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307 Mass. Ave. N. E.,
Washington, D. C.,
Dec. 3, '95.

Dear Ben;

I was glad to have
your letter a few days
ago. I had just written
you. I now add that I
hope we may be able to
meet at Christmas although
I have not time to go to
Gallion. It occurs to me
that you may be contemplating
using a ticket via Atlanta.
If so I think we would enjoy
meeting there. I expect to
leave here Tuesday p.m. Dec.
24, spending Wednesday & Thurs-
day at the Exposition, and joining

the other members of my
family as they pass through
Friday.

It would be more satis-
factory for you to come by Au-
burn any time after Dec. 27, if
this is on your way. I ex-
pect to board a few days,
probably getting into Col. B's
house Jan. 1. I should be glad
to have you either with us
at the hotel, or after getting
into new quarters.

All are well and Fan-
nie joins me in a cordial
invitation for you to come
whenever you can.

Yours aff. bro.,
J. H. Dagg.

My dear Son
I think I will take three rough
papers & a pened tonight because the rest
white paper is so hard on my eyes. We were
very glad to receive your letter this morning.
I enjoyed reading of the Thanksgiving dinner.
like to know what other housekeepers have, the
very ones it was quite different from ours, it
is strange they are just so much. I think
cake is so much less trouble to make & bake,
but then there must be jelly, canned fruit
or something else to go with the cake which
is extra trouble. I am very glad you are thinking
of a visit home at Xmas, let us know
about when you will come. I wish Fred
could bring his family here & let us all be
together.
Your devoted
Mother.

Dec 4th 1895

We will send the catalogue
let me know if
you will sell any
more stamps, the
little boys want to
know if you
will sell them.
Mother's stamp I
think it is.
Good night, with
much love
Your devoted
Mother.

together, I don't think Lewis will write he knows
nothing has been said about it yet. I think
Fred is much pleased at the change in his
work & we all write in hoping he will have
the full Professorship at the election in June.
Wave has been playing whist with them at
Mr Joe Collins' was there for a game last
night, but not duplicate whist.

This morning he drove up to Lanesville, found
sister Sally busy making sausage, she enjoys
her comfortable little kitchen close to the back
porch. Mr Harris went to Greensboro today to
keep Mr Norfleet's place from being sold at
auction, borrowed some money, & as Wave says
squeezed some out of others to make up the
amount, he expected to go on to Tusculum
tonight. I think Mr Norfleet Harris is such
a strange man, Mr Harris has been trying
for nearly a year to get him to write about
his business matters, he had never answered

a single letter, just stopped writing to the family entirely. I think he would have been arrived except if the place had been cold, I suppose he doesn't care as he is fixed for life. Melville Prange has not long since returned from Meridian, went over to Miss Smith's wedding.

The weather is quite cold, has been since Sunday when we had some rain & a great deal of very disagreeable east wind, most of our neighbors killed hogs yesterday, this morning Mr Powell sent over a nice lot of fresh meat. I expect we will kill two hogs tomorrow morning. I thought about dark the weather was moderating but a very cold wind has sprung up & I expect there will be a freeze again tomorrow. Your Father will have a cold ride home,

Allen Collins came for him to set a mine
leg just before dark & he has not returned.
Mrs Komeyago's little girl, Carlotta, was buried
yesterday evening, died of membranous nose
croup, they had Dr Goodloe. I don't know
why for they cravally send for your Father, this
is the second case of that disease he has
lost in less than three weeks, Mrs Withers
baby was the other one. Uncle Waver was
up to the funeral, came over & sat with
us until sunset cold as it was, then said he
might run in on the train to stay with
Mother, she has her second coach since Gertrude
left not two weeks ago, as one on the lot at
night unless brother goes in. Your Father
traded Gordon off for a large sorrell horse
quite as old as Gordon I should say, but
more spry, we tell him he should sell him
now right away, as said to be a good work
horse. Waver has retired & your Father has not.

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Sept. 19, 1891
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mother,

I drop you a note in haste, using a few minutes of the lunch hour. I am kept very busy and hence have not written recently. Monday night about 7 o'clock Mrs. Camp had a telegram stating that her aunt Mrs. Esford was very sick & wished us to come at once to Columbus. I hustled around greatly to make arrangements for her to leave at once and we barely succeeded in getting her & Mrs. G. off on the 11 o'clock train that night. We have not heard from Mrs. Esford since, so I presume she is not decidedly worse.

Fannie is left alone to care for the children & attend to such part of the packing as I have not time for. Frederic has not been very well for a day or two, and this troubles her. We have not yet

engaged board, but hope to ship the
Washington in June Saturday. I was glad
to get a rate of 47c. from here to
Auburn. Have not yet had a rate
quoted from Columbus.

Mrs. C's departure changes
my plan for seeing the Exposition.
If Mrs. I shall now have to go as
far as Atlanta with wife & babies; if
Mrs. C & G. can go to Auburn in ad-
vance & meet F. at the train, I can get
off & spend all or part of Friday in Atlanta
all of Saturday, reaching Auburn early
Sunday morning. Please send this to
Ben, so that if I fail to write him in the
next few days he may yet know of my
movements. I expect to write him as soon
as packing is finished.

I have had practically no time
to prepare lectures, but intend to take at least
one day off, so as to get a start at that
all-essential work. Please see any straw-
berry plants you can, as I shall probably be
able to utilize few or none of them. I think they
ought to sell if quoted as low as from 1.25 to 2.50 per 1000.
You will please use any proceeds for your own trouble, &
not remit to me. With love to all, Yours eff. son. Fred.

Dec 11th 1895.

My dear Son

Your letter came gladly welcomed this morning, at the same time one came from Lizzie & Aunt Melville & asked I think of it she asked me to thank you for your kind letter, she wrote to give me the particulars of the Farmstead fire as Mark Bow suffered severely from it. The fire began in a lot of Charles Walker's, right by Kemmis stable & crib at 7 o'clock at night, stable, crib containing 250 bushels of corn, sheeps, buggy house, & store, all burned the fences around his garden & lot were burned or knocked down to keep from burning, all his fodder was thrown into the street & Lacey with the help of three women, could not get any more from the fire, moved every thing they could, out of the house into Mrs Blount's yard, packed many things in

trunks pulling the whole house to pieces
fearing it would burn next but fortunately
the wind changed & carried the sparks in
another direction, setting fire to the dry straw,
that was much injured but did not
burn up. In the midst of it all Henry
stepped on a nail, it went into the ball
of his foot & gave him great pain, I feel
very sorry about him, such a hurt often
causes lockjaw. The living stable burned also,
that was Saturday night, Sunday morning the
corn crib at "Bell Mountain" as they call
it, was set fire to, you know that is near
Farmdale & the Mercantile Co. have a
branch store there, the men who burned
it were caught & are in jail also two
others suspected of starting the fire the
night before, it seems the rascals are
trying to burn all the corn cribs because
the merchants closed out so many of
them, two cribs were burned before this.
While on the Farmdale matter I must

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tell you that Willie Seider's wife was
burned last Friday, Lurie Ruffin is very
sick with the same fever Bertus had had
but they had trouble! I wrote you of Willie
being killed on the R.R.

I am very glad to know you will be with
us at 4 o'clock & wish so much Fred could
be here to meet you, it is very probable
Lewis will come up on the boat with the
Spragues girls, they are coming for a week,
Alice would like to have her pocket
book filled I reckon. The trip from Atlanta
to Gallena is made now in a day I think,
I know persons leaving here in the morning
reach there in the evening & I think it is
the same returning. The crowd there is
very great I hear, Harriet Lewis & one of the
Walkers went on together, they spent the
whole night riding around trying to find
lodgings. I have not heard from Fred for
two weeks, don't know if he has made any
change in his plans. We wish we could help

you are your task of finding arrangements
for the blut, rather a hard job I think.
Well! the wedding came off today, a beauti-
ful sunny day we had for it. We assembled
at the Baptist church at 2 o'clock, waited
fully an hour before the bridal party came,
but every one seemed to be having a nice
time chatting with their friends, there was
a buzz all round. The ladies moved the
pulpit & trimmed the places back there
(I can't call it the chancel) with palm-
leaf berries & chrysanthemums, having a
ball of chrysanthemums in the center of
the arch, the not much trouble it looked
very well. Allen & Mrs Jeter were ushers,
Hattie Dandlap & Miss Sledge bridesmaids,
the bride came in on Mrs Cunningham's
arm, Mrs Dickinson in a very few words
made them Man & wife, then they got into
the sunny with his two little boys & started
on their bridal trip - to Dayton. Mr B. is
a fine looking man but they say lived very
unhappily with his first wife, has a very

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hard determined look. After the marriage
I walked up to St. Bernard's, on my return
found Uncle Waver here, he brought me a
beautiful "art expense" for the chamber floor.
I had much rather he had kept it for his
room. Your Father dined with Grand Mother
Saturday, went in to hear Bishop Wilbur,
about 10 persons were confirmed. Mother was
right smart, had a nice dinner prepared
expecting us all. Fanny Allen came Thursday,
will return Sunday night taking Mabel home
with her, Lizzie will be the only young lady
left in the neighborhood. Waver & Mrs. Jeter
have gone up tonight to play cards with
them. May eyes seem me to stop as good night
with much love

Your devoted

Mother.

1895

Cambridge

Dec. 14.

Dear Mr. Duggar,

I am greatly
obliged to you for the
six copies of your
paper to be used in
completing the five
sets of the Contr. Crypt.
Lab. and the Library
set.

The Graculating Board
at its last meeting
passed a new vote

on length of residence
for degrees and work
in other places. I have
not the wording of
the vote which was
a long one.

I send with this
three pamphlets which
I believe I did not give
you when you were
here. Yours, truly,
W. G. Harlow.

Hotel, Auburn, Ala.

Sunday, Dec. 29, 1895.

Dear Mother;

We have been so busy in the last few weeks that we have neglected correspondence. I am sorry I could not get a Christmas letter to you by the 25th, especially as we did not have time to select appropriate presents for the boys. We did not finish our necessary shopping & so had no time to select little articles for the boys. If we had felt able to spend freely we would have given orders for their presents,

but could not afford to do this without knowing the cost, at a time when the draft of moving & fitting ourselves with necessities was so heavy.

I thought the over-quarters might help to keep father's feet warm on days not severe enough for long leggings. The shopping bag sent is for you as are also the handkerchiefs.

Your boxes were found & opened last night. The present is indeed a helpful one. In the box opened, the one containing sausage, butter ^{shirts}, nuts, & some pears, everything was apparently in perfect order, - so I suppose is the other box.

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I did not expect to leave N. till Friday the 27th, but at noon Tuesday, learned that the cheap rates would "positively expire" on Wednesday (which arrangement was changed after we left). It was then necessary to get ready to get off Wed. at 11 am.

I had to go to bank, arrange to have my bicycle crated, buy & pack a box, hire a wagon & get the balance of our freight to the depot before 4.30 Tuesday. By a narrow margin all this was done & we left Wed. at 11 am, reaching Atlanta 2 hrs. late, (8 am. Thursday). We had telegraphed Mrs C. to meet us there, which they could do without additional expense.

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Finding them at the train,
I was able to spend Thurs-
day in Atlanta. The children
behaved excellently on the
trip. We took 1 berth from
W. to Atlanta & 1 from
Salem to Atlanta, so that
we had sleeper seats all
the way, & at night we
rested well, each taking
a baby in the back part of
the berth.

Our trip cost from
W. to Auburn for 2 of us,
including sleeper only,
about \$32, or after selling
return tickets \$29.

The train from Atlanta
would not stop at Auburn,

ation in botany, of kindred subjects,
occurring in the next few months.
He could probably stand in Shreve's
if one is called with love to all
young aff. son

5- Fred.

as was learned after it started,
so the ladies & babies had
to get out & wait nearly
2 hrs. in Opelika, reaching
~~to~~ Auburn about 3 pm
on the durnmy. We had
excellent weather, except during
the last few hours of their
trip.

Visited the Exposition day
and evening, leaving Atlanta
at 11 pm, & reaching Auburn
at 4 o'clock. Friday morning. Our
furniture did not come till
last night, so we cannot begin
hauling till tomorrow, I hope to
get into the Bondurant house
by tomorrow night. Tell Ben
we will be fully prepared to

entertain him and hope he can come by. Everybody here speaks of him in the highest terms.

I called on Dr. Brown, had a long talk with him, & he volunteered to go with me to see Col. B., who was very pleasant. I have an engagement with the latter tomorrow morning when he will turn over the records & inventory.

Coming back Dr. B. came to the hotel to call on Fannie. Prof. Mel & wife have also called. Yesterday morning I spent on the farm with Mr. Culver. College opens tomorrow, but I shall probably have no duties till the faculty meeting next day. Students will probably come in

slowly, especially since the measles prevails in several families here. We shall not purposely expose the children to it & hope that our rather isolated position will save them. I understand that the disease here is a mild form & so I hope we need not be apprehensive.

Col. B. showed us thro' the house. He leaves for Australia Wednesday, - his family live ^{now} at the new house just at our front gate.

The house is not in good repair, - plastering, blinds, etc., being broken, but I think we shall be quite comfortable. Mr. Earle has not yet come. When I last saw him he said he would not move

his family before July.

I suspect that he may decide to take 1 or more rooms with us for the present & possibly board with the Borduants. We have abundant room, but no love for boarders! We shall expect you & father to visit us when you can, especially you as you may not feel like coming away at the same time as father in June.

Please tell Ben that unless he cares to write to Prof. Gallows, that he should request the Civil Service Commission (D.C.), to notify him of any examina-
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December 31/1895.

My Dear Father,

Your letter of December twenty-seven, I received yesterday morning, and as it is the last day of 1895, and the last chance of writing home this year, I take this opportunity of letting you know how we are getting on.

Mr. Winship & I are trying to get a moneyed man to go into business with Doug & we think we will succeed. If we do get the gentleman interested, he will put in from five to ten thousand dollars & give his whole time to the business, and the profits will be equally divided between them. If this goes through Doug will be launched on the high road to success, & I believe he will achieve it.

On Sunday last I was elected Chorister of our Sunday School for the next year, and assistant superintendent of our Mission Sunday School of over four hundred children. I have never felt happier in all my life, than I do at the present time & my prayer is that I may be true to all my duties & be worthy of the trust which has been placed in my keeping.

Never think my dear father that you & mama are
burdens to me. I thank God that he has enabled me
to be of assistance to you & as I am young & my
faith is in my Heavenly Father I know that all things
will work together for my best good.

I must now close as Mr. Hinship wishes me to
attend to a matter of business which will not permit
of delay.

Wishing you all a happy & prosperous New Year
and with ~~love~~ a heart full of love for each one
of you I remain as ever,

Your affectional-son,
H. W. Pickens

Dec. 31, 1895

My position with Mr. Winship is not the best in the world, but there are a good many reasons for hanging on to a sure thing in such times as these.

I feel quite sure that I can pull Doug. through his present difficulties, and if you will fall in line everything will come out nicely.

Doug. said this morning, "Billy, I see the wisdom of your advice now, whereas I could not see it before. Experience is a good teacher."

Respectfully has opened Doug. eyes and is making a man of him instead of a thoughtless boy. He realizes now how much his family is to him, and misses you a great deal.

This morning he said, "Billy, Dad was more help to me than I realized and I miss him. Now that he is away I appreciate his value, and whereas I have not been able to do much in the past, am willing to share with him in the future."

The respectability of a family, several large contracts, limited capital, and a disgraceful law case, have had the effect upon him, that remorse had upon the prodigal son. Shall we not

show our arms and hearts to him, and show him that
though the world may be cold and mercenary, the blood
which flows ^{in me,} through our veins, binds parent and child, brother
and sister, and is a refuge in storm, and a delight in
prosperity.

Think the matter over carefully, and take good care of
the former measure.

The weather has been decidedly disagreeable for some
time, but is now clearing off nicely.

Take good care of yourself and Emma.

Dad and I join in sending love to yourself, Emma,
Mami Sister and all the rest.

Yours affectionately,
William F. Johnson

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Dear Ben -

Nov. 1895

Don't give yourself any trouble as
to the Books I wrote about, but if
you are in the City at any time I happen
to pass some of these stalls or places
where they sell second hand books -
I thought you might be on the look-
out for these - Bowditch's Questions at
\$1.50 or thereabouts. The other works are
too high. I am busy in the garden
today & have a man working on
fence I must attend to often.

Yr. Father -
Let me know if you need any
funds at any time.