in the buggy, the road was good & driving very pleasant. I enjoyed the day with them all. Richard is wearing pants now & considers himself quite a man, the children are fattening on sugar cane I think, they made a fine crop of cane on the place, I never saw such large stalks were in La. Lewis made a fine crop of it. Sister L. was putting up her wireless jams, they too were very nice, strange to say the potato crop has turned out very well, Miss Lou Baender says Mrs Powell has been working with potatoes for three days, she sent me some very nice ones. Miss Eunice & herself were here this evening, Miss Lou said Ben never did come over to play Checkers as he said he would. It made you anxious.

We do not know by what route the cotton went, Reuben did not inquire when he got the "bill of lading". I hope the box has arrived by this time safe & sound. I wonder of some of our grey mice would it be considered a curiosity worthy of being placed in the museum? I might send you a bundle by mail if

they want it.

I would like to have been with you at the Symphony concert
it must have been fine.

I am very sorry to learn that small pox is in Washington, we
had a card from Fred saying they had all been vaccinated
& that we need not be uneasy. I hope it will not get to Boston
if it does you must be vaccinated as soon as you hear of its being
there.

Waver has received only one letter in reply to his, that came from an
electrical company in Mobile, they needed no one. Prof Mc Keech
wrote Waver that the man who is to put up the Electric plant
in Jacksonville promised him to give Waver work, Prof Mc K-
eech saw him in Atlanta not long ago, he told Waver to write to him,
he did so but has received no answer yet, the man may have
gone to Jacksonville & the letter have to be forwarded to him.
Reuben is trying to hunt up last years delinquent tax payers,
makes some little by it, 50^{cts} a head for collecting, his cold has
held on some time but is better now.

Waver spent yesterday evening very pleasantly with Minnie & Wesley
it was Halloween, they tried their fortunes with apples, (getting them
with their teeth out of a bowl of water,) chestnuts &c, he did not
stay until 12, the hour for them to look in the wall & see their
future husbands. We can't find out anything about the wedding,
there is a rumor afloat that it will be postponed until spring.
Bob has gone to Shreveport some money & the school children

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say they have to study extra hard on account of it, "Pere & Co" keeps in such a bad humor.

Levin sent us an invitation to the celebration of the Centennial of Bayard's birth day, he is to send a piece I wish we could be present. In his last letter he gave an account of the Laboratory taking fire, they were much frightened but not much hurt as the damage amounted to only about 2 hundred dollars, happening in the day & with so many students to help the fire was soon extinguished, the College is certainly unfortunate in this way of fire. Mrs Kornyay has had three children sick with sore throat, the youngest was very sick, your Father stayed with them from Sunday evening to Tuesday morning without coming home, thought he would have to put a tube in her throat but did not. Sore throat & colds are very prevalent. Mrs Kornyay left the children in charge of your Father & he went to the Wisconsin Fair.

Oh! I cannot near not telling you of a visit we had from Mr & Mrs Stucky day before yesterday, they called on their way from Demopolis, are as talkative as ever.

Miss Duggar wrote Waver to ask you to send her a photograph of yourself. It is getting late & there is nothing more to fill my sheet so good night, with very much love

Your devoted

Mother.

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The Senior Class

Requests Your Presence at their

Celebration of the

Centennial of

Bryant's Birthday,

Mississippi B. & M. College,

Saturday Evening,

Nov. 3rd, 1894.

Programme.



WELCOME.....W. C. BINION, Vice-President.

ESSAY ON BRYANT.....R. N. COLLINS.

MUSIC.

"THANATOPSIS".....Reading.....H. D. FIELD.

"ROMEO".....Recitation.....H. C. TERRY.

MUSIC.

"THE ENTRANCE TO A WOOD," Reading, L. L. DUGGAR.

"THE DAMSEL OF PERU," Recitation, J. C. MAGRUDER.

MUSIC.

BRYANT, THE POET AND CITIZEN, Oration, D. C. HULL.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

L. L. DUGGAR, J. C. MAGRUDER, D. C. HULL.

L. L. Duggar

Nov 8th 1894.

My dear Sam

Your letter was gladly received this morning, having been three days on the way, unless the Capt had it in some one else's box. Your Father & myself are having a quiet time tonight, the Quebec Club meets at Bessie Gouthrope's tonight, Reuben is a member & ~~W~~ we were invited as they went up in the buggy, will spend the night with aunt Melville as it would be so cold coming home in the night. The weather in the daytime is pleasant enough but quite cold at night & early in the morning.

I hope you enjoyed the concert, did your help in securing entitled you to a free seat, then the meeting of the Folk Lore Club I am sure will be enjoyed, how nice it is to have such entertainments to go to, down here there are no such enjoyments in reach, we truly half enjoy life.

Is your publication only for nativity, or for remuneration? The cotton is a long time reaching you, you need not have sent the money order, we sold the prints & that was to pay for it, your Father will return the order, you need not be in such a hurry next time.

Friday Warr & myself had the use of "Rockitt" to go into Simsbury, we spent only about two hours there, had some little shopping to do, made a short visit to the Michals & to Mother, she would make us take a bunch, some oysters, soup & coffee - she seemed

quite well. Alice & herself had a little sense the night before, thought some one was on the back porch, no one stays on the lot but themselves. That night some one did go into Mrs. Love's house just across the street, whoever it was opened the window, in getting in turned over some pot plants & made so much noise Mrs. Love was waked jumped up & tried to catch the person but did not succeed.

Sunday sister Sally & family dined with us, they are all looking very well. Susan was brought down to know a needle as they thought taken out of her foot, it had been there about two weeks & I really think the girl was on the verge of lock jaw, was suffering greatly, your Father took out what looked like part of a staple tack & I hope she is relieved of her suffering.

Levin wrote the Baymont celebration passed off pleasantly, he was rather relieved that it was over. I had a letter from Henry yesterday all were well only she was suffering from her vaccination. She writes a good deal of the baby & how devoted he is to Fred, says he enjoys his high chair very much, sits at the table & plays with the spoons while they are eating.

Warrs can't hear from the man he expected to get work with, I can't imagine why he does not answer his letter. Reuben is still looking up taxes (last years) expects to do some grading as soon as we have rain enough to soften the land enough to plow, we have had no rain of any consequence in a long long time, had quite a threatening this evening but the clouds passed off with

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only a sprinkle, the farmers need rain to plow in their oats.
A good many are ~~now~~ making their ribbon come into Malvern,
Mrs Hatch is making his now.

Your Father & my self called yesterday to see Mr & Mrs Mrs Bottom,
Dew looks older & not as pretty as she was, he almost like a boy,
they have two fine looking boys, the youngest can't speak English
but understands it a little, they have a young son, will return
next September. I should think he would be rather at a loss with
nothing to do.

I am so glad you are fattening, you must keep on. I always
pick up in winter. We are enjoying a half barrel of very nice
apples now.

My maid, (renewed or to leave) left after about 10 days service,
yesterday we found another, perhaps her return may not be so
long, I never count on them now.

Some friends from Birmingham came to visit Mrs Spenser &
enjoy hunting, yesterday they killed 60 birds. Wams has been
hunting a good deal, we frequently have doves & partridges for
breakfast. He has not succeeded in finding any wild turkeys
yet found one of my turkey hens hatching in the church yard
today, I must get her up tomorrow.

It is late as good night with much love

Yours devoted
Mother

Nov 14th 1894

Love
Your devoted
Mother

When your very welcome letter came this evening Wanda & myself were trimming & tying up the grapes, we were nearly through as soon came in & enjoyed my letter, yours, one from Fred, & Beanie Stewart. Fred must be enjoying this week, said Mrs Lane was particularly anxious for him to attend all the meetings of the Agricultural Convention now in session in Washington, of course he is glad to do it & will meet some old friends & perhaps make some pleasant acquaintances. Gen Lee is President this year & Prof Tany is there too, his wife staying with relatives next door to Fred. Freddie is progressing, trying to crawl, next comes walking you know.

We certainly did have some of the cold changes, very sudden it was too, Monday morning I went out early, found the chrysantheums I had been watering so faithfully to make them bloom stiff frozen, thick ice in the chicken troughs, I was as sorry to lose my flowers only a few of the most common had opened. Tuesday morning was colder & by that night every leaf had dropped from the mulberry trees I never saw leaves fall so quickly, things have rather a desolate look now every thing killed. I was fortunate enough to get a good lot of potatoes picked away Saturday, we are all as fond of them, have nothing from the garden now but come

the poor letter, the boys have been reading & commenting on the grapes as much that I scarcely know what I have written. We have bright & right good supply of corn & cotton seed, the latter have dropped from 24 to 18 cts, we have 18 for most of ours. Our shares should follow up now but they don't net much, the boys see them regularly. I must say good night, write much

salads, the turnips are too bitter to eat, caused I suppose by the continued dry weather.

I wonder the cotton has not arrived, it has been a long time on the road.

The elections were certainly a surprise to us & I must hope for better things in '96. I hope there will be no trouble when our Gov is inaugurated but am very much afraid there will be. Louis Burke Ben was elected 1st Lieut of the Pulliam Guards, Benben is 2nd Lieut. They will have to go to Montgomery to the inauguration, your Father has said he is going, I am glad Waver will be at home. He has heard nothing from the Florida work, has a fine time hunting. This morning started out before day to go to a wild turkey roost but returned with only two squabells, did not find the roost so we will not have our wild turkey for Mrs Cobbs on Sunday, will have to give him a tame one. I hope sister Sally & family will come down to church.

We cant find out anything about the Hatch & one casting marriage but they are going a vast amount of fixing, cleaning up & down there. I am afraid to make a visit there for fear of interrupting their work. Did Jimmy Robinson send you an invitation to his marriage; it will take place in November, they will come on a bridal trip to Gallien.

Levin says their Commandant is to stand an examination for promotion, they all wish him success as that would relieve them of his company. There is nothing of interest going on so please excuse

Waves has not brought down his new yet, with some, & then sister I will have her hands full of them new. There is still a cripple from the measles or some stroke in her foot & sister I think it is trouble to have the harness work to do. I have no means yet, poor as this region are they will not have out their children.

I expect Fred enjoyed very much the meeting of the Agricultural convention in Washington. Mr. Shaw visited here to attend the all hands is president of the organization this year, was there, also Prof. Vasey, his wife was boarding with Don & Fred. The boys are steady as I will attract to Fred night, with some to love
Your devoted
Mother.

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Your interesting letter came this morning a day earlier than usual, I am glad of it for I like to write in time for you to receive my letter before writing home. The reception at Radcliffe College must have been quite a grand affair. You have opportunities of extending your acquaintance considerably, you did not say what you thought of the youth & beauty of that section, are there many pretty girls? I am glad you can hear some good music free.

We too are having mild weather, indeed it was hot in the sun today, I was out a good deal this morning. Wave helped me trim some roses, I put a good many slips & put them out, then we moved a rose because it was in the way of a frame he was putting up for my Massachusetts Brier, it is very dry but I watered the hole well & will continue to water until we have rain, that seems indefinitely postponed, I never saw the earth so dry, two feet down it is as dry & hard as snow. Wave put in two tall posts & wires from one to the other. He has not found a job yet as I give him some ^{jobs} occasionally.

Your Uncle Wave came up Sunday to church & persuaded your father to go to Mobile with him to see the cruiser, City of Montgomery, they left Monday night. I suppose he will

be home tomorrow morning. I expect there will be a great crowd,
some "big bugs" Mr. Hubert & others. I would like very much to see
the Montgomery myself. She is to test the Alabama coal while at
Mobile. I must send you the last Advertiser, Kolb says he
intends to be Governor. I am very much afraid there will be
trouble. Gov. Jones says "by the grace of God Oates will be Governor".
The boys are invited to a German at Fannettsville tomorrow night,
complementary to Mary Brings before she leaves for school. Ruben
was asked to take Blount, Waver would like to take Berdie but
we have only one buggy. I don't know how they will fix it.
Waver & my self were to see Mrs. Hatch & the girls this evening, the
house looks much freshened up with white wash & paint, we
went to the front door but had to walk around to the side
because the steps were wet with paint. Mrs. Munroghaw is sewing
& every one busy but we could find out nothing. Mrs. M. Cartney
came Sunday, brought some beautiful chrysanthemums, the
premium ones.

Mrs. Collins left last night for Birmingham to be present at
Jimmy's marriage tomorrow. Fanny & Mrs. Allen, Susan, Jimmy &
his bride will all return with her, they will have a housefull.
Ruben & my self spent Monday with aunt Melville, all were well
there & at Berdie's. Mrs. & Mrs. Blake dropped in while we were at
dinner, they will soon move to Johnny's paper place, The ~~has~~
given it up, as every one predicted. Mingo Selden has used him
up this year. John Henry is keeping a store on the place. Uncle

Nov 29th 1894

My dear Son

It is almost needless to say, I was very glad to receive your letter this evening for you know I am always glad to hear from my dear boys. We had not had the snail today as Wave proposed going for it, I asked him to take me to Mrs John Waller's & leave me there while he went for the snail. I wanted to take her some of our cake & jelly as I thought she was not able to make any herself, has a little girl just a month old & seems to take entire care of her, she seemed much pleased at being remembered. I had a small bunch of chrysanthemums which she admired very much. I carried a sight pretty bunch to church for the communion table & they were much admired, no one seems to have saved any but myself, after the first cold spell I protested those that had not opened but this is the last of them. I wish you could have been with us to day to enjoy one of the fattest turkeys I ever had - We had service & an excellent supper. Mr Colby as usual on Thanksgiving day returned home to dinner. I expected Mother, Alice & bro Wave, also sister Sally's family but only bro Wave came & very faint at the table for 12 only 5 were filled. I suppose the cold east wind was too much for them. At one time I thought Fenton & Wave would not be here but they did come in time for dinner. Mr Torbert on the Lyons place

asked Reuben to join him in a turkey hunt as he went over last night to start before day. Warr intended going with the young men from the stores they had made all their arrangements for an early start intending to carry dinner, late yesterday evening "the Bosses" concluded they would not close the stores as the hunt was given up. Warr decided he would not be cheated out of his gun as this morning about 2 o'clock he started for New Toronto reached there in time to join them, they returned without even a bird, I thought I might have several turkeys to dress & a dog or so squirrels. They saw turkeys but did not get near enough to fire on them. Tonight the boys have gone to a dance in Denopolis, carried feed for their horses will put him up at Mother's & spend the night.

Since writing to you I have called on the brails, like her looks very much but she is not pretty, Jimmy looks as happy as you please & better than I ever saw him. Sarcie has fattened too, I don't know when they will return.

I heard from Fred this evening, he mentioned there were three cases of small pox on the same street with them & only three blocks off, three cists in one house, he seemed to feel no uneasiness, said they had been sick three weeks & no new cases had occurred in the house. I hope he made a good impression on Dr Brown, said he saw a good deal of him, Gen Lee was not there owing to his wife's illness.

We read of Harward's defect in the papers. I very much fear that

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belongs to the foot ball teams at college, they were to have a game today & I will be uneasy until I hear from him. I was in hopes he would not engage in any such rough, dangerous game, the more I hear of it the more I am opposed to the game.

The ginney company are having a time of it as usual, their pool has given out & they haul all the water, put it into the pool in doing so it becomes very muddy & they have a great deal of trouble with the engine. It seems we can't have a swim to help the pools any, when it once begins I reckon we will wish for it to stop. I rec'd a letter from Wathins Vaughan today he has been travelling over the state of Florida, thinks it a very poor country, said he had a pie pie gathering oranges from the trees.

We are glad to know the cotton has at last arrived & hope the stalk can be fixed up, it would require some time & care I know for it was brittle when we sent it.

Preparations for something are still going on at Mr Hatch's but we are all kept in anxious ignorance as to what it is - Miss Anne Stollenwerk is spending some time with Miss Lou, as often as she has been down I met her for the first time a night or two ago, we made them a visit after tea I liked her better than I thought I would. I hope your room mate has recovered, good night, with much love

Yours devoted
Brother.

To D. Combs, Mass

Dec 12th 1894

My Dear Son

Your letter did not come today but I will not wait to write as tomorrow I may have some interruption. This morning I sent a paper, thought you might like to read Robbs message. you know he took the oath in some body's back room & attempted to make a speech on the capitol steps but Gov Jones would not allow it, he mounted a wagon & spoke to his followers, about 200. Since my last letter we have two experiments in less than 24 hours. Sunday night a cyclone passed through our lot & curved us right badly, the we should be very thankful that the damage was no greater. About 2 o'clock we were awakened by a terrible gust of wind, I jumped up lighted the lamp threw on my dressing gown & called to the boys to come down stairs every thing I thought would be torn to pieces, in little or no time the wind ceased & we thought it was over but in a few seconds another terrific gust came & such clanging, banging, & crushing I never heard before, it seemed as if the broad side of a house had struck the nursery, in a few seconds all was still again we waited some time & as we had all dressed we went out to see what had happened, by the faint moonlight we saw broken limbs of the trees, boards & pieces of planks in every direction, next morning we found the kitchen in school house was blown to

23. No. 2 mentioned. How low has been suffering for several weeks with a cold, on his neck that has pulled him down considerably. Well, I have written a long letter must be good night, with many love from us all. Yours devoted Mother.

pieces, scattered all around, the top of the big stable & shed was taken off & scattered from there up here, even in Dr. Browder's yard some of the shingles were found, where the main part of the roof came down in the middle of the pasture the ground was plowed up by the rafters & posts & they skinned. One blind in the bay window was taken off & was found beyond the office, the pretty umbrella chim. at the office was split half in two & limbs torn from the cedars. Nearly the whole line of piling between us & Dr. Browder was laid flat down, some large cedars in the lower part of his yard succumbed to the wind. The wind came from the south, the first damage done was to the old stable on the road, (Mr. Katschi's) then the wind bounded & struck here, made another bound & struck at Mrs. Mrs. Hadwin. Our house was so shaken that a large piece of plastering fell in the parl. & many new cracks were made in the wall the boys say upstairs cocked.

Well, we had hardly not gotten over the storm when we heard that Bob & Sueie was married Sunday night. The Thursday night before Minnie Hatch was in Greensboro, & Bob went up there to try & persuade her to run away with him, did not want Sueie to know where he was going so he told them he was going to Memphis, there he hired a team & driver & went to Greensboro & back that night, & there denied he had been there. It came Mrs. Collins had given her consent to Bob's marrying Sueie but when she heard all

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about the Searsboro trip she wrote down it & said Lucie should go to Shreveport, took her down to the train Sunday night & thought she had it all her way. Not seeing Bob anywhere about she asked where he was, no one accounted for his seeming absence, he in the meantime with Jessie Bruce Bailey & Smith were concealed about the end house & as the train started jumped on. Dew was at the junction & Bob had telegraphed her to come over in that train & go with them to Minidieu which she did. He also telegraphed come on to detain the Episcopal minister in the church after night services to marry them, he & about half the congregation waited for them, the ceremony was performed & the train for Birmingham waited for the happy couple 15 minutes, they went to Gordon Robinson's, the rest of the party returned Monday morning with the startling news that "Bob & Lucie were married." Jessie could not summon courage to tell "Mrs J T" unless Ernest do it, you may know she was furious, declared she would never speak to Lucie again, Dew wrote her a note which she dashed in the fire unread.

Bob has rented Mrs Torbert's house until the 1st of January, they will be home Monday. Mr Mc Cartney came up Sunday with his turn of flowers & I suppose that made Bob desperate & he ran away with Lucie for a while. Of course Aunt Mrs &

"Uncle Ben" are delighted at the same affairs have taken, but
Gross Berenice, to have him set down right at her door is too
trying, you know I think she wanted to marry him. I don't know
what the neighborhood will do now for something to talk about.
I heard today that Willie Beasley will give up his place at the
store & take charge of Mr George Robert Collins' place, Mr Garrett
did not come. I am so sorry we did not know of it in time
to get Benben in, he is still trying to find a place. Berenice
is so dull & times so hard that all the stores are reducing their
force & many young men will be without places.

Ben I will send you the cap Fred used when he was a little
fellow, want you to have it triple planted & send it to little
Frederic at 4 mins. I will write Fanny about it, there is a place
on the side at the bottom where it looks but I suppose that can
be fixed easily, at any rate I would like you to see if it can be
mended & planted & what it will cost, taking in your expenses to
Boston to see about it & postage to Fred. Fanny would prefer that
to a new one, she once asked me if I had any piece of clothing
that Fred had worn as a baby to give it to her for Frederic. Be-
renice & let me know the entire cost & I will send a post office
order.

I have been sitting out some roses & violets today; we had a right
good rain after the cyclone, the only rain to wet the ground well
in about 2 months, it has turned right cool since the rain.

We hope to have Lewis at home 4 mins, he will reside here on the

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My dear Son

Your letter was gladly received yesterday, I put off writing until tonight because I had a chance to go to Remontons today. Waver dined with aunt Melville yesterday, brought word that if I would get to her house by 9 o'clock this morning she would give me a seat in her carriage to town, as this morning we had breakfast at sunrise & Ruben drove me up, we arrived before the appointed time, he stayed at Boice's while I went to town we had a nice drive, a pleasant visit to Mrs Wren & as far as our purse would allow a very satisfactory time shopping, we patronized the "Racket store" extensively Mrs Gasbrough who seemed to be chief clerk inquired particularly about you.

she was Miss Kittie Pitts. Our old friends
were in great distress today, the first cab-
had died & was laid out in the parlor,
a man was digging his grave in the front
yard, I don't know whether funeral services
were held over him or not but many tears
were shed over him, then too they are much
troubled at Dr Benton's death, he died
suddenly some time ago of heart disease,
they think now there is no Dr in Minnion
the three have moved there lately. Returning
from Minnion about 3 o'clock we took a
cup of coffee & some cold meats, after which
we hurried home. I invited sister Sally's
family to spend y^ers day with us & Wm.
asked Mrs Benton to come as you can think
of us as being together that day. Sam Benton
asked Reuben to take care of the place while
Sam is in Montgomerie for y^ers, Reuben
goes tomorrow but promises to dine with us
y^e morn^g day. I don't think I wrote you of Dr
Benton's accident, he was thrown from a

buggy at the time of the inauguration &
his hip broken at the joint it will be
months before he can walk if he ever does.
Did I write you Benjamin Betters was buried
at St. Michaels' last week; died in Ga.
Do you remember meeting New John Cambell
of Philadelphia at Harvard; he has been
on a visit to the Bowdoin, is a nephew of
Mrs Bowdoin, he said he met & was as
much pleased with you, perhaps it was
last year. He is a man who might help
you sometime as if you have a chance
cultivate his acquaintance, his father was
Judge Cambell & at one time Attorney
General.

What do you think I heard today; that
Minnie Nixon was making up her
trousseau to marry Chancellor Willie
Fayles, can't say how much truth there is
in it. Mr Torbert is to be married on the
27th to Miss Fannie Allen of Spring Hill,
at the Methodist church. I. P. M., was

are invited, I would like to go, don't know- that I will, we may have had another snow by that time as it is clouding up a little. They will come to his home after the marriage, spend the night & go over to Selma next morning. Bob & his bride returned Sunday night. Mr. Davis is boarding them until Jan¹. I don't know what they will do after that time. I have not called on her, hardly feel as if she is worth noticing but suppose I will have to call soon.

Uncle Waverly dined with us yesterday, Sister is entirely alone, Alice goes to Mobile for a nurse & not even a servant on the lot. I did not expect anything better of Alice. Lewis will be home Saturday morning, the boys are invited to a dance in Hammond Thursday night & to another in Demopolis Friday night. I reckon this neighborhood will be very quiet this & mine. We are all much obliged for the heliotypes you wrote

of sending, have never seen any. I will
enclose a P.O. order in this, 5 dollars, three
of it you must use to get a dressing gown
& I suppose the other will pay for the cap, if
it does not let me know, if more than
enough just keep the rest. I wish dressing
gown but if there is anything else you
would prefer just suit yourself. I wish it
could send you something hand some.
Tomorrow night we are to pack a box for
Fred, a turkey, some butter, sausage & a
cube. I think those things will be much
acceptable than anything else we could send.
I expect they live very economically.

Your Father says Mr. Campbell desired to be
remembered to you. We all wish you a merry
Xmas, with thanks of you at that time.
I will send the promised thread case &
you can hang it up in your sleeping apart-
ment. I thought after sending the cap that
perhaps it would inconvenience you to
have it fixed & thought that I should

have written before sending. I am a little
tired from my very early rising & long rides
as well as my good night, with much love
from us all ever

Yours devoted

Mother.

Dec 26th 1894

My dear Son

Your Father, Waver, Lewis, & myself are sitting around a good fire in the chamber, the wind is blowing a perfect gale from the west & so cold that tomorrow morning I think everything will be hard frozen, they are all reading but I will answer your very acceptable letter received today. First I must thank you for the beautiful pictures, they ^{will} all ^{be} safe & will add much to the appearance of our bare walls, Lewis thinks the Mater Dolorosa should be over the mantel in the parlor where my photographs used to hang & I think we will put it there & have the other in the chamber & think of you when we look at it, tho we need no reminder, I am always thinking of my absent ones. I am much obliged to you for having the cups repaired, I gave Reuben \$5.00 to send you by P.O. order the day he went to Sam. Bethens hope you received it before 4 o'clock, in this I will send 25^{cts} worth of stamps to pay the 10^{cts} cost face & postage. I hope the little fellow will soon use his cup, is getting large enough to hold it. Fanny sent me his picture as a 4th mass gift & Fred sent his also, he has changed a good deal I think. Did they send you one of the baby, he isn't pretty but bright looking, already shows a great fondness for books Fred says, will amuse himself looking in a book without pictures turning over the leaves &

several tearing me.

I suppose you had a very quiet year, we had Aunt Melville's family, Reuben spent the day with us. The children brought their new things to show me, each had quite a number. Mary Carter & Blanche came over to see Lucy but would not take dinner with us. I had quite a number of little presents. Lucy washed me a new tray, Berrie a doily, Reuben & Warr gave me a pair of clippers. Miss Ann a booklet, Miss Mary a hdkf, & Mrs Warr a doily. Sister Sally brought us a gobble, of course I had some little house made presents for them & we enjoyed being together, if could have known we would have had good weather I would have invited Johnny's family up, neither of the girls came home, I reckon they felt lost without them. Yesterday was rather cloudy, about dinner time we had a sprinkle & the clouds became quite dark as they hurried off as soon as dinner was over but there was very little rain & they might have stayed some time longer. Last night we were all invited to a Japanese reception they called it, at Mr Joe Collins at 6 1/2 o'clock, about that time the clouds were thickening up again & I hesitated about going but then concluded I would, your Father was afraid of the dampness on account of his cough so the boys & myself went & enjoyed the evening very much, the entertainment consisted in examining a number of things brought from Japan & talking over them. Dan brought two large trunks full, these were displayed on the piano, painted pieces, numerous tables, & many pictures, fans, &c, touched

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on the wall. I never saw a greater variety of things any where. Beautiful sets of chairs, vases, mats, card receivers, embroidered bolsters, Japanese books, carvings, clocks, miniature stoves & tables such as they are, in fact things too numerous to mention. Mrs & Mrs MacCollum went among the guests & explained things to them, saying we had no idea of what they were used for. All these things it seems were to be presented to their friends & were all marked with a slip of paper. I saw one with my name on it but they did not distribute them last night. We left about 9 o'clock, some persons had not long come in when we left. I saw fixed Mrs. Barnagham up in her Japanese costume, I thought I saw Mrs MacCollum & the children would all have been dressed in Japanese styles. The whole MacCollum family were there, the mother, two daughters & numerous sons. Mrs Collins had only 28 to dinner yesterday & there was a dining at Rodney too. Mabel is looking quite well. Lucie & Bob were there, Minnie also, looking best. Mr MacCartney was up a few days ago but his visits now seem not to cheer the family, people are queer! The Captains gave us a walk yesterday morning. I tried to persuade him to stay to dinner but he would not. Tomorrow we hoped to attend Mrs Torbert's marriage but if it is cold I will remain by the fire, the boys expect to go to a dance at Tarnedale tomorrow night & to Denopolis Friday night. The wind will dry the roads. We are all invited to dine at Aunt

McLevill's Friday but I don't think the boys can go there & to Damp-
tos, your Father & myself may go, tho we ought to ^{be} stay at home &
have our boys killed.

Your Father devours his old books he bought, reads from morning until
away into the night. Lavin has found some to interest him, he is
looking very well, weighs 162 pounds.

Your Father says he thinks the pictures are beautiful, particularly the
face, we all appreciate your remembrance. We expected Mr. Benton
to dine with us yesterday but he did not come, sent one by Wm.
some wine his uncle, I put some in the jelly we had as a compliment
to him & then he did not come, the jelly was very nice.

It is getting later as good night, the boys have already retired,
with much love

Your devoted Mother.

P.S. I forgot to say Berice Stewart sent Wm. a beautiful bed-
holder, as sweet with sachet powder that we all want to put
our beds in it, all her work.

1. What grows the less tired the more it works. Ans. A wagon wheel.
2. What fruit is the most visionary. Ans. The apple of the eye.
3. How long does a willow mourn? Ans. Only for a second.
4. Why was Blackstone like an Irish vegetable? Ans. Because he was a common eater.
5. When may a man be said to breakfast before he gets up? Ans. When he takes a roll in bed.
6. Who was the strongest man spoken of in the Bible? Jonah, because the whale could not keep him down.
7. What causes a cold, cures a cold, and pays the doctor? Ans. A draft.
8. What did Job's wardrobe consist of? Ans. Three wretched comforters.
9. What is worse than raining cats and dogs? Ans. Hailing cabs and omnibuses.
10. How do young ladies sometimes show their dislike to mosquitoes? Ans. By setting their faces against them.

11. Why does an old maid wear cotton gloves? Ans. Because she has no kids.
12. What tricks are most common in Ireland? Ans. Patricks.
13. Why is a funny like a chicken on a fence? Ans. It is head on one side and tail on the other.
14. What is the difference between a woman and an umbrella? Ans. You can shut up an umbrella.
15. What is the difference between an old funny and a new drive? Ans. ^{There are} none.
16. What is that which increases the more you take from it? Ans. A hole.
17. Why is a crow the bravest bird in the world? Ans. It never shows the white feather.
18. What kind of a cat do we usually find in a large library? Ans. A cat-a-logue.
19. Why does a goose come out of the water? Ans. For sun-dry reasons.
20. When does a ship tell a falsehood? Ans. When she lies at the wharf.
21. Why is the letter A like twelve o'clock? Ans. It comes in the middle of day.

22. In what place are two heads
better than one. Ans. A barrel.
23. What is the first thing a man sets
in his garden? Ans. His foot.
24. What is the key to good man-
ners? A natural.
25. What should a clergyman preach
about? Ans. About half an hour.
26. How long can a goose stand on
one leg? Ans. Try it and see.
27. Why is a boy's tail a great novelty?
Ans. Because no one has seen it before.
28. What kind of bats fly without
wings? Ans. Chickbats.