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Summit 1897

To my loved, loved, lovely dove.
Hades. Fifth Circle

Cave of Gintlemen of Lower Regions

Darned old Place

Sweetest & sweet Pats! - Somewhere

1800 I turn to turn

Oh! how I love you! I am coming!
I am coming! You poor little wet,
dripping, draggled, freezing creature.

How my heart popped out of my
mouth and went for you in love
and pity, adoration and glorification.

Oh Marie! I am not the same creat-
ure was! I am sadder, more ethereal.

I am getting sort of spirituelle, don't
you understand? I am coming!

I am coming! Friday I guess. ^{hope!} ^{trust!}
Cheer up, dear heart! I love you.

Your letter awakened all my
old fire. I have been getting
up nowadays at about 11 o'clock
every morning. Yesterday Four

my old chums.

boys from Dover, came up on their
wheels. Two came down to call
on me at 10 o'clock & I was in bed
doing it all, & they were smashed
too. They came down again at 5
however 3 of 'em that time.
Am having lots of gayety in
the shape of young men. But
hug it all! I hate 'em, every
striped one. I sit & read the great-
er part of the time. (Old girl I
love you. Why wrack my heart
in useless torture by telling me about
Harry Evans? Why? Why? Why?
You know I can't hear it. You sweet
little birdie I love you.

I have been reading, "The Making of Manhood"
J. H. Holland's Works, "The Holy War",
"Life of John Bunyan", & my Catholic
Prayer book. Truly it is ludicrous
to hear me muttering "Credo in unum

Sum patrem omnipotem" et cetera. 1897

I am also getting up quite an appetite
for Holy Writ. Oh! Say I go down
once in a while to a distant Relative's
of mine & play wicket. It is
exhilarating, a certain young man
always happens around at the same
time, also two others. Think of
it. The first one however is the
daring. He & I are the best players
Oh! its jolly. Will tell you all
about it. Don't think I am getting
giddy, I only do that once in a
while. Really I am changing.
In a little while I may become
a religious devotee. Say hold
on will you? Wait until Friday
before going to have your turtles
taken, will you? I will come
Thursday I go to. How's that?
I am coming. I am coming
hook'er up. I hook'er up.

Oh you lovely creature! I shall
see you soon! soon! soon! soon! soon!
My heart throbs, my voice for a squeals
my liver turns a hand spring at
the very thoughts. A happy

Oh Happy Larry

Not far away

You are soon here.

My dear Marie

My own fairer

I'll kiss you dear

Smelt aint it? A H

cheer ~~oh~~ - cheer oh! little
cricket. The fat old kettle
is hum hum hum-m-m-ing
around the corner.

"Estis mea Regna.

Vous ete ma reine.

I love you (whom the devil hates)

adieu Old B. Fryer

say, little, cuss, I am, putting in
my share in the work, if I do
say, it, Be, golly (punctuated a la
Kinne). Here I horse-raggle
Mr Davis last night ~~the~~ slide
as a weasel. I went to Christian
Endeavor (didn't see him out on
the lawn, while picking Gertrude's
geraniums as ~~had been~~ ^{there} ~~pleas-~~
Med.). I asked him if he had
seen Henry, an ee sed
'ee' ad. Saver. and the
snaky little tyke said
we would go to night
if greable and the tide
was greable too. got all
this through your peak?

I have been laid up today
but by god we uns are a
going or bust. B. F.

with a red tie.
Ye littell striped Kide,
Mifs Maime Robertson
(a la Pethee)

July 3rd 1897

Dear Ben

I thought
perhaps I would have
had a letter before
you left but I ex-
pect by this time
you have reached
Gallion, so I will

venture a letter to
that charming village
and thank you for
your photo which
I received some days
ago, it is perfectly
splendid, I hope it
costs much and I'll
aprove it as if you were
here in person come
I once more I look
at it, but in what
serious thoughts play

ed round your floor,
I would give two
pennies to know
I wish I could take
a good picture, I
think it is real enough
that I cannot.

I suppose you've
seen Bessie and I
heard Cousin Fred
and his wife were at
Hallow's too, so it must
be very pleasant for

you, - I think I have
about given up going
as the boats are not
getting up there at
all, though I will
have passed through
here the other way on
his way to N. F. he
can't say more and I'll
him if I would get
ready he would take
me back with him
but I also heard, he

JULY 31, 1897.
and Cousin Jimmie
arranged taking
a little trip somewhere
perhaps out to San
Francisco with the
excursion, and in
that case it might
be left. Before he re-
turned to Mobile.

— But that is pretty
wonderful, think of
going away out there &
back for twenty-two

dollars, I remember when Papa went out there it cost him two hundred dollars, now we I kara'n think the squire should stay that long away from home. I wish, I think, it would give me a great deal of pleasure to invite you to stay with us, and make you some comfortable in spite of the hot weather.

I wish, I think, I wonder if you would ed Gallion in time were going to bring you for Rizzie Collins down here, right you wedding, she is a night afraid to come from sweet, attractive girl I. Ray or make a I think and I expect

she looked very faintly.
For the gift, I have
disappeared from I ab-
solutely, tell I have not to
be heart-broken.

I shall expect to
hear from you soon
but, at about 10 to
12 o'clock I am about to
write some letters in
vacation so I'll look
for a nice one & pay
goodbye, lots of love &
Linnæus - Louise Chagnon

I am
a young
man, I am
a young man!

Do not, misread Home

PM. 1897

I am
a young
man, I am
a young man!

From Bogy Land July 20th

You Darling Could Berest you:-

How I love you!

You nearly upset me with your lovely letter.
I have been tilting around on my ears and
spinal column for the last twenty minutes since
the letter was put in my little "haddies".

Are you sure you have missed what
with your stiddy company and the station
agent (do. Manderworth) and Mrs. Grossman
and all the others. How could you?

You did though. Of course. Here, I am
going to stoh and hug you. tight
tighter, awfully tight squeeze. Can't you
feel it?

By goll! you were in luck though
werent you when you dwhper that
air Venetian glass. Not was the matter

with you? That picture was very clear.
Considered from an artist's view point
it is not half bad either. Reproduced
into a typogramme it will be grande
(German for immense.). The thing
of it is why did you make a pen
sketch of it? I have set my heart on
a typogramme and it is that I want.
The "etry" is appreciated too. The ~~point~~ letters
being visible in the sketch are very cleverly
done.

I have a second letter from Sluggs
too. She gives me advice, real good
and sound. I was very glad after
hearing of the trouble the Post Master
had with Miss Lee's letter that my own
ran the gauntlet. How fortunate it was.
How do you suppose it happened?
Dear child how I pity you with
all the "chiny moving" going on
around you. Just wait until

JULY 20, 1897

you are older and then you will
find many heavy and severe talks
which will even out weigh moving.

Wait, I tell you until you are
a mater familias (French for boss)
with a family of little innocent
children all hanging at your skirts
and looking to you as their protectors.

Then try to move your household
effects. Then indeed will your
spirit groan from within you,
especially if your husband is lazy.

But wait, until you are an old
decrepit woman, miserable in
spirit and mind, your children
having long since left you. Your
husband, simple creature long
since in his grave. Then in your

ing in her something to love or
even care for.

Say Maine how nice it must
be to be a religious fan atic
'No doubts, no fears', all smooth
sailing. Nothing to disturb the
peace of mind which is so essential
to a happy life.

How lovely it must be to be
a nun. If it wasn't for lots &
lots of things and if I didn't
disbelieve in the faith I should
turn Catholic. And if the Catholic
church didn't always have a
disgusting odor, and if the Cathol-
ics weren't such hypocrites,
well so on it goes, so with
every belief. I think I will
turn sun worshiper in the
end.

JULY 29, 1897

I haven't been very gay since I
have reached this forsaken Ströppö.
I played croquet, "that passeé game"
one evening with a charming
little company of country lads
and lasses. That's all the ^{hideluped in} gayety I have.

Damn the men, boys, and all
I hate 'em. Disturbers of peace
that they are. It is a girlish
instinct to adore them, but I
defy my instincts. Men are noth-
ing but breeders of rats, kids,
anyway. I am going to steer clear
of them hence forth. Only an
occasional ride, in a chair!

Oh! "What fools these mortals
be!" especially girls. Say you
not so. I love you ² your
sanche.

JULY 20, 1917



The two little birdies,
holding a confab.
you and I after the fashion
we are wont to hold them.

The little birdie standing up with a
graceful (?) flitting ^{twittering} ~~up~~ her tail
aloft is you dear Marie.

The little one with a fat stomach
and her tail hanging down is
I, Realistic that.

Belize, Brit. Hond. C.A.

July 25. 1897

My dear Mother

The last day of grace has arrived, for to-morrow the steamer leaves for New Orleans. As is generally the case the home letter is written on this day, Thursday, so that I will have an opportunity of detailing any startling events that may transpire in this metropolitan center. But in this you must be disappointed for as far as I can glean there has been nothing to disturb the dreary monotony of this eighteenth century town since our last parting day.

Your letter was the most interesting of the week incidents and I thoroughly enjoyed the news and account of home affairs. By this time the old home is quiet again after the storm of grandchildren, brothers, daughters in-law, cousins, aunts, and uncles, and it is possible that, though you may not wish to admit it, you were twice gladdened - glad to have them, but also glad when they go. I suppose that Prof. Duggan held a higher hand with the College delegation at this visit than ever before, and in greater esteem than any Duggan ever before. When Ben left

at home than here, but as long as things progress as easily as they are doing, there can be no reason to complain. As yet my time is probably not more than half spent, and so I must not get too anxious for the time to expire. The greatest objection to this place and that which we deplore most is that it costs too much to live, the necessities of life are high, principally I refer to board, but then we can't get rich at once.

The only thing in the town showing much activity is the erection of the new river bridge by an American contractor, and the putting on of the new Ice Plant of Belize by American capital. This latter is also to make beer and hence it is located on Angel Lane, just opposite this hotel. The principal objection urged against this industry by the landlords of this enterprising town is that they it will use hard coal and thereby damage real estate, smoke up houses &c., and as to the other structure, which is to be a turn bridge, the natives don't take kindly to the idea of being "swung across".

JULY 27 1897

you this time it is probable that he journeyed direct to New York, and that he did not stop by Starkness to see you. See on "special business."

Changed is the tide of his affection. Changed but to flow in another direction.

And have you not perceived that direction? I think you have. Who is it - Ben? he must think he knows.

I was surprised to hear that even Jimmie Gasquet was in the Cambridge and that he spent the day at our home. How does one of the aristocracy put up with country accommodations?

I don't look for any personal good to come out of the possible resignation of the Livingston Medical Agent, for it is now my understanding that another vessel is to be put on between this coast and Mobile, and that will give me more work to do here. If this is so, I will have instructions on Monday. The steamer expected in this trade is the best and fastest on the Gulf, and in case she comes, I will have an occasional look at Spanish Honduras. Our salaries are fixed and the number of ships to examine at that port makes no difference, as long as we represent only one board. Yes, I am sure that I would like to better

4.

on Monday, and as I am pining for
a change, think I shall make the
coast trip with her

I hope that propitious showers
have visited your section and that
you are now enjoying a cooler
season.

With love to all, I am.

Your devoted Son,

Leevey.

off his finger, he went so early & thought he would return I do not but I do
not know trying
to my own he goes
before me
general for thanks
but he takes his
time & I don't
know when the
I send will be
back.
More space the
last writing &
can you get
a good pen
writing
much love
Yours devoted
The Worcester
regards 100 are
3 or 4 each.

1847.

I was very glad to have your letter last night, sat up until Warr returned from the office because I expected it. I am glad you felt no ill effects from your trip or visit to this warm climate, I feared yesterday it is well you are not here now for yesterday was the most oppressive day of the season & today not much better. I hoped the rains would cool things off but instead there is a storm (that is terrible).

I suppose after all Mr G - was not a bad travelling companion, especially as he treated to himself & Paula's choice. I wish you could accept his invitation to Richfield Springs, perhaps you might like the family & it would be a pleasant change for you. You are fortunate to have so many little visits to Niagara, I should think one would never tire of the sight.

We will be interested to know the result of your work with the press. This morning we

had a letter from Fred informing us of the safe arrival of the babies & calf all improving since they reached Auburn, he did not say the Madame was, much sicker as there is for it. The more I think of her & her management the more disgusted I am & I wish I could never think of her again.

The usual Wednesday's letter came from Slevey he continues well, says the thermometer there has not been over 90 in the shade & rains are frequent, the average rainfall is from seventy odd to 80 inches, the "Colonial Surgeon" invited him to attend the "Nurses Ball" but he declined, says we can form some idea of the health of the place when the Hospital is turned into a Ball room. I think I wrote you of intending to have Minnie, Mrs Macenthey, Mrs Hatch Miss Lou Beebe & Louise to tea Tuesday night, Benbow of course, after tea Misses Beebe & Jones were invited up to take a game of cards, that afternoon the rain poured down & I thought no one would come, but Louise & Beebe came early & Minnie & her better half in time for a late supper, the rain held up

about sunset. Miss Lou did not return from Greenboro & Mrs H- was not feeling well. I think those who came spent a pleasant evening judging from the time they left, about 12 o'clock, a little after 10 I handed in the parlor, peach ice cream, plain & chocolate cake & some very nice grapes which the young men enjoyed particularly. Benbow got in while we were at supper suddenly & tired, when he left home it was raining but he thought it one of the usual passing partial clouds & kept on, the rain becoming harder & harder, of course he spent the night, the girls too. Wednesday morning Green came down for Louise & Fred, took her to Ware Down to pack her trunk, dined there & returned left here for Greenboro at 4 1/2 o'clock. I felt sorry for the horses, such a heavy load & such a long drive, the weather so hot too.

The night we had company I was most unexpectedly taken with a fever, while fixing the shade I suddenly became very tired, lay down to rest & soon found I had fever, I took some fever powder, rested awhile & then got up to freeze the ice cream & kept up till

Saturday morning, when I was so weak that I could not get up, as my letter did not get off.

last night - I had no fever yesterday & now feeling somewhat better

rest of the evening, next day the fever came on early in the morning lasted several hours & left to return again that afternoon & next morning, yesterday afternoon I was only a little feverish & this morning no sign of it as I hope it is over with, of course I felt very weak but attended to my duties & lay around in between times, it is something unusual for me to have fever.

Wave has been receiving numbers of papers in which Wedderburn advertised his bottle, a poor advertisement I think, more for Wedderburn than Duggan, in these papers are remarkable accounts of the gold found in Alaska & the immense fortunes dug up in a few months, I hope Wave will not take a notion to seek his fortune there, 12 dollars a day paid to men who will dig in the sand for gold.

The girls are with aunt Melville as I have seen nothing of her since you left, when she sent Mrs Wren back Misses Ann & Patsy came back in the carriage. Your Father has made frequent visits to the Tigg baby since you left, this morning was sent for a great honey, one of the children had cut



Van Horn Ala. July 25th 97 money
Dear Ben. It has been 4 weeks since you
convinced Emma I left I went to live
my new Emma I in respect the day had
my previous friends & friends in con-
firmed I left Alma that evening &
in a few days Louis & Bessie be-
gan to circulate & now Ben has
come for Louis to spend several
weeks where she will make new
acquaintances & enjoy herself
Louis with my father yesterday he had a fall
out of his cart but it did not hurt him
ran over a stump at the Big Place -
we had fine rains & corn has improved
cotton still have more seed of just
fruit - I have already saved 100 lbs
offorage for winter use. Wish you could
persuade Nathan to come & live & farm
with me one year to build up his
health on good milk & much bread
Mrs Ben Cartm, Edwim & Andy Man-
ret to Mobile - I hear that Mrs North
is feeling fast - I will send you a
paper this week - Fred's family are
all improving on return home
as soon as I can get rid of that
house on Demopolis I shall
be free to locomopolis again & I
may find my way to Petersburg
once more to see after property there
in the next 6 months.
affectionately yours W.H.D

PM, JULY 24, 1897

Your boy left by freight
Thursday. We have having
been sick delayed the
shipping. Mr B - said
express charges would have
been \$1.75 to 2.00. I asked
your Father to attend to the
shipping but he as usual
forgot it, in haste

Mother

Beess & Eliza up, we entertained them sweetly in the grape.
We need more rain to make the grapes good, tho we were able
to get some nice ones yesterday to send aunt Melville. We have
had some nice soft peaches too, I sent her a basket of them.
I am right sorry you were not a little later arriving your visit
to us so that you could have enjoyed the grapes & peaches,
vegetables are scarce now as the fruit comes in nicely.

The "young ladies" talk of leaving for Uniontown today, I hope ~~they~~
will for aunt Melville is gone out with them. Waver & myself are
going up tomorrow I hope, will take along some fruit for Reuben
which he will deliver after putting me out at sister Sally's, says he
wants to keep on to the Station to eat Delaware grapes, as we
may be gone two days, if so I will spend one with Beess.

I heard through Lucy that Mr. Schradewich, his niece & Beess C
will soon be off for a month at Asheville. W. C., the old gentleman
brest. Mary is going off to some Springs. Lucy Minge is going to
Kentucky to visit Mrs. Smith, her cousin, as there will be a general
scattering of the Minge families. I suppose Bonny & Oley will take
care of the drummers, since John went to keeping Kate's
hall she has no regular boarders.

It was strange you did not think of taking the children, I
thought of it several times but there seemed so much to be
done in a short while, & I felt sometimes almost bereft of my
senses, many things that I wanted to do & should have done

prased out of my mind. I went to the store a few evenings ago
& weighed, guess my weight, 85 lbs, don't remember ever to
have weighed less than 89 in my young days.

Sunday we had a pretty good number at S.B., the baptists all
collected for services but their preacher did not come. Judge
Maupin was at our S.B., after it was over he went across the
way to talk with the brethren he exist. Minnie, Mrs. Krensting &
Beaie came round to say good bye, (the Maupins I mean)
we handed watermelons just out of the vintner, all seemed to
enjoy it, Uncle Waver particularly. Lizzie is having a pleasant
time in Greensboro, as she writes Beaie, has not written to Uncle
Waver, which I think rather serious. I had a letter from Fred
last week they all survived the trip.

We had a partial eclipse of the sun this morning, the light
was so peculiar I did not know what to think of it until
I remembered it might be an eclipse, referred to the
Almanac & found I was right.

I hope your boy will not be 2 weeks reaching you, let us know
if every thing is all right in it.

Lizzie is ready I will close, send Lizzie's letter to make
up for the deficiency in mine. With much love

Yours devoted

Mother.

P.S. I forgot to say we heard yesterday
of Mrs North's death, she will be
buried in Portsmouth by the side of her
first husband. Mrs Steward - was with
her. I hope she left her something worth
having. We found your little knife well
sent by mail, it was found in the
trash emptied in front of the stable.

August 5th 1897

My dear Son,

Yesterday was a grand fire pie day for all the neighborhood, the "over the oak people," some from Duncasville & Laramieville, and never attend such places. I promised myself a good long day for work, the morning to be devoted to pickering, the afternoon to writing. I am was to cook only preserves, no dinner, we worked on until about 1 o'clock, then some one called out "any body at home", it was Uncle Waver he had come up with a basket of preserves, a bottle of cold tea & a loaf of bread for "some one passing to take to the fire pie", of course every one had passed, he would not go down himself as I had to get up some cold dinner, using some of his tea to help out, then I had my the table to clear off, preserves to put in the jars & him to entertain until your Father came (late), so there was an end of writing. Katie & Oliver got up the fire pie, took it at Mr. Charley Beechey's

well, some pronounced it very pleasant, others
were rather broad, I was glad enough I am in-
ed at home, but nothing short of a young
lady to chaperone would have taken me
out, that was Mrs Hatch's excuse, Bessie
still boards with her & will probably be there
some time yet. Fanny Minge came to the
picnic, is staying with Katie; tonight
all the young folks that can be mustered
will go to the "Holiness meeting" at Spring
Hill. Waver & Bessie included. How do you
reckon Mrs Hatch got Taylor to the picnic?
carried a bottle of champagne - I would
have left him at home rather than pay
him in wine.

While on the news of the neighborhood I
may as well say Bob Collins is rejoicing
over another son, Bob No 2, or rather R W
to No 4, he is two days old, that I believe
is all the neighborhood news. Dry hot
weather continues, today is very oppressive,
Tuesday was the hottest day of the season.

105 on the front door, you know where the
thermometer is, in Mrs Hatch's hall it was
102. Katie & Fanny called here this morning
Fanny said Uncle Harris was sick Sunday
night, Lucy had the tooth ache & Rich-
ard cried all night with his toe, sister S. must
have had a time of it. I must try to go up
some evening but it is so awfully hot I cannot
be away for the hour all the way. Home came
in awhile ago & showed me an invitation he
received to a party given by Anna Barber & Helen
Barber, at Mrs Barber's, from 5 to 8 o'clock.
I think very few will be there at the appointed
time this hot weather.

Your letter did not come today I hope you are not
sick, perhaps the Capt put it in some one else's
box. He has been much exercised on the subject
of Mrs North's will, anxiously expecting to hear
from Mrs Stewart what was left her, but no
letter yet. I do hope she left her & Miss Mary a
good portion, they have put themselves out a
good deal for her & Mrs North, he should
be left with what he had. I think Monday

Miss Hatch invited us to take a seat in her carriage to Domopolis. Brother Waver had invited they should spend the day with him, promised to be there early & open the house. Gene H. took a substantial lunch & I took fruit. We attended to our shopping drove to the house but it was closed & no one there, we tried the back gates but could not get in, what to do we did not know. Miss Vick Hatch had closed up her house & gone to Lexington, Lema & Ralph to Carolina & there was no one else we could "sponge on", were compelled to stay to have the carriage fixed, as decided the only thing to do would be to stay under the back shelter at Mrs Hatch's until brother came, going to the front occasionally to see if the door was open or he in sight. We soon tired of sitting on the hard steps & borrowed three chairs, those we occupied for the day as we could see nothing of Uncle Waver. We took our lunch, enjoying as our accompaniment some cool cistern water very convenient, & often indulged in as the day was very hot. When the sun began to get low we started out to see if we could get the carriage & we spied Uncle Waver on the gallery, he said he had been looking & waiting for us, but we thought he

AUG 5, 1897

he had not long been in, because he would not tell us where he came. He said the carriage was not ready so we went over & sat with him some time, were treated to ice-cream, soda & tea, had a late supper. Bruce stayed still later & he brought her out in the buggy. Lewis & Fred still linger in Gaumeboro, find it more pleasant than at Waukegan I reckon.

I have heard nothing more from Paul, Lewis' weekly letter came on time, they had been suffering from the heat in the absence of the usual breeze, had much rain which Lewis seems to think unpleasant, I should think it would be acceptable, he had nothing specially interesting to say this time. Arthur came down Saturday evening stayed until Sunday evening, he is looking this bad not been well all the week. Well, I expect you are tired of this scratch so will close, with much love

Your devoted

Mother.

Fallin Ala -

Aug 27th 1874

Dear Ben:-

I was sorry to hear that you had been suffering - tho only occasionally with that disturbance of the bowels. I am sure I have suffered the same way and if I am fatigued much & then subjected to a cold wind or draft, or some time to a change of weather, especially a rainy spell - it chiefly attacks me in my bowels. I am getting more & more particular with myself & watch the chances for an attack. I keep a preparation of Turpentine - & use it at once promptly, also a glass of good "port wine". These

usually suffice to break it up - if I refrain from eating - only taking a glass or cup of hot milk; this is all for diet & sufficient. The Turpentine mixture I keep prepared - this is the following = R. Spts Turpentine one teaspoonful - Bicarb. Soda: half teaspoonful. & ten teaspoons = full of water; - mix the water & Soda. Then add the Turpentine. Sometimes I put in also, (to each dose when taken) 5 drops of Laudanum, if there is much pain with gas. You can repeat in an hour or so. A Mustard plaster just over the painful place is good - if there is pain & chilliness - if there is a great of gas & eructation & heat or much pain I often use a little Chloroform. Ten to Twenty

3) drop to each teaspoonful of Turpentine only.

You should avoid taking violent exercise - that is to the fatigue point, and sudden cooling off. A strong chronic tablet 1/60 of a grain twice daily is excellent for debility.

I have some Opium, Camphor & Indian pills which I will send you by mail. Must stop now for mail.

Yr Mother

W. J. W.

Let mother know you

is such a distraction. We are still enjoying grapes, the wine enjoyed
 the friends, they
 play & dance.
 We leave all quite
 well. I have lost no
 very few but
 don't know that
 I am increasing
 in weight, have
 been very putty
 up. I am putting
 they are a credit
 it is a job, & I get
 so fat at a time.
 With much love
 to you & dear
 mother.
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Some Father wrote a
 hurried letter to you yesterday
 morning but I feel as if such a
 letter gives very little satisfaction
 as I will begin another, the such a
 press is a good encouragement to
 write. We were glad to receive yester-
 day your letter of the 8th, it came
 you are making good use of your
 leisure, don't tire yourself out - I am
 sorry you did not feel financially
 able to go to Detroit, hope you will
 enjoy the recreation at Toronto.
 How strange it seems for you to speak
 of the air being crisp & cool! rather
 hot here as we have had until
 the last day or two! since Sunday's

since the weather has been more
pleasant but still warm. By the
same mail with your letter came
one from Bellego but not from
Léves, he was sick with fever & a
Dr. Cram wrote for him, he said
there was no cause for alarm that
his fever had not been over 103 &
that for only two or three hours &
that he hoped Léves would be able
to write by next mail, still I feel
very anxious about him. We have
no idea who Dr. Cram is, but he
is acting the good Samaritan
towards Léves, wrote that he had
taken him to his house in order
to give him better attention &
proper nourishment, & that he
was eating & sleeping. At 1, 2, 3

suppose he meant. We are very thank-
ful Léves has such a friend, & I hope
a good physician to care for him, but
he is inconvenienced by the travel.
I wonder if your Father mentioned
Dr. Herggers stopping with us to dinner
Saturday on his way to visit "Miss
Belle". Now I wish you could have
heard him say or about her,
could sit talk of any thing else,
the marriage will about the 26th,
he could sit say whether at church
or the house, I suppose he cared
very little as the knot was tied.
He was speaking of how much he
had to do, fodder to cure, horses to
fix, &c &c, for from I asked "why
not put it off awhile & not be so
hurried" he said he said I saw

afraid. Dr. Harrison is off & he thought
he might have to ask Mrs. Colbo to
perform the ceremony, she is an
Episcopalian. He thinks her very sensi-
ble because she opposed a trip to
Niagara, thinking that the money would
be better spent for any exp. there home.
Since my last letter we have had a
visit from cousin John Adams, he
is about on a par with Mrs. James
Dee Rose, is living on my one who
will put up with him, looks as
old & shabby, does nothing, & does
nothing.

We too are much interested in Mrs.
North's will, it is said the children
of one of her brothers will contest
it, because she did not leave
them as much as some of her
other nieces & nephews. Uncle Waver
has read a copy of it but would

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not satisfy our curiosity, he did
say the title to Flora Dale was good
& that we could get that from
Mrs Stewart. We hear she was left
20,000, whether that included the
place or not I can't say. Miss May
is going on to Washington, Mrs Stewart
will not be home until matters are
settled. Mrs. Wallis estate is valued at
two hundred thousand, 40 lots in
Washington city for one thing.

Mrs Hatch & Berce were here yester-
day, I asked Berce to spend a few
week with me, she will unless Mrs
Hatch goes to Stafford Springs & I
don't think there is any chance of
that, he will need for some water
to drink at home.

I am glad your boy reached you in
good order, the freight was certainly

very little. I hope the material will
prove what you wish.

Allen is working here today tacking
up fences, screwing wheel barrels &
planting turnips. John feels right
& morning, Tom thinks when the
house is cleared & cheerless down
that he must play gentle music to.
He was invited to Ben's party, we
let him go but I don't think such
indulgences do him any good, he
is now unwell & discontented there
ever, tells the servants he wants to
be where he can give orders, not
receive them I suppose.

I heard from Reuben Sunday he
was well, no news from Fred
but once since he left, maybe
Fanny won't let him write she

will be much discouraged - about the cotton crop, picking cotton had just
begun, there was a good
dust of new frost, father
was occupying his
time. The girls and
love they will be with
us until sometime
next week, Louise
was persuaded to
attend her visit to
the country two
weeks longer, her
mother wrote her to
go. I know on this
week's visit, Bessie
I put up some aim
apparently I wish
you left a far for
your wedding party. I
hope you will not be

welcomed this morning, while Bessie
takes a nap. I will write. Louise was
expected up today to spend several days
with us but we had a steady rain all
last night & most of this morning so
she has not arrived tho I would not
be surprised to see her any moment
now the rain has held up, altho it is
very cloudy.

I am glad you have had no return
of your little ailment & hope you will
continue well, by this time you are in
Toronto, enjoying yourself I hope. How
about a small boy? is there any up north?
you had better be vaccinated, you move
around so much. We have a good deal of
it down south & I think it high time

we were all vaccinated. Fred has been vaccinated twice lately, neither taken as he feels secure. The water of great improvement in the children's appetites, the worse for them, if Harry keeps up his rules of abstinence, Mary and he says a quiet plan but has not improved in talking.

I was terribly disappointed today at not hearing from Lewis. Wednesday is the day for the Pelizer letters, and as anxious about him, I think I wrote of his being sick with fever, the suspense is terrible. I hope some of the boys will ever again go out of the reach of telegraphic communication. I am so troubled about Lewis I can hardly recall what has happened in the past week to write you, one thing that comes up is a piece of astonishing news, you may have heard it. Chauncy Oswald eloped with Miss Knight, her Father forbids him the house but they managed some how to

get off, we have heard no particulars, at first heard it was Miss Otis, we are curious to know where he procured the money, we heard he had gone to Nashville, Selma Knight it was.

The twins gave Mr. Davidsons, who have been on a visit to them, a german at the hall in Hamden place, only 32 couples. Wm was left out, had not called on the young lady, Remond was there. Because still at Achille.

The Danvers amateurs played 'Painful' last night for the benefit of the Episcopal church, Amos is lame & Wm about of each as he did not ask Wm to go, Miss Lou, Louisa, Miss William Prime, Juliette & Browder Barber went in, I have heard nothing of the play yet, they must have ^{had} a good evening coming out. Dr. Whelan is at Warkham, also, health no better, the family are less spirited about him. Juliette says 'Chauncy has figured largely in the small pox,' is

very lovely now the summer school is over. Was your vacation all right? How

boys, with much love, your devoted mother

really sorry there are no new ones,
After dinner - Uncle Waver & Lizzie show
up as we were finishing meat dinner, he
would not come in to join us as we
apple dumplings made from some of his
own apples.

Lizzie's little Gordon had a sprain
yesterday afternoon your Father had been
sent for to see him, it came on during
his visit, he went to see him this
morning & has not returned yet.
Thursday morning, well here I am at
this same letter, it rained as yesterday
we did not send to the office, all last
night it continued & is still coming
down steadily so we have not had the
mail today. I hoped there might be a
letter from Beliza & I could give you the
latest from Lizzie, if we should have
one after this letter will send you a
packet. The girls (Lizzie & Lizzie) will
soon have a double visit to us if the
wind keeps up. The printer I suppose

Belize, Brit. Honduras.

Aug. 20, 1897

My dear Mother,

Somehow there is always a tendency to put off my letters until the last day, whether it is to collect all of the interesting news afloat in the city, or whether it is from the procrastinating influence of this climate, I cannot tell.

However, it is now Friday morning about an hour and a half before breakfast and I have gotten up at this hour to finish my post matter for to-day's steamer.

I was very glad to have your interesting letter of the 9th by the last mail. Am rather surprised to find that at last Dr. Kuggins has fouled his mate, though perhaps by this time he had given up the attempt. Miss Smith is the young lady, which at one time reports said was engaged to Mr. Ramey of Demopolis.

Soat has turned out that Mr. Joe Collins can no longer bear the remorse of not patronizing his own denominational institution.

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The crop is just coming in and I have had some very fine ones. They are the largest I have ever seen, and when perfectly ripe are very sweet. It seems that they ship very few from here, because, I suppose, the people are too lazy to pack them.

When you last wrote Dr. Brans letter telling of my little spell had probably not reached you. I begged for a discharge on last Saturday and returned to the Hotel. Since then I have improved a great deal and am feeling myself again. Now if I can keep off the returns, it will be alright for the balance of the summer I think.

Today I am expecting to see the "Clearwater" come in from Mobile; this is her first trip from that port and she runs in opposition to the "Monagua". This will give ~~me~~ ^{me} of steamer a week. I hope to take a trip down to Spanish Landers on the former at least next trip. Though this is regarded as a very warm month in this place, up to the present it has been very pleasant. It is now breakfast time, and I must close. With love to all,

Your devoted Son,

Aug 29, 1897

I had thought that since Katy did so well at Bailey Springs and during the schoolship he would let her return one more year at the best, and then send her to some Baptist place to put on the finishing touches.

I had a very pleasant letter from cousin Poling by the last mail, saying he had written to most members of the Board and would do his best for me. He also told me of Dr. Bonduant's plans in Mobile, and glad that he is to be connected with the College, will occupy the chair of Microscopy, Mental and Nervous Diseases. The Infirmary plan is quite an undertaking but I hope he will be successful.

Judging from your letters there doesn't seem to be as much excitement in the shape of dance at home this summer as usual. There was a ball here on Wednesday night but I declined to go, for it would have been imprudent in me and then I didn't care to go.

I know that you all are enjoying the grapes at home and I would like to run out in the grove before breakfast some morning and enjoy a few bunches, but here we now have a substitute for grapes in the shape of orange.

are looking well, don't know yet what school they will go to. Chas. & Jack will go to Marlboro'. He seems at home now. He will be only 2 weeks too, cold. Dennis was ready to slip at the table & I need your letter, was glad to hear about your trip, the birds, & fishes &c. Father sends thanks for the paper. I thought I told you mine Smith was Dr. H's girl. They were married last night - must have been a very quiet affair. Wm. I found not a word of it in town. They had a pleasant journey, & Dennis looks tired but this, & is in the ink as I had to take pencil. I had a letter from Lewis today he writes well again. I

let you hear by postal from Lewis, but there were not any in the house & you know how hard it is to get Wm. to remember to get anything when he goes to the office as my promise was not kept but I assure you thought no news was good news & were not uneasy. Last Friday we had a letter from Lewis himself saying he was up & about as you can imagine what a load was lifted from my mind. Dr. Brown had not consented to his leaving his house then but Lewis thought himself well enough to return to his hotel next day, they were so kind to him & I am glad to know he has such friends. I think when I last wrote Bessie & Lewis had come to spend

must not include & then for "the tea" & with much love good bye,
Your devoted
Mother.
Crank wrote us, Bessie left Monday to
help Mrs Hatch prepare for Berie's party.
Lorice left this morning, we had a good
deal of rain while they were here, which
interfered with their pleasure in the way of
drives, the roads now are very rough,
riding anything but a pleasure. Fred came
up last night to the party & Lorice &
Waver were favored with an invitation, they
helped amuse the children. To night there
will be a gemma in town, Waver took
Lorice to Han Down this morning, spent the
day & will take her to the gemma tonight,
bring her back here tomorrow to go with
us to a 5 o'clock tea at Mrs Cohen's,
stylish, is it she? She was here to invite
us yesterday afternoon. Mrs Hatch, Bessie &
Maricea Shawham will be there, perhaps
others, I wonder if "Toby" will face us all &
come in to tea.

Sunday Reuben came down on a good
looking, strong, horse, I asked some question
about him, he smiled ^{in a} very satisfied way &

said "that is my horse I bought out a
fine mare" horse, nice buggy & harness. I
am so glad he has a comfortable way of
getting about. I laughed & asked him if he
had an idea of getting married. Bessie was
much amused at his making his front
porch his buggy horse, he said there was
no other place to put it. Reuben is looking
a little more fleshy, he told us two more
Parker girls had come to Bessie's & several
girls were expected from Massachusetts, with the
young men calling ^{in addition to the girls}, they have a lovely horse
hold. I don't see how she can afford it.
Mrs Cobb proposed here this morning going to
Dennapolis to perform the marriage ceremony
for Dr Huggins, he must intend to be married
in the morning as Mr C. was to spend
tonight with Dr Reese. It is strange Dr H.
did not invite your Father to the marriage.
Mr & Mrs Thatcher arrived yesterday on their
way home from Saratoga, will spend about a
week. Julietta Whelans has been over twice
to see the girls, Miss Purcell & Lorice's father.

have been at Mrs Bowdler's, Wave sent
some very nice grapes to Miss Pinner
this morning, I believe had a nice basket
several days ago, the large dark grapes
you further calls the "Meyer" have been
very fine this season being rather later the
rain improved them. The Folds & Mrs
Gabriel called Saturday evening, she has
improved since she has been in Montgomery.
Thursday - It is now 12 o'clock & Wave &
Louise have not put in an appearance.
Reuben's waistman came for some years, by
the time I fixed up the basket & was
considering it to him a buggy drove up with
the twins & Chadwick, they had spent the
night with Katy & stopped to see me on
the way home. Beesie Stewart was here a
few minutes yesterday evening, brought me
a picture of her self, framed in white
linen, embroidered very prettily. Mary Briggs
invited her down to spend a week, it will
be impossible for her to stay longer than
two days Saturday & Sunday. The twins

Belize, Brit Honduras
Sept. 1, 1897.

My dear Mother

From dinner at five o'clock I joined a party of friends for a walk and of course we went along one of the two principal recreation places of which the town can boast, the foreshore and the foot. The former is the broad street along the front of town guarded from the sea by a wall of concrete, the latter is a palm grove connected with the mainland by a narrow neck of land, which extends almost a quarter of a mile from the town. The close the latter, and here the sea breeze comes in with its full force and purity, making it a pleasant resort where one can while the time from dinner until nightfall. An interesting addition to this is a staked enclosure at the end of a pier where the immense turtles are kept for market. The coal gallery always draws my attention about dusk and having perched there for a time, I have returned to my room and the day is spent as far as belongs my quarters is concerned. Late evening Dr. Green invited me around to tea and on arriving found it to be almost a convention of Indian and half of physicians, for not all of the practitioners here have gained that degree in England from whence they come. However, Dr. Knight

arrived, two, to wit and myself made up the party. The evening was spent as you may imagine, and it was not unpleasant, although I was the junior member of the company.

The two letters from home under one cover were received on Monday and were greatly enjoyed, as home news. Salvadoria is so happy. I shall say that I am apparently perfectly well and strong again, and there are no present indications to effect my leaving and the quarantine season. Yes, if I am unwell again you shall know of it as soon as possible. Father advises me to put out for home at the approach of yellow fever, but as there is none nearer than Panama, there is no cause for uneasiness. I am kept posted as to its movements by the weekly reports of the Marine Hospital Reports. And again, this place quarantines against all infected ports. In fact you are never yellow fever than I. The last mail brought news that there were cases at the New Orleans Quarantine Station at the mouth of the Mississippi.

A box of pears would indeed be a revelation to my friends here and I wish they could be sent. It will take six days from the time of shipping to reach here, and if well packed and rather green at the start I think they could hold their own. The Managua comes mobile to-morrow Sept 2 and I will probably expect the box on her Tuesday morning. She leaves Mobile again on the 16th of Sept and my package would have to reach the city the day before.

To Our Prof. Laubenheimer would be forwarded to me at no freight expense via the steamer. The captain is a good friend of mine and should the package not come on Monday, I shall pass him to inquire at the office in Mobile on his return (Sept 15), tho I expect by that time the pear would be well packed out of season.

This, I believe is Ben's birthday and you may forward my best wishes to him your next, as I probably will write before that time. This takes him over the quarter century mark, calculating from mine just four years behind. I am glad to hear that after the time spent with their grandparents, the young generation suffered no ill effects, and that. And that they are getting along so well, it is his rock and if he is satisfied, we might as well be so too.

Lackaw, when on the steamer at Livingston, Guatemala, a small party of those on board took advantage of several idle hours to see something of one of the most picturesque of the Central American rivers - the Rio Dulce. This stream breaks through the mountains from an inland lake and presents a beautiful gorge, the sides of which rise almost perpendicularly for many hundred feet, and yet on this apparently solid rock the varied tropical vegetation seems to flourish very luxuriantly. The frequent markings and general appearance of Nature's work on these walls is very interesting, and an effort to creep back and forth many times along the gorge and not a person is naturally deterred with a feeling of awe at his surroundings. As the river approaches the sea and the banks begin to slope, the Indians are covered with bananae fincas (plantations).

On last Tuesday night our hotel proprietor shipped the country for reasons known only to himself except that he had seen ahead and didn't want to pay his bill.

We feared that our factory would go to the wall, but
the Landlord has taken charge and things are
now moving along smoothly.

It was very peculiar that the lost box of coins,
jewelry, &c. should at last return to its master
in so unassuming a manner, but perhaps may
have led to detection and is thus not really
very valuable to any one else. I don't wonder at their
return.

There is little use of interest, as I must close,

R.

Your devoted Son,

Henry

I saw two papers rec'd but saw no notice of who got the
scholarship - suppose Owen did. Can you let me know
L.

gave Robert Curry Jackson & the buggy
& let him peddle them around 50^{cts} a
half bushel & 10^{cts} or so for the large
pans, less for the smaller ones, I am writing
dinner - Finding our okra stew rising
me, that large green worms, & a hairy
worm, are eating up the okra pods,
something is eating the caladé & on the
grape the caterpillars are not content
with grape leaves but are eating the
grape & seeds - did you ever see such
pans, one writes like a needle & the
other like a stick.

We are somewhat troubled about the
yellow fever reports, you have doubtless
seen by the papers that there have been
several hundred red cases at Ocean
Spring, it was reported at New Orleans
several days ago, & yesterday two cases in
Mobile, of course we don't think it can
get here but we are troubled about
others, Lewis for instance, suppose it
breaks out over there & he returns, he

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How is your
elbow? all
right - I hope -

must pass through Mobile to get home, guarantees may be as strict every where that he can't pass, or the frontier may not be allowed to come to Mobile at all & he may have to take his chances over there.

Bessie & the Spragues will have to remain where they are, Mrs Hatch's house is getting pretty full. Bessie, Maurice, Percie, Mamma & "Edwin", & last night I heard his Mother (Edwin) was expected. I wish I could offer to take Bessie off her hands but don't see how I can with no help in the house, Hattie spends most of his time feeding & watering the stock. I get a girl to iron but there is a good deal besides that to do.

Louise & Fred spent last week with

us, Reubens came down Saturday night
to spend Sunday, we had Bessie &
Evelyn Field also. Lewis & Fred left us
Saturday night but were back to spend
Sunday. She & I did not go to the
baptist supper the boys went & your
Father walked down to get some ice
cream & cubes for us, they made 40
dollars. There is nothing of interest to
relate, the Auburn boys with the
exception of Dave Collins have gone back,
he is recovering from bilious fever, the
twins went back to Bailey Springs,
Fanny is "turned out". Chas. Wick is
as the boys say struck on Katie
Collins. They called a few days ago to
say good bye. Fred's letter a few days
ago said Freddie was "droopy" the
others right well. We had a heavy
rain Monday, caught some water,
Peter fixed the gutters just in time.
Your Father has come in from Hallam,
no letter from Lewis. D. Oliphant

Rollins Va.,

Sept. 20 - 1899.

My dear Cousin,

Your photograph
was received a day or
so ago, and I was
perfectly delighted to
get it, especially as
Mr. C. H. Barnwell
says that we are
very much alike.
I cannot see the
resemblance but wish
it was there.

I will send you

a photograph of myself
as soon as I have
a good one taken.
I am at school here
now, and have been
here three years.
I wish you would
come to Virginia
sometimes. I would
like so much to see
you - I too have
always regretted so
much not seeing

you when I was in
Alabama.

I hope we shall not
be such strangers
in the future,
and am sure we
shall not.

Most sincerely

Alice B. Fugger.



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Mobile, Ala.

Sept. 23 1897

My dear Mother,

Your letter enclosing Fred's was gladly received on Monday's steamer the same mail brought the New Orleans papers of the past week giving full accounts of the progress of the yellow fever. I was sorry to see that it had reached Mobile, tho I believe it will soon be stamped out there and all will soon be quiet. Both the private news from Mobile and what the Captain of Managua reported was that there were but two cases. That steamer and the New Orleans mail were both quarantined on their arrival here, and cargo and mails fumigated, and no communication allowed with the shore. However, we went out and stood off alongside and had a talk with the captain. Mr. Dorch had to go on board to buy fruit and of course will now

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Mobile, Ala.

Have to remain on the ship or, on returning here go into quarantine. He prefers the former. Belize was not sooth to quarantine our citrus that had done so towards her but it may be the means of keeping the fever out of this place. Still I am to keep my watch on this place, for should it break out here there is greater chance for its spread than in any of our citrus. Hope that by the middle of Oct. all will be quiet in Mobile and vicinity, quarantines there will be raised, and I can return as anticipated. Perhaps by this time next month I will be on my way to Mobile. The days are long and quiet here now, tho' the nights are extremely pleasant and induce good sound sleep.

Yes, there is plenty of opportunity to attend church, there is an average of two services every day and here on

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at St Mary's

Sunday. You know the negroes are great for church-going and certainly have their share. I go, sometimes, but there is little pleasure in being "sandwiched" up between two big negroes on a hot day, hence my visits are not as frequent as they would otherwise be.

Speaking of chickens and eggs. I wish I had some of the many dozen that are always so cheap at home. Here they sell for fifty cents a dozen, and I haven't tasted a frying size chicken since I have been here. Poultry raising and a good stock and dairy farm would certainly pay here if anyone would go into it, tho' the nearest available land for such a purpose is probably six miles from the town and only reached by water.

This is the stormy season and we

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hope had a share of wind and rain.
Well I have I will do the best I can
for him in getting a knife. I am glad
you mentioned it, for I have been rack-
ing my brain to find something for
you, so never mind the price of
the table knives.

Now I must close, as I have an
engagement to take tea with a friend
this evening - these people are doft
in informal teas.

Love to all.

Yours off Son,
Slewey.

PH. Sept 27, 1917

Columbia Institute

Saturday, Am.

My dear Mr. Duggan:

This letter ought
to have a studious air and
a feeling of chalk about it; I
am keeping study hour for one
of the teachers. I have done
this once before so I am
no longer green at it.

I hardly know how to begin
to tell you about everything,
and every body. You probably

know this city or others similar
to it, so I need not tell you
about the court house, and square
in the center, from which
broad streets lead to all the
great cities of this continent, and
how dogs and cattle dispute the
right of way with pedestrians.

I think we came at the
wrong time to see Columbia
at its best, there has been
no rain for ever so long,
everything is dry and dusty,
and already the leaves

have begun to fall, in spring time it
must be a pretty place, there are
so many beautiful trees. ^{the country}
about here is pretty, from my window
I have a glimpse of the River, hidden
by trees, and in the distance several
hill tops, more naked the more clouds
at a ridiculous early hour for
the land still quakes. I saw that
solar and I felt that he felt
a twinge.

The people here especially those in the
house are charming, Mrs. Long meets
my ideal of a typical southern lady
and she has been most kind to us.
The set of teachers too is pleasant,
they adopted me immediately and
call me Schuetz, which makes
me feel very much at home. Thus
far I know Miss Bettison, Bowling Green
Kentucky, best of all, she is very jolly
and has kindly taken me under

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be going, although I have
not felt the need of protection of
any kind. My girls I like
very much and it makes
me very happy to know
that in some degree they
love that feeling toward me.
The little ones are perfectly
devoted and when I go to
my primary German class.
I wish I had a dozen waists
and as many fair farms.

There are two little boys
in the house, who love an idea

that I belong exclusively to
them and guard me jealously.
To make up in a measure
for this devotion the little ones
rule me with a rod of iron,
and you certainly would be
amused to see me in the
class room where I do exactly
what they wish me to, yesterday
for instance, it occurred to
them, that they wanted me
to sing to them, in German, and
nothing would convince them
to the contrary.

Yours sincere most sincere friend
Alexander, I have all the "obligations"
mean here, saying they are not
confessing to the fact, and the
only method when from school, is
in good, and suggested to me by the
teacher here, so I have in fact and
taken up. However I do not think
at all and mean to make the
most of it while I last. Myself
we can make like some of the

endurable. although deprived of the
charming company of your "denominations"
we have chapel twice a day, study
begins at 9 and all my time is
filled with half-hour recitations to
twenty minutes of them, when I
am tired and ready for such
"pleasurable diversion" as taking
the girls walking for an hour.

Each teacher has a week in turn
to look after the bells, take the girls

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walking, sleeping, study hours etc,
my work is the next but one,
I am doing this work now to
help out Miss Patterson.

In the scholastic part of the
school I am somewhat disappointed.
It is certainly not an institution
of deep learning, most of the
girls love right recitation
a day besides music, and
there is only a period of two
hours to prepare all these
lessons, consequently the
teacher does most of the work,
(if it is done at all).

nevertheless the girls in
Columbia seem to be better
educated than the men.

Do you know Mr. Duggan? I
think girls ^{here} are not supposed
to have ideas about things,
or to do much thinking, at
least in conversation. They
are never appealed to, I
noticed this when some of
the clergy were visiting here,
although the topic was
college and education
in general, the ladies

were seemed to have an influence to
say anything, I did once in a while
and surprised them, at least I thought
they seemed surprised. You don't
know what good orthodox women
we enjoy here, and how many bright
and other things we meet! Even
I am rather glad the organ at
St. Peter's and our lots more are to
be in the choir. I hope this won't
not mean that we are to go to church

more than once a day. Teaching
psychology, I am sure is to blame
for this prominence of the ego.

The University has opened, and how
I long to go through the red tape of
registering again. Miss Schuler,
the music teacher from Berlin, was
all day Wednesday when her college
opened. You board two rooms, before
the term is over. The freshmen will
claim you as their own. I

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was fortunate too, only twice
the first day was I accosted
as one of the pupils.

As I have not seen the
picture you mention, I
believe Mr. Reed from
my righteous indignation
and refrains from sending
it, but I really should
like to have one.

For the first time I
admit that I have been
just a little bit homesick.

do with her.

This letter is longer than I meant it should be, however you may take revenge, by paying me back in my own coin; the new friends cannot replace the old.

Very sincerely yours.

Anna L. Wagersehat.

O.S. Had a letter from Miss L. just now. she writes on large sheets with a masculine hand, the girls are debating as to what man it may be from, "that's boarding school".

The condition rather favored this melody, my sister was not well and the weather was very warm. Since the cooler weather every thing has changed, and Richard is himself again.

Berta will not submit to the rules, and if she were not excused from rules because of her health, I don't know what I should

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Dear Father,

Though it is early in the week to write my home letter, I am in the office this morning and night as well as the time on that way. The two letters from home under one cover reached me yesterday and were most welcome. I regret to see that the country is so much excited over the yellow fever, for from all accounts everyone seems to have gone wild, and really I can't see that there is cause for so much alarm. I have kept my will posted up to our last mail (Thursday) on the condition of affairs and it appears that the people are wont to exaggerate every report and add to the confusion. Of all the cases reported the mortality is but three percent, and this, it strikes me, is the mildest type of yellow

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Mobile, Ala.,
 fever that ever raged. If the people would
 remain where they are and combine their
 efforts to stop it, they would do much better
 than fleeing from their homes and spread-
 ing false rumors and consternation in
 their path. The attempt of those Mississippians
 to destroy a railroad bridge broke the record
 and surely there must be great fear in the
 minds of the people. The fact that the time
 of frost is nearly at hand ought to calm
 the fears to some extent. Last night it was
 quite cool here, and if it was so proportional
 by with you, the thermometer must have de-
 scended into the fifties. I was sleeping in a
 suit of flannel pyjamas and had to get
 up to shut out the breeze and then pull
 up the sheet. I will send you a suit of
 pyjamas, think they will be very com-
 fortable to sleep in during the winter.

I hope to have better news by the next mail
 and I am very sorry to hear that aunt
 Dorothea is ill.

well in Mobile, do hoped this thing will
 soon be all over. Mobile and New Orleans
 steamers were again quarantined & fumigated
 last time and no communication allowed.
 Only one of the steamers have been taken off
 the blockade from Mobile on account
 of the depressed banana market. If con-
 ditions are no better I expect the Managua
 may go to Baltimore ^{with} her next cargo. As yet
 I have no instructions from my headquarters
 as to when and quarantine will be revoked.
 If the fever keeps up in Mobile and college
 doesn't open, and I am recalled, the best
 means of my reaching home would be to go
 to Norfolk or New York by some of the English
 steamers, touching those places and thence
 down home. However, this is all suppo-
 sition and we must await developments.
 I hardly think this place is still be infected
 from our cities; they are very strict, for
 they understand that once here it would
 be some time before it could be checked.
 I am cautious with myself and am now
 perfectly well. I am satisfied that our
 hotel, at least, the third floor is as
 healthy a place as there is in town and

I think there is no necessity for alarm.
Under the new proprietor the fare ~~will~~ ^{has} got
has become almost unbearable and so
we "made a big kick and a kick alto-
gether" and a great change has been
the result, so I will probably remain
there until my departure.

Mr. Dotch has gone down to Livingston and
taken up his quarters temporarily so as
to be nearer the fruit districts, without
having to remain on the ship from an in-
fected part.

Of course we now have no applications
for passage to Mexico and our only duty
is to watch at our stations for anything
to turn up, and should the "Manager" be
ordered to Baltimore for several succe-
sive trips there would be no necessity of
my staying here, so I presume I would
be recalled, and would then proceed for
home via that city.

I hope you will feel able to steer
clear of an epidemic, and that we will
have better reports next time.

Love to all,

Your off son
Lawrence