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May 1st 1896

My dear Son

When we drove to the depot yesterday evening I was very glad to find your letter there also one from Lennie, both were very interesting to me Lennie says Gen Lee has been & is still very unwell & looks very badly, it is a pity now that she is better he should be in bad health. I am afraid he will not be well enough to be present at the Amos's dinner or banquet whichever it is. He is now here in Chicago now.

No, I don't think you have the stamps, I know when you undertake any thing you are thorough & I am very glad you will take an interest in selling Mrs. Wren's stamps for her. I know they need the money, it was so unfortunate that she sold those 10^{ct} green

once for as little, Mrs. Butler's Mother bought
them for him & said he would not part them
all on the market at once. A lady in Lexington
sold one she had for 25.00 if Mrs. Ware had
known that before she sold, she would have
held on to her awhile longer. I tell you these
things because I think perhaps it may be to
your advantage to know of them. I don't know
whether you would be able to find any more
in Lexington this summer but I suppose
there are other "locals" you could look up. I
wrote Mrs. Ware you would sell her stamps &
advised her to send it at once by registered
letter, if Mr. B. had returned it, she sent
it to him to make a bid on it. I also asked
them to keep quiet on the subject & I think
they will. I wonder if the young lady in
Barnstable also ever sold her stamps, she did
not answer my letter.

Ware has been working the road all the

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wash as we had no mail this morning (he usually goes down from the breakfast table). he has just come in & says he is through, as he will go to Gallena this evening & if you sent the plant or flowers we may get it & are much obliged to you for thinking of us. Were the roses I sent fit to be seen where they reached you? I certainly have enjoyed my roses this spring they have been lovely. Tomorrow I will take some to the "Rose show" in Dunsmuir for the benefit of the Episcopal church, the ladies are trying to make the money to enlarge the church. The roses are admitted free, we pay each, 25^{cts} admittance & are served refreshments, I have not heard what. We will spend the day with Mother & go in the afternoon to the choir. Some people are so queer, the Capt sent me word the other

day that he wanted my finest ones to put
with his, he wanted to make a good show, it
never entered his head I suppose that I might
want mine these are my names, there are
several prizes offered.

We have opened our S. S. again, few children
but we will have a grown folks bible class,
the baptist S. S. was getting all the children
in the neighborhood & Mrs Collins & I see
were teaching them, I thought that would never
do so I proposed we should have a S. S. of our
own. Mr Smith acted as Superintendent & I
hope will continue to do so. Mr Colby had a
visit from Bishop Jackson & wife, last
Tuesday, he wrote that they all liked Ware
J. very much.

Waver says I must ask you about the
grapes, he has rather taken them under his
charge says some of the bearing vines have
long shoots with no grapes, should they be

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trimmed off now to one or two eyes, or close to the main branch? Other vines have no grapes yet, should they be trimmed back to a few buds allowing only the end shoots from the main vine to grow? I think it is strange some of the vines have no grapes.

I don't know whether I told you that Fred said he would be home a short time this summer but did not say when, not I suppose until the Auburn matter is decided, if Prof. B. is turned out your Father says he will try to hurry up the election of another man so that Fred may know his fate.

Sam has returned to the Cambridge & Ruff is as attentive as ever, we met them riding yesterday evening, Minnie's arrangements to help Mr. Bacon riding her out, the Mrs. McConkey comes very often. Yesterday evening I

carried the Folders some roses, and awhile
with them, they were delighted with the
flowers & amused me as much the way
they talked all four at once, even Mrs.
Hostet had to be quiet & listen. Their house
makes quite a show, they appear to move
in the first of June. I have written a long
letter, must stop now & sew some buttons
on my shoes for tomorrow. With much
love from us all

Yours devoted

Arthur.

476 Baylston St

Boston

2 May 1895

Dear Sir,

There are still a few copies left of the No. of the *Moss Bulletin* which contains Prof. Farlow's article on the Black Knot.

The price of each number of the *Bulletin* is \$0.75.

Yours truly

F. H. Steven

I was much pleased that my birds took a
prize, they were lovely, the seeing as many pretty
ones I had as school misses would take the prize.
I mean ever such a quantity & variety of roses
as there were, trees covered full of roses intended
for prizes, & any quantity used for decoration,
I think they would have been a show in
Boston. Before the room was opened to the public
the judges went in & awarded the prizes, the
names allowed on the roses, each rose was
numbered, the gentlemen were judges. Some
Father drove over one in, the morning was as lovely
we did not leave home until 12 o'clock & had
less time to stay with Mother than we expected.
Alice arrived on the boat that morning &
Mother was in high spirits; handed us some
new strawberries some one in town sent her,
Lucas says they are plentiful at the College,
I wish you had some, you miss them every
summer. But to return to Alice she is happier
than I was since her, did not hear her
divine voice, in song, have that in anticipation.

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We could not persuade Mother to go to the "ice show", she seldom goes any where not even to church, says she is not able. Barth's Waver made a 10 days visit to Greensboro & Akaon, seemed to have enjoyed it but I don't think he is looking well, he stopped to dinner with us this day he came down. Our garden affords for dinner today white mustard, sprouts & wax beans, yesterday we had turnips as large as a cancer, the first crop of peas is just over, four more coming on. We fear western potatoes were put off on us, & that the crop will be very poor. All the ground allotted to sweet potatoes has been set out, we have had frequent rains lately fine for putting out the slips, but I tell you the weeds & grass grow too. We attend diligently to his fish lines & basket but we have only had fish once, yesterday there was a large fish on the smallest hook he

out, in attempting to get him out of the water
the fish pulled off the hook & disappeared, giving
proofing was at it?

Did Miss Wren send her stamps? Did you
conclude to send mine to Count Fersen? Miss
Anne Stokes enclosed me some stamps & wished
to know of you if they are of any value, I
enclose two, I know the others are not, & will
return them to her. I don't want to trouble
you as much about stamps but hardly knew
how to refuse her, thought you could tell by
your catalogue without seeing a dealer. You
returned us one the same face, but said others
slightly different were worth from 4 to 12 dollars
& these are slightly different in shade & markings,
she has others of the same kind but no more.
Miss Cohen made me a visit yesterday evening.
she seems to wish to be very sociable with
me. I must find out anything about the Hatch
wedding, Lennie has come & Ralph is as devoted
as ever, I think they had better have a double
wedding. The girls (Minnie & Lenna) Myra & Susan

F. W. Ayer & Co.

Banger Me.

May 15. 1895.

B. M. Dugger Esq.
94 Hammond Street . Cambridge . Mass.

Dear Sir ; -

Your favor of the 13th. inst. at hand and contents noted .
If you will send me the stamp by registered mail or express, upon receipt I will forward it to London, as per your letter, and I will make the limit on the stamp \$750⁰⁰ nett, if sold, it will nett you a little more than \$700⁰⁰, and if not, shall return the same and there will be no harm done except for small expense for insurance &c. I wish your friends could have seen their way to have accepted my proposition, and have no more uncertainties connected with the matter .

I trust that during the summer you will be successful in your searches; I think it advisable for you to get more or less acquainted with the prices of stamps, as you may have to pay something for them, and it is a good deal to be posted somewhat rather than to be in ignorance when money transactions are required; dealers, as a rule, pay about one-third of catalogue price .

I see there was one of the Uniontown's sold recently at auction, for a little over \$500⁰⁰ .

Yours very truly;

F. W. Ayer .

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President, the Gov has appointed a board of trustees & Bishop Jackson at
the head by writing
to Mr. Bailey at B.
Spring also you ought
a return if they want
a botanical.

May 30th 1895

Dear Son
Your very acceptable letter came
to hand this morning, I was glad to hear
you will as soon be with us, wish you
could ~~have~~ come in time for the marriage,
it is the all engrossing topic of conversation
at this time. Minnie wishes it to be a
brilliant affair & attempts to direct in
every particular as to church decorations,
household arrangements &c &c. I hope her
wishes can be carried out. I was down there
this morning to take a cake I baked for
them, there were more pink lamp shades
& pink candles than I ever saw, all lamps
in the chancel are to have pink shades, my
old silver candle sticks have been pulled
out & are to be used on the occasion, only
the bridal party & a very few friends will

go to the house after the marriage, your
Father & myself are among the favored few as
I will be able to give you a full description
in my next. Bland Melon is with Minnie
she is looking as thin. They will have a
crowded house as the brides maid 5 or 6 gather
there several days before the 4th. I think we
will take the groom & two or three other
young men who are affected with him.
Invitations came to Louis Michael's marriage
several days ago. I don't know that your
Father & myself can go, the boys say, as
they are invited to a German given by the
young men, after the marriage. ~~Mr~~ Minnie
will take his bride to Centur to visit his
mother.

I have been writing as much about the
marriages that I have not said I am
very glad to hear you have a 300. redon
ship & are offered as much as is as you
would like to have. I suppose if you don't
get the place in Illinois the other will do

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to fall back^{on} your visit to Marblehead must have been very interesting, I would like to have accompanied you.

Your ideas about positions is right I think. I wish Wave & Reuben felt as, I believe if they would take hold of something, they might after awhile get the work they like. I am trying to get Wave out on a hunt for chickens but cant count on him, mine have nearly all disappeared & we cant tell whither, two cats were shot thinking they caught ~~them~~ but still they go. I have only 9 turkeys as I dont think it worth while for me to try to raise fowl. The time of encampment has been changed from July 13th to June 20th, I dont think Lewis will be home in time to go with the Pennacook Co, Uncle Ben was as anxious to have him go & act as 1st Lieut.

in his place. Lewis writes he will not be home for several days after commencement. Dr Barn wishes him to do some work with him at Mason's Mill. If all plans are carried out you will not see much of Reuben or Lewis. Fess has not said when he will be with us.

Bessie Stewart is to be one of Minnie's bridesmaids will stay with us, may be here in the morning or on Saturday. Harriett Shoham will be up also Wendee & Willie Brimfield. I wanted to spend one day in town ~~today~~ this week but hear the roads are so bad that I will not venture out. Reuben is going to Farnedale for the drill tonight so I must hurry to a close & get him to take my letters to Farnedale. With much love

Your devoted

J. S.

Mother.

Your Father says there is a high grade school at Bailey's springs, Dr Bailey is chancellor or

94 Hammond St.,
Cambridge, Mass.,
Jan 7, 1895.

Dear friend Duggar,

Our mutual friend Sir Toby failed to carry out the commission with which you charged him so it falls upon me to do the same; namely, to forward a few articles which you left behind. I have enclosed them — a few stamps, ~~repro-~~ ^{repro-}strop, and spectacles — in a small box and will send them by mail to-morrow.

Mr. Fellows and I were ~~down~~ at the foot of the street where it crosses the Fitchburg railroad track to give you a parting salute. The train came thundering along but we looked for you in vain; at first I feared you had missed the train but Sir Toby came home later and told us that you caught it. I suppose you forgot all about it, you know, you were to stand on the rear platform.

June 7, 1895

Sir Toby left today in a terrible rush, got up at four this morning and has been steering around all day, managed to get away at six this evening. He goes via Fall River line to N. Y., will stop there to-morrow, and leave for home via the Penn. R.R. in the evening.

The Latanical men were all inquiring after you, were sorry not to have had an opportunity to bid you good bye.

I am glad to tell you that I am through with my examination successfully on Wednesday. I lectured two hours in the morning and they examined me orally two hours in the afternoon. I immediately after the afternoon session the committee voted to recommend me for the Ph. D.

I shall be here until the first or second week in July, I expect, if I can be of any service to you while here do not fail to write. I wish you were here to play tennis with me these days. I hope you ifound all your people well and are having a good time. Don't fail to write me about your little girls.

Sincerely yours,
James M. Johnston.

(over)

Mr. Fellows wishes me to tell you
that Helen (the long-eyed girl) has
gone to New Hampshire and he
is now all forlorn. He sends
his love to you.

to us is taken
out, this is
such a poor
letter, but I
will end it
any way.

Frederic is in
on opening the
package containing
the dress and Miller
Bris' horses, ~~that~~
than amused
you.

We are interested
in buying if
this ^{new} object in
Bris' object in
going to St. Louis

was to see some

graduate. Perhaps
you can give us
an opinion on the
subject, and if his
part had any
important result.

Mr. Druggan says
to tell father he
will be glad to have
any hint from
Halter in regard to
the anti-Campaign.

Chamberlain you may
write for the dress
I will look to all
young & interestingly
Anne Druggan

both having been thrown out
of station work.

I was so glad to hear I know
you will enjoy the acquaintance
of your grand babies. I am
too sleepy to write any more.

Frederic has had such bad
nights of late, and the babies
and flies combine to wake
us between four and five, and
I cannot sleep much later.

Frederic puts his head under
Frederic's bar and sleeps on,
but I find this suffocating
as the bar is low and the
corner hot. Frederic has a bed
with railings and the side next

The dress came some
days ago, and we think
it is beautiful. What kind
of work is the yoke? Frederic
was much in need of
a nice dress for, though
he had quite a number,
they were very plain. It is
so pretty on the dress and
it fits him beautifully.

Frederic is developing fast.
He is now saying short phrases
like "go out doors". If we ask
him any question like this,
"Did you take father's bicycle?"

Instead of saying "yes", he will say "I did", and it sounds so sweet.

Yesterday afternoon we took Fader's down the river on the I.S. excursion. When he would see an open bunch of corn he would run for it, so he kept Mr. Duggan busy watching him. He does not seem hungry, but thinks it great fun to eat.

Grace has been such a quiet girl during the past few days that we feel as if a calm had come over the household. She lies on the bed and plays and after falls asleep without ever being rocked. She notices so much, can play with a

rattle, knows her bottle and can take it to her mouth and does a number of cunning things.

Mr. & Mrs. McCarthy were in Washington a few days ago and met Fred at the Dep't. He called, but they were not in. They stopped at one of the most expensive and fashionable hotels in the city.

I need not tell you how pleased we are that there is a possibility of the Duggars getting a place in Ala. He is just now engaged in writing to Dr. Brown. He wrote last night to Mr. J. M. & Bro. Harris, and last week to Gen. Lee.

He is afraid to give Prof. Tuttle & Gulley as references lest they want the place themselves.

Sunday, June 30, 1885.
Dear Mother;

Fannie wrote to
you several days ago but I ~~failed~~
to mail it, so I enclose it. I wrote
to Dr. Brown but of course have not
heard from him yet. I had a letter
from Gen. Lee promising his support.

Now as to coming home, - it will not
be practicable for me to come before
the Auburn matter is decided. If that
should be in my favor it would be
best for me to visit home with all my
babies and Fannie in December. If
against me, I should expect to avail
myself of the earliest cheap rates to
the Atlanta Exposition which begins Sept.
18. If I come in Sept. or Oct. I
shall probably be alone. It is a disap-
pointment to me, as it will be to you
all, for me to have to postpone my

trip, but for the sake of economy
that seems necessary.

We are now in the midst
of sultry hot weather and Fredric is
not very well.

In a letter from grandmother
some months since she said some one
from Demopolis wanted me to intro-
duce him to some Washington lawyers,
but I have no more of the young man's
coming.

I should like to have Ben's first
letter from Champaign forwarded to me
so that I can see how he likes his sur-
roundings.

Possibly Mary may care to write to
some of the addresses on the enclosed cards.
Has Lewie any notion of teaching for a
while, and if so has he any vacancies in
view?

Reports almost every where are to
the effect that business is reviving and so I
hope the boys may be able to find work.

With love to all,
Yours aff. son Fred