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this time. We turn our cows out now again! I fear but there seems reported. Seed out in
 the field, getting away
 George sent me about one of
 our cows down & will
 get up, I want to then
 then want to see about her
 also seems pretty in a ditch
 & will not get up. He
 had fed some her, helped
 her up & quieted my anxiety
 that was able to get home
 but is so very looking up,
 has been for all winter.
 Our third put in his
 potatoes today, some are in
 the house & I hope will
 soon be planted, in
 put in crops, late, want
 to get & cabbage, also are
 some. All winter with
 one in much love to you
 1896.
 Mother.

I enjoyed your letter (received this
 morning) very much, also one by the same mail
 from Leure, his was two days behind time & I
 had begun to feel a little uneasy about him,
 probably the Capt put it in some one else's box
 for it was written Saturday & should have
 been here Sunday. Leure says there has been
 a good deal of sickness among the boys, colds,
 sore throat & some spine disease, but none very
 ill, he keeps well. You are all blessed in having
 such good health & I am truly thankful for
 it.

Everything is about as usual with us, except
 that I am cook & have not time for much
 else, my house duties & the kitchen in addition
 is about as much as I can get through with.

Two women applied today for the place but
one has two children & knows little about cooking,
the other does not know the different parts of a
stove & is the daughter of a grand old reaper,
we hardly know which to try. It will require
all my pretences to teach either one & I certainly
dread it.

Reuben & Waver are still writing for places.
Woody Collins suggested to Reuben to write to a
friend of their family in Atlanta, Mr. Chandler,
he visited Mr. C. W. C. in 1878. Reuben received
a very pleasant letter from him saying if he
would send him a letter of recommendation
from ^{Mr} Collins he would take pleasure in helping
him all he could, sent a list of different firms
& persons interested in preparing for the Exposition
advised Reuben to write to any he thought fit;
sending testimonials. I think both the boys will
write. Then Reuben found out by answering
an advertisement, that there is a business

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agency in Buckhville, they get instructions for
men, boys, ladies & servants. The charge is \$50
to start with & 20 per cent of the first month's
wages. The boys think if they find in Atlanta
they might get place through this agency. I
dread giving them up & being entirely alone
but know they must try to make a living.
The roads still keep so bad that we ladies
cant get out, I have not seen a lady in I
cant tell how long, would like to go to see
Mrs Baerds but cant move my shoe yet.
Waver put on his yesterday for the first
time since his foot was hurt.

Sister Sally writes to me occasionally, in place
of a visit, there is no telling when we can get
to see her, she said Lincy had been sick but
she proved a good Dr & cured her, it was well
she could practice on her for the creek now.

out as she could neither read here or to
Fauconelle for a Dr.

We have had no further news from Fred
since he wrote of the little girl, I told you
about her I believe. I reckon all his spare
time is taken up with the babies. I wish
they were more so we could help them some.

Mrs J T has "made up" with Bob & Annie,
they moved up there yesterday evening. I did
not see Annie but once while she was at
Mrs Daines. We heard through the lot owner at
Mrs Hatch's that Minnie would be married
in April, he said they would begin to clean
the house this week, I don't know whether he
knew what he was talking about or not, but
"Edwards" still comes & Mr Cooper has stopped.
Wave says he might have spoken a good
word for you with Miss Lizzie but you did not
keep him invited. How are your Fairbanks getting
on? I suppose they have been from some by

624 E. Capital St. Washington, D.C.,
Mar. 18, 1895.

Dear Ben;

Mother has doubtless written you that you had a niece, now three weeks and a day old. She followed her brother's example in beginning life as a very delicate baby; however there is marked improvement in the past few days & I believe she will be harder than he is.

From the inclosed clipping you may learn of a possible opening in Washington.

I have no other information than that therein contained, except that by referring to the City Directory I find that when this was made up, about Decr, '95, Prof. B. was entered as a teacher. I made this inquiry because the Post said he "held" a position here, - it should be holds.

Should you wish to make inquiry about this you can go to Boggs's Directory Office in Boston, or to some similar agency, & consult a Washington Directory. I think you will find in a special section in the back the name of Supt. & Trustees of our Public Schools, of which the High School is a part. Being in haste this morning I did not look up these addresses.

Some weeks or months ago the position of

Entomologist & Botanist of the Mo. Station was vacant. I learned this very recently and think it still vacant for the reason that a permanent Director has not yet been elected and the election of the two would probably occur at the same time.

In writing you might, I suppose, mention Botany first tho I think the other ^{first} is the official title. Dr. Paul Schweitzer is acting Director. R. H. Jesse is President of the Univ. There seems to be a movement on foot in the Mo. legislature to separate the Univ. & A. & M. C., as I learn from "Colman's Rural World". I understand from S. C. that Newman, Sr., is a candidate for Director of the Mo. Sta.

You doubtless learned that Green, of the Univ. California had accepted the Chair of Botany in Catholic Univ. here. I saw this statement in the "Post" some time since. I mention this as the filling of his place may cause other changes.

Fannie is getting along very well & Frederic is getting fat. I hope you success in your work for the remainder of the session in securing work. I suggest to Waver that he try to get ^{the house} carpentry with some local builder.

Yours aff. bro. *H. Dresser*

Los Angeles from a colony of Duggan's, we could have an agave forest, a few
 clumps of grass, botanist & after
 a while. 2 Dgs, some little
 purple bushes, ground covering
 & just ground from moss to
 over look them, I
 would not at be in?
 then I would have no
 more letters to write & be
 able to see all the boys
 every day. — Now Father
 says he will put me at
 prep as soon as I can, so
 very I have nothing
 interesting to write. Prep
 you folks will come
 down you. With much
 love
 Yours devoted
 Mother.

It seems winter has not gone
 yet, we are having a cold wet wind this
 morning after a hard rain & wind last night.
 We have had so much rain that it has
 been hard to find a time to put in any seed
 but yesterday the garden was in pretty good
 order & we decided to put in all we could,
 early in the morning your Father was complain-
 ing & could not go out as I had to take charge,
 had old simple Jack, the cook, Remy & myself
 working on the Irish potatoes, the first we
 have put in, just think of it! Planted 7
 long rows in the lower part of the garden, then
 we put in some amber cane, tomatos, ches,
 beans, peas, corn &c, when the rain came last
 night we congratulated ourselves that we

accomplished as much. The peach trees are in
full bloom & I am as much afraid we will
have a spell cold enough to kill them, very
few pear blossoms are open & the forest trees
are not putting out, it seems as strange at
this time of the year to see nothing green.
Prof Boudanant sent your Father 100 cherry
-berries as a present, 5 varieties, Waver & myself
set them out day before yesterday, now Fred's
100 are to come from Washington & 300 from
Mexico, we are to put them out for him in case
he takes to a farm, it is such a pity he can't
know what he is going to do, but I suppose
he will not decide until after Samuel when
they will have decided about Prof. B- at
Hingham. Fred will certainly have to get his
shack out of the city, some place where he can
do more excavating at a smaller cost. We
did not hear from them last week, I suppose
he was busy with the babies. I don't remember

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if I write you of having a cook, she behaves well & if she continues to do as well as she has done so far, I will consider myself very fortunate.

"They are still taking testimony," the Birmingham lawyer has gone to Jackson & Geo Hobson is in his place, work progresses much less rapidly since he came, only 4 witnesses examined this morning, of course he tries to get the democratic darkies "mixed up" as their testimony will be thrown out.

Not long ago Mr Ryal closed his store having the goods in it, & he went to Tenn., was too close to hire a clerk in his absence, some negroes broke open the store & took out all he had, among other things 5 barrels of flour, 50 lbs of shoes, a good many pens, &c &c, only one man has been arrested so far. Brother Waver

*I hope the
wind kept
off the
port too.*

Sunday with us, he was quite cheerful
but is looking much older I think, he has a
lonely time, it is a pity he & Mrs. G. could not
keep each other company, she has been alone at
her plantations for some time.

Mr. Benton sent us some bunch grass to plant
it is late but perhaps we will have slips as
soon as those who planted some days ago, there
has been no real growing weather.

The boys have no good news from Atlanta
yet. Mr. Gibbs was advised not to try to come
down Sunday, winds so high. Warr went down
to the creek one morning saw a beaver, was
sorry he had not taken the gun. Mr. Johnson
loaned him two traps to set for beaver but
the water has been too high to put them out.

I did not finish my letter this morning, it is
now nearly night, turning much colder, I am
so much afraid we will have a freeze & then
no fire for us. I think we had all better go to

1.8. 1895?
placed off for
Mar. 20. 1896

Thursday evening

Dear Son

Your Father would sure keep my
letters for his prayers. Yours of the 17th came a
short time ago, I was always glad to hear
from you - the carrier must brought letters
from Annie & Fred, they are getting on pretty
well in Washington now.

You say you are interested to know something
of Messrs Underwood & Aldrich I will tell the
names wrong - they ran for congress in this
district Mr Underwood is a democrat & was
elected, Aldrich a republican, and there was
found & he was elected, as I understand
Congress appropriated 2000 dollars to contest
the election & now they are going around to
the different towns taking all the testimony
they can on each side to prove who is really

This evening your Father would like to have us all out for testimony under some
with Father here
You don't
Mother

enlisted to the crew, they have 48 days to do
it Gus Bolton is now the Alaska lawyer and
this boat took the place of a Ben Thompson
who was here a week, some of his old friends
notice him, he boards with the Holdens.

Mr. Benton sent us some splendid bunch
grains I had them bedded out this morning
will have some in the garden, that will be
very pretty. I am glad you mentioned about
the gentlemen from the Texas A & M college
for your Father always blamed Fred for leaving
where he did I would like as much to see the
Oachids, don't know that I ever saw one. That
reminds me, not one of my pretty chrysantheums
have put up yet, I think they are all killed,
the common ones are doing well. Waver is off
to the creek to set a trap for beaver, some or
anything that may chance to come along. Some
one told him a beaver skin would sell for
4 or 5 dollars as he would like to trap some

The Holbe house is under way,
 will add to the appearance
 of my things down there.
 No news from Fred this
 week, Sam was quite
 well, I had a letter
 from him Monday.
 Please excuse mistake,
 with much love
 Yours devoted
 Mother
 I have always for the
 to keep the notebook
 in position, I sent 2
 At a paper I wrote
 2d the Western some
 1875
 sort of help to make
 some better money
 but have not received
 an order.

We were glad to hear from you
 yesterday & I intended writing them but this morning
 stopped by almost without my knowing it &
 after dinner Mrs Hatch & Mamma came, they
 came in the buggy as far as the church, tied
 the horse there & walked over to avoid a very
 bad hole in the road between the church & store.
 Both looked very well but Mrs Hatch has been
 suffering from her throat for some time, had it
 stopped while here. They did not say a word
 about the wedding but I hear wedding clothes
 are coming in & "Edwin" runs up nearly every
 Sunday.

I am glad you are having some pleasant
 weather at last, we are enjoying the mild
 weather very much, only need a little fire night &

morning. We are having very trying winds, after
a sunb. rain & wind the top crust on the
ground has become very hard & the seed that
have come up grow very slowly, a good shower
would be most acceptable. I hope we will
soon have it. The large pear trees are in full
bloom, are like immense bouquets of white & show
as prettily ~~as~~ ~~than~~ in contrast to the pink blooms
of the peach trees. If there is no more frost we will
have an abundant crop of fruit.

I suppose you will enquire into the advantages
of the Beagle School at any rate.

Your Father says the Gentils he planted are
coming up, now he is trying to find how they
are to be used, in reading "Tribby" they are
spoken of as great delicacies in Paris.

Last night Waver went with Mr. Golen fishing
in the creek, fished until about 11 o'clock &
brought home a small eel, & a cat about a
finger long, the creek is too high for fishing.

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Waver spent Tuesday with sister Sally, all
were well there. Bees have ^{been} quite sick with
grippe. The Haris was planting ribbon cactus
to make their supply of molasses for next
year. The creek there has been out 11 times
since 4 miss & the fish pond field not
plowed yet.

(I have been a little excited for the past
two days about a piece I saw in a paper,
a year back in Brookwood, ^{Ala} found a *Ala*
Ala stamp, issued during the war, said
to be valued at 1000 dollars. I have one
of the same sort, came across it some time
ago in looking up old stamps but would not
put it with some I sold because I had no
idea it was very valuable. I know very few
were issued. Of course I make due allowance
for newspaper stories but hope I may get a

over little sum for my stamp) I have
written to the young lady to know if she
can give me any reliable information on the
subject. It might be well for me to advertise
it in some large cities, have you ever noticed
a stamp agency advertised in Boston? I
know there is an agency for old coins. Several
hundred dollars for a square inch of paper
would come in nicely these scarce times.
Sunday Reuben went to Farness's, your
Father to Spring Hall, so Waver & myself walked
up to Mrs Joe Collins' found all well & in
good spirits, Lucie looking remarkably well &
Mrs G. fattening still, weighs only 201 pounds.
I don't remember whether I mentioned Mrs
Douthett's death, Miss Rice was very sick at the
same time with gripper, was worse on Sunday
we have not heard since. Lucy had gone to
Birmingham to nurse her & was there when
Mrs D. died. Considering the weather we

COLLEGE

MECHANICAL

AND

AGRICULTURAL

April 7, 1905
MISSISSIPPI

1891

Mississippi Agricultural College
C-S-A
Postage
PAID
Mississippi

Mississippi College Miss
Copy of Stamp

Size of
Stamp

on light blue paper
with printing of darker blue -

that I was very uneasy for them, yesterday morning I was in the garden by ourselves to see if they ever hurt as we had not protected them, they seemed not to be, but as a precaution I had them watered before the I saw them on them. Some of our neighbors have not planted theirs.

Yesterday a box of 500 strawberry plants came from Ohio for us to set out for Fruit. Your Father was in bed with one of his bad head aches, Norman was busy getting ready a lot to plant another corn, so Waver, the cook, Perry & myself had the job of setting them out, I was so tired & stiff last night & slept so soundly that I knew nothing of the burning of Mr. R. W. Collins' corn crib, Mrs. Ester was awakened by a terrible roaring, got up & found the crib in flames, nothing could be done to save it but they had to watch until the fire was some fearing the store would

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burn, fortunately the wind had killed or all
Parrascilla would have been reduced to ashes.
I have heard no services but think it must
have been set fire to, it was discovered about
11 o'clock at night. Out of 4 or 5 hundred bushels
of corn, 100 of good corn was left & 100 of injured.
The crib burned from the bottom upwards, when
they discovered the fire water was thrown with
pumps (cotton) under the crib & when it fell
in the corn fell on wet ground & in that way
some was saved. (Since writing this much
good letter has been burned one, see April
fool is it? I am so much obliged for the
information regarding the stamp. The letter, or
rather envelope & stamp are well preserved but
strange to say the stamp was not cancelled,
I don't know how to account for that except
that it was a "drop letter" Uniontown then

being our post office. It is a 2nd stamp. The
letter ~~was~~ received in 1862, that ^{date} ~~was~~ marked
on it in my hand writing at the time received.
It is the only Uniontown stamp I ever saw. I
think very few were issued. I have Mrs. & W.
Collins has one, but do not know if it is well
preserved, if you should sell mine how would
you like to try to sell here for her on commission,
we could explain to her how it was best for them
to see the stamp & she could interest it to
you, or she might be willing to sell here for
much less than 1000. We will sound her on
the matter & let you know. What you have
of its value
written me, I will not mention.

You say it might be well to take it to N.Y.,
how could I get it there is the question. You
would not have time to take it there even if
I prayed your expenses.

After what I have written if you think the
stamp valuable I will send by express, but

Apel Hall, Miss

April 6, 1885

Dear Ben,

It has been quite a time since any correspondence ^{has} passed between us, and this is due to my negligence, for the most part. Since my last leaving nothing has developed that ^{any} encouraging respect for me in the lines of remunerative employment. I had about determined to stand an examination in the Civil Service for the place of messenger, but owing to the fact that I could

not find out anything of the
value of such a position,
and being considerably dis-
couraged by father, and
also after having my papers
all fired up, they became
accidentally damaged to such
an extent that new papers
were necessary, to secure
which the brevity of time for-
bid, I have abandoned such
hopes. Fred has lately writ-
ten me that since an addition
of appropriations has been
made for the Dept. of Agriculture
there will probably be a suc-
cess of examinations held
next July for the position
in an ~~or~~ what inspectors. He
thinks the scientific requires

to be vitreous and as knowl-
edge of lesions in affected
meat. The former, I could pre-
pare for fairly well, but for
the latter, the apparatus and
material at hand does not
furnish but slight opportuni-
ty for work. This, I imagine,
would be quite a desirable
place for me, but I will ^{plain} not
hope in it, for I believe
that my course, after grad-
uating, will be to go home
and there do but little
study. I dislike this idea
very much, too, for you
know what is usually
expected by the masses of
a college graduate.

I suppose it is near-

by ~~me~~ for me to give
any local news, for surely
by your friend, who
has recently withdrawn
from the F. F. C. and taken
up her abode in Starkville,
now keeps you well
posted on local happenings.
Yes, she has returned per-
manently, I believe, and
I am glad of it because
she is such an addition to
Starkville's fair fastidious
fair household. She seems
to be prettier and sweeter

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now than ever. Last evening
she took part in a tableaux
given in the 'city', representing
one of the Fates, and I don't
know when I have seen
a creature look so beautiful.
Of course some 'additionals' had
been applied, but the original
is surely pretty, notwithstanding.

Willie, who married Miss
Culsh Yates is nicely fixed
up in the little Maxwell
home near the Institute. Does
it not seem rather odd to think
of him as being a married

man?

Neal Muldrew is now in these parts and it is quite well authenticated that he is to marry Miss Blacie Watts during the summer. He came here about a month ago on his way to Oklahoma where he was to enter professional life, he remains still, however, to the regret of many of Miss Blacie's friends. She is a fine girl and is deserving of a worthier companion in life.

The latest arrival on the campus is a beautiful baby boy in the household of Prof. McKay. At latest accounts he was

thriving, and his first utterances, says the Reflector, was "paw-paw nips."

We have been having some occasion of epidemics of several diseases of late. Colds and tonsillitis, mumps, and the effects of vaccination have successively had their day, the latter being the cause of the greatest trouble. A specific case of small pox broke out in Vicksburg, and during the last two weeks over two hundred students have been vaccinated. Owing to the effects of the vaccine, drills and such military exercises have been suspended for a time.

Our studies for this half term are psychology, vet-

will probably be
convinced of this
upon which to for-
part an address
and if you have
any suggestions
to offer or think
you could assist
me in any way,
I would be very
glad for your help.
20. Please the Hon-
orable Father, May
to have a summer school
of some kind of education.
I must close off for now.

astronomy, astronomy, and agri-
culture (Storer, Vol. II). The first
nature of Storer was completed
last term and thought that
would be the last of him, but
Prof. Helborn springs the second
one on us now. We will take
up meteorology and ethics next
half term. Upon the completion
of psychology and astronomy.
The burden on my mind
now is my graduating ad-
dress. I have selected the
subject, "America's Place in
Science (natural)". I think this

should go to New York by your express out of what the clasp brings & keep it there
 instead of letting it go out in your express at Harvard. I expect all the top will end
 being left during the summer & then there will
 be some left to call on
 later. Don't go to N.Y. if it
 will interfere with your
 duties in any way.
 I saw an old quilt hanging
 about the clasp
 take care of it. I would
 send a P.O. order to pay
 your expenses if you
 should go to N.Y. but
 your father says it isn't
 worth while, that
 you can refund
 yourself out of the
 clasp. I fear the
 letter is very disconcerted
 I have been interested
 in it. With much
 love from devoted
 father.

Your letter received this morning
 was read with much pleasure. I waited
 for it & would have written yesterday.
 I am very sorry you have been suffering from a
 cold but hope our pleasant weather has
 extended to Cambridge & that as a consequence
 the cold is improving, take care of yourself &
 don't hunt fungi until you are quite well
 of the cold. I am sure to have an idea of
~~expressing~~ being at Harvard another year,
 do you think you can get work there, if
 as I suppose you consider yourself fortunate
 but it is a mighty cold climate & so far
 away, you will be home this summer. I
 hope, how pleasant it would be if Fred's
 family could come too, I want as much to

see the children, can hardly realize I have
grand children until I see them. I had a
long letter from Fanny this morning talking
a good deal about them, of course I was
much interested. Fanny is talking & trying to
walk, loves a piece of paper & pencil & was,
when she wrote, writing a letter to "Grand Mother
Duggan", all these things are quite familiar
to me, you all did the same things when
little fellows. I would be as happy as Fanny's family
if he had only not turned Baptist, that
makes a gulph between us, I can never get
over it, he will never be the same to me.
You certainly have great advantages for
cultivating your fondness for music, and
will expect you to become somewhat of a
musician if you don't mind. Ben has
turned his attention that way, Ben Seal
gives him lessons on the guitar. Mrs L
takes Bob's place on his Father's store &

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Bob overlooks his own business at Gallien.
Reuben went to Demopolis right before the
last. I expect him home today, whether
he nor Waver have heard anything from
their applications in Atlanta, they are
unfortunate some how.

I think I wrote you of putting out 500
strawberries for Fred from Miss, the other
day about 200 more came from Washington
as with ours & his we have quite a collec-
tion. We received some splendid cabbage &
tomato plants from Miss. I was so much
afraid the servants would not be careful
enough that I set out the tomatoes myself
& they are all looking well, the garden runs
a right nice show now but the cucumbers
are terrible; my sweet potatoes are coming
up at last, I have watched anxiously for

them. Yesterday evening I walked over to see
"Mrs. Bob Wood", and finding her at home I
stopped in to see Mrs. Davies. There was a
general sweeping, brushing & trimming up of
fences yesterday in anticipation of a visit from
Mr. Poole today but he has not arrived, after
the clearing & trimming, a load & the cold was
taken to the 7 acres & a little scrub cut sold
to Willm. Brander for a ton of hay of the first
cutting. Mrs. Father went to see Mrs. Collins
about the stump, she had some, "Mr. Bob Wood"
"got hold of the wrong end of the story". I will
express mine to you this evening. I did not
understand and from your letter whether the spring
seeds was this week or next, the stump
may not be in time for you to take it to
W. G. I turn it over to you to do what you
think best with it. If you sell it I suppose
you can get W. G. exchange & fix it with
Front & Robinson's bank, Danvers. If you

this year, some sitting yet. There is no snow in our town - I heard from dear
Ray that their baseball
team expect to go to Weymouth
Saturday to play the home
of. These days is yet

Love mine I am
trying to say, better
that the chess foot
ball. I must close,
with much love

Yours devoted
Mother.

p. m. Gallton

April 18th 1895

The boys have been so much
interested this morning in trying to burn a hedge,
that neither one has gone to the office and
have not had your usual Wednesday or
Thursday letter. I will write without hearing
from you. They are trying to burn the hedge
from corner of long lot up to the barn near
the big stable but it will not burn only in
small places where they put a good deal
of old dead hedge, too many leaves, we
wanted to clean it all up before your
Father's return, it is too much of a job to
have it cut down & it covers nearly half
"the strip".

We are having cool weather again, frozen
front last night but it was too cloudy, we

had a fine shower Tuesday & ever since it
has been cool & cloudy. I had a good many
tomatoes set out yesterday, cabbages, sweet & a
row of sweet potatoes put out. Our A.
Our plants are doing well & the garden makes
a real good show, but we will not have
greens for Mr. Cobb on Sunday.

Earlier Sunday Morn drove over down to
Faversdale, I enjoyed the service & seeing
all the friends & relatives very much. The
church was very prettily decorated with
bridal wreaths, white & blue flags & a few
roses. I went home in the evening with Bessie
& Waver dined with Uncle Ben, & returned
home in the evening. At night the children
had their festival, we drove in to it, &
it was well worth the ride, was very
pretty indeed, besides besides the children
carried float offerings & with them built
up a beautiful butterfly, the skeleton was

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on a stand in the chancel & when each offering was put in its place the effect was very pretty, the singing was good. Mr. Stickney made a short address to the children after the banners & offerings were presented. Tuesday I spent with Beacie, she rode with me to Hannadale. Wednesday evening, I spent about two hours or more with Lucy, & Uncle. We walked to the train with me, in the car I found Gertrude Pope, we had a lively chat whilst reaching Gallons, she was on her way to Minneapolis to see Annie Winchell who will soon be married to Mr. Winchell. Gertrude thinks of going to Atlanta to take boarders during the Exposition, said she might go to N. Y. this week to see if someone there would like to be with her in Atlanta. Born Follen

left Monday night for the Medical
Conventions. Mobile, he may be home
tomorrow morning. I have not heard from
him. Ruben spent a week with your
Grand Mother, remaining there for Easter,
your Father must have had a very quiet
day at home. Aunt Alice wants to sell
her house in Mobile & move to B. O. to
give her girls the benefit of B. O. society.
Alice has not returned yet but Mother
thinks it all right. I read Mary's letters
describing her trip to Washington, she certainly
enjoyed it, said Fred is coming home in
July but he has never hinted at it. I
must raise a plenty of chickens & have
every thing in readiness if they should come.
I have 65 chickens off & 15 more hens to
hatch, if they average an army chickens as
the six that have hatched I will have as
many as I can care for. Turkeys are backward

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Dear Ben:

I intended writing you last night, but my long-aides worried me & I gave it up for today. You are doubtless aware from Gr. Mothers last letter that I was away from Home in Mobile attending the State Med Convention.

We greatly enjoyed our visit, indeed the Mobile people exercised hospitality to the highest degree, Good cheer, amusement & kindest hospitality greeted us at every turn, - dinners & teas & shell-wood carriage drives, & Park entertainments & Bay Boats &c &c. Fish & oysters ad

Libitum, the waters & the lands,
The deep blue sea, the far off
soil of the Asiatics, the Mediter-
ranean coasts. The vine yards of
France, imports, exports, indi-
genous & foreign exotics, all
seemed to be drawn upon
for a contribution to our pleas-
ure - The outer & the inner
man was full to overflowing
- practically, ethically, and
aesthetically - . Notes, whims,
& Caprices, anticipated in every
direction.

Not entirely satisfied with
4 days in Mobile artistically
& artificially entertained, I
took the midnight train from
Meridian to Starkville, where
my good fortune placed me
in a buggy of Prof Magruder.

going straight way to the A. College
 — There I was met by Genl.
 Lee who showed me all Na-
 ture in its primitive aspects
 to its most cultivated results,
 Evidences of Education with ex-
 perimentation proving facts &
 making Statistics for the yet
 unknown. Two or three hours
 with Prof Tracy interested me
 very much — they are all
 progressive — This trip will
 aid me when I go to Auburn
 in June next — having seen
 one institution, I can the
 more readily make compari-
 sons. There will be considerable
 business to engage us at

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Auburn during the next session of the Board.

Stowell had just returned with the Base-Ballers. They had a game at Oxford with The University team - L was completely broken down, so sleepy, he could not drive Genl Lee's old horse straight.

Prof Magnus & Genl Lee were very kind to me, on Sunday at L's room the Senior Class called to see me. Many improvements in buildings & grounds, for practical work & ornamental use were to be observed on all sides, Mr Ward has introduced (from Michigan I believe) something both useful & beautiful - surprising his friends.

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Now for Home talks. — I found
every thing at home looking very
fresh & green, a good rain had
fallen & vegetation had opened
amazingly — grass, trees & all.

My corn was better than
any I had seen on the way —
but my Irish Potatoes were not
as regular, nor well grown as
those around Catronville.

M. L. & Reuben went to Minnetonka
the morning I reached home, & a
telephonic message was awaiting
me to visit a patient at "Old
Spring Hill" — & 3 other calls that
day helped me to recuperate my
expenses or outlay during
my absence.

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I will not discuss stamps —
leaving that for time & your Mother
to determine.

Your friends I met during my
trip asked particularly after you, & ex-
pressed many good wishes. Mrs Lee
was at home & I found her bright & inter-
esting.

We have a fine showing for
fruit. I have experiments growing — Lentils,
Peas, Lathyrus, Symbistis, Ramie,
Tessinte, Soja Beans, & will soon plant
a few of the wonderful peas. My man
is a good worker in his way, altho a full
hand, now long legged & loud mouthed.

I shall stop at this now —
closing by saying the grapes look
fine & a hundred chickens are running
about & many hens setting. We can almost
taste fried chickens & peas.

Your affect Father
R. L. Duggan.

Please for you to examine. The spotted bugs are destroying
 as they eat your & the sage beetle & grape beetle
 the white mustard plant
 are very numerous, many are
 95 now. Come here to
 battle, they keep on being
 attending to them. Their
 (Dear Oregon & Minnesota
 in. Many stars in front
 it is the first time I have
 seen them since I was
 was gone. Dear quiet
 meets this evening (I had
 to stay there up Sunday
 as I could not get a rest)
 With much love & many
 thanks for the trouble you
 have taken for me
 I am devoted
 Brother.

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Yours Father says he wants to write
 to you today as I will only put on a few lines
 to thank you for your trouble with the stamps.
 I did not telegraph you to take the 500 because
 I thought best to take the chance of getting
 750. I can't say positively what you had better
 do, but leave it to your judgment, & whatever
 you do, I will be satisfied with it. I was in
 Minnieton Monday & our old friends the Stone
 family were much pleased at having sold
 some 10th Minnieton local stamps at 10.00
 each, our business about my prospects they began
 to think they should have gotten more for them.
 Mrs. Wren has one or two more she thinks may
 be valuable & asked me to get you to inquire
 about the value of them for her, our practically

a green miniature local 5th, she has a
prettier looking old 11 1/2 stamp but of course
you could find out nothing about that unless
sent to you. She has sent three stamps to
Mr. Nelson that he may make a bid on
them but if his offer is small they will be
returned to her, she wants to have some
idea of the value of the green one especially if
told her mine might be more valuable than
others because it was a 2^d, than I had
not received your letter.

The roses are so pretty I will send you some
tomorrow hope they ^{will} arrive in good condition
& enhance your study table for a little while
& remind you of home, the Malmaisons, & Marché
Mail are covered with birds but I am afraid
the latter is diseased, some of the branches look
brown & dry as if dead but are not, it may
have been injured by the exposure cold last winter.
I will try & get a piece to put in with the tree