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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 1 1898

My Dear Duggar,

I have just received from Miss Wagonchuckly an invitation to spend a day or two with a camping party at Grand Island, and incidentally take care of you. I am very sorry that I shall not be able to go, and as Miss W. says that the current is so strong that it makes a dangerous swimming hole for ducks, you will, of course, have to arrange for another chaperon. I should much rather have gone with you myself, for I know you need the care, but I will at least urge upon you the necessity of being

careful. If you ever "fall in" it will
be all day with you, and since
I have already this season attended
the obsequies of my chum I am
very anxious that you shall avoid
the contagion or wait at least until
you become immune. Don't think
that because you never have had
children's diseases you never will have
them, they are almost sure to
strike sooner or later, and like the
chicken-pox they come when least-
expected. Let me assure you that
if you do fall in, Salts even in
double or triple doses will have no
effect. When too the trouble is deep
seated so that sprays will be
useless. The only known remedy is
an operation, which to say the least-
is a heavy one and liable to prove
worse than the disease. Beware, beware,
the rapids are below you.

Ithaca, N. Y., 189

My cousin tells me that the
camping party will have to be given
up owing to the impossibility of
getting the members together at one
time. The collecting in this region
is very poor owing to the long continued
drought which has turned every thing
up. I am in hopes that it will
be better after the recent rains.

I have given three talks at the
science camp and shall give three
more. It takes little or no time.

One of the young ladies of the town
a High School teacher somewhere wants
me to give her two or three lessons
in Zoology cat-dissection etc. Can I
trouble you to send me a book
by Wiesner & Gage called "Anatomical Technology".

it is one of the books in front of
my desk. you can either send it by
Express "collect", or, if cheaper by mail
and I will settle with you when I
see you.

Of course you enjoyed your trip
South. Are you ready for Boston?
I hope to be, but don't know.

Miss Lawrence writes me that
Mr. Wentworth is just as inaccessible
and unsuppressible as ever. Perfectly
happy, and yet those egotistical
people imagine that no one knows
they are just married. Had a big
time in Lawrence's, will tell you
about it later. Remember me
softly to such friends male & female
as are left in Ithaca. When does
the A.A.S. meeting come in Boston?
I have forgotten

yours very sincerely
Eliot J. Durand

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Can I trouble you too to send me a pair
of small curved scissors, a tracer and large
blunt forceps. You will find all these in my
large drawer in the right-hand corner. Send them
by mail and I will ~~pay~~ ^{reimburse} the expense.

remains & memory about her but she is not really in a bad condition, in fact
some have reformt long ago if she had followed directions. Her & family
are very well. Her. It has been
as I leave not been able to
do. Mrs. Whittemore &
I believe have been at Mrs.
Baker's 10 days but I
have not been one to
see them, I believe called
on Mary E. she is the
same cheerful boy she
always was. It is strain-
ing but today, & how the
weeds are growing!!
They are all we get from
the garden now, no
straw tomatoes, beans or
any thing else. I suppose
the wet weather saved
the. Almost to drop, even
all too bad, rather a

week that I had to ask your Father to
write to you, don't know what he wrote
as if I repeat you must excuse it. Of
course he told you Mary Gladden was
with us, Mary Winger came on Wednesday
night & they returned to Norwood on
Thursday morning. I enjoyed their visit
very much, Mary Gladden is a very
pleasant girl & makes herself at home. I
told her I was said to be very stiff &
ceremonious but "please try to feel at her
ease" she said she did n't think so, &
really seemed to enjoy herself. We had five
visitors & preaches & she certainly enjoyed
them. I expected Louis & Harry that
week but they did not come, arrived in

Dempole Monday evening, Bessie Stewart
with them. I had sent in a note inviting
all three out but they stayed over for a
dance last night, given by Joe Collins
to Katie & Olivine company, (the Minge
twins, Harry, & Virginia Walker.) Wave
took Melville in, the others went in a 6
seated hack, Mrs Collins does not allow
his girls to buggy ride. The Spragues
& Bessie said they might be out on
tomorrow's freight. The twins will spend
Friday with us, don't you wish you were
here to help entertain the 5?

To day there is a great profusion of vehicles,
a neighborhood barbecue & pie sale at
the old Johnson house, now Mrs Woody
Collinses. Wave has gone to take one of the
girls, as he keeps his own council I cant
say which one. The boys wanted to hire
a band & have dancing but the head
baptists said if they did they could not
leave the house. I told Wave if they
wanted to dance they might come here

One time for company visit it. Saturday we had a peach tree propped up
which were killing
on the ground from
the weight of fruit.
This morning there
were some on the
tree, some kind
they advised it of
etc. broken. We
must have been
derated by time
people for it was
not in a place to
show inside.
All well at Hudson
where hard frost, the
children actually
attempted to eat plums
of some choice plums.
That winter one of
this month but of
now not going by
proper is full with
love your devoted Mother.

the pears if they wanted to. There are
awards of children going down. No one
gave me a bid, they might have "ruined
their cake & credit too." Since the church
affair I am quite out of every thing, in
fact I feel no desire to have anything to
do with any body, except one or two. Friday
night the Episcopal ladies had a church
supper. I was asked by Mrs Hatch & Mrs
Joe Collins to ~~help~~ contribute, also to help
sell, the latter I declined, but I sent a
freezer of nice peach cream, was feeling
too badly to go down to the school house
where they had it, was n't sorry for an
expense to stay away. I have been feeling
quite worn out lately so much extra work
preserving, pickling, & canning fruit. I
have a little girl for this week & am

in 1860 - blue
greenish with
no
sandy.

trying to set some, but that is hard for
me to do.

We have had such a terrible rainy
april, yesterday was the first afternoon
in a long time ~~that~~ we have had no
rain, I took advantage of it & asked you
Father to take me down to see Mrs. Wm.
Montevalla has not fattened, her up or the
children either. I heard there that Judge
Branpiss is very ill with typhoid fever.
Lewie mentioned a case at the hospital.
Doc Holden, Willie's son has it. I'm
fear much fever there this summer, I
don't know why but they always have
fevers there every summer, I think the water
must be bad. Oley (Minge) dropped in Sunday
to dinner, he & Wm went afterwards to see
the girls at Ben Collins', Virginia is said
to be Oley's "girl". Mrs Stewart keeps getting
sicker, your Father manages to get her up a
little, leaves medicine & tonics which she
will not take & in a day or so she is down
again & sends for him. Miss Mary is truly

never saw the like of you be cut in the garden, the guest, was so much
that I am coming
Wells has used a
say the blade, & I
think there were
several we got
load of weeds &
quite, the vegetables
few places were
entirely killed
out by them.
We have quantities
of tomatoes now
& one of cures
arrived for them
I wish you had
some. It is very
close & hot, then
the day now & a
choking evening,
bad for studying.
Thurs. 29th Aug.
mistakes, with

After an unusually heavy
dinner for me, & three peaches & milk, I
fear I am not in a good fix for writing,
rather dull, but I want to get my letter
off this evening. Yours came this morning
& I was very glad to have it before send-
ing mine, as it would have been addre-
-sed to I should. I suppose you are in
Boston by this time, probably feeling quite
at home with your old friends, I suppose
many of them are still there. I hope
you will enjoy your stay. It was unfor-
tunate you were so busy the week before
leaving, hope your papers did not suffer
materially from the rush.

By the same mail with yours came a
letter from Livia telling of a streak of
good fortune for him. Dr. Murray the
surgeon in charge of the Marine Hospital

is away most of his time inspecting the coast towns to guard against yellow fever, his assistant surgeon was also ordered to do quarantine duty as Dr Murray was empowered to appoint an Acting Assistant surgeon to look after the hospital, Lewis was appointed & is now attending to both institutions, the Marine Hospital pays him \$5.00 a day as he doesn't mind the extra work. In addition to the hospital duties he is required to spend 1 & a half hours a day in the cotton houses down town. I don't know what that is for — Dr Murray thinks when he returns he will make arrangements for Lewis's services until December at 150 dollars a month & lodging, provided the College Faculty will accept Henry Gee as Lewis's substitute at the City Hospital. If Lewis once gets in he hopes there will be a chance to remain, I certainly

P. J. Had spent three weeks at Havana
 much love you devoted Mother

do, it would quite repay him for the time he has been working for nothing, & a few years there would give him a good start. In the Marine Hospital there are at present 10 negro soldiers & one officer suffering from typhoid fever alone, see what an experience he is getting!! To change the subject abruptly — did you know Mr Benton has asked for a years leave of absence to go to Cornell? We tried to persuade Wave to apply for the place in his absence but he said he thought it would suit Reuben better & took him to the Station yesterday to talk with Mr Benton about it. Today R — was to see Mr Walker, to my notion Wave is now capable of filling the place because he seems to have some idea of managing the fruits, what does Reuben know of them? he is a good farmer I know. Wave certainly must be afraid of work to let such a chance go by without an

effort to secure it. Reuben is fixed with
work & he is not. If R - should be appoint-
ed to take Tom B's place he would hire
some one to take charge of his plantation
work. Waver & Reuben went to a dance at
Fannedale last night, Waver returned
home about 2 o'clock.

Institute, Bull Run, Glenview, & Hunt Institute.
Our boy Charley has become thoroughly tired
of work, tried in every way to have himself
discharged & at last took his leave yesterday
evening. We have no one in his place & the
stock will suffer I am afraid. The Wadsworth
grain has been cut & is being hauled up,
5 loads, & still hauling, ~~the~~ for the grain
gangs for the cutting, & medical services
already rendered, for the hauling.

Sunday Waver drove me to Fannedale to
church, we dined at Lucy's, had a very
pleasant day, returning we stopped at
Wings Wilkins' but the family were all
from home. On the road I tumbled Robert
Curry, he came Monday morning & gone

U. S. Marine Hospital,
Mobile, Ala.

Aug. 24, 1898.

My dear Mother,

Your and Father's
under one cover was received yesterday
and I was very glad to get them. It
was so late that I didn't have time to
go down town to see about the pre-
serve jars, but will try to do so to-mor-
row and have them sent up immediately.
If I could have put in the order yesterday,
they might have gone off on the boat (Frank
Stone) to New Orleans, presume they had
best be sent by freight.

My appointment as Acting Assistant Surgeon
began on the 13th inst and will last three
months at least, with the chance in my
favor for six, and perhaps more. It is
not generally the custom in this service
to have A. A. Surgeons in charge of hospitals, but
just now there is considerable draft on
the service to look after quarantine mat-
ters and hence this exception. The Act. Sur-
geon who was stationed here is now on duty at
Tampa, and the quarantine will probably

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not be raised until the winter months, and then he is to ask for a leave of absence to get married so I think my chances are good for more than three months. Dr. Murray, the Surgeon in charge here, who is now on Key Street indefinitely, came next to the Surgeon General in length of service and if I can secure his recommendation my chances are good. His influence has already been proven for when he was ordered away and requested to make a recommendation another man, who was recom'd. from Chicago and sent here, came as my junior. This appointee at present looks after the office down town, and I have charge of the house patients, about thirty in number, ten of whom are typhoid cases from the camp, and by the way, one of them is the Link-Coll of the regiment - Coffey of Montgomery. Since the 13th, I have been looking after both this and the City Hospital, and I have found that it gives me all that I wish to do, and perhaps a little more, so to-morrow I will probably move my effects over and get me installed at the C. H. I have been about dividing my time, making two sick calls here and two rounds over there at the other place. There may be some feeling among the College Faculty that I should have served out the term of twelve months, the time for

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which I was appointed, but I have heard none, except that I would be foolish not to take this place. I am sure tho' that I cannot simply comply with a custom when there is a better place, with that very requisite consideration - pecuniary remuneration. My salary here is to be one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars a month and quarters. The most difficult part of my position here is that I began without any one to "coach" me and you know there is always a good deal of "red tape" about government affairs, which I must learn as best I can. All of the clerical work, fortunately, is done by the Steward, and he knows the business well, so I don't apprehend any trouble.

Hope you may soon secure the services of a boy about the cot.

I think I am should work the Unimountain position for all he is worth, hope he or Benben will be successful.

We are having some pretty warm weather but I am in fine health. You spoke of Dr. Browder for the M. N. S. but he is now past the age of admission and then an examination is required for permanent service.

Love to all, and kind regards to
Yr. Aff. Son, S. L. Shaw

Another:

Yours devoted,

Wm. H. H. H.

Wm. H. H. H.

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Saturday night & Sunday, as he was going
by Laneville home I asked him to take
me to sister Sally's, he did so & your
Father promised to go for me Tuesday
evening. I had been feeling badly, thought
a short rest would help me & while
with sister Sally I could help her sew, (she
is getting busy ready for school.) Monday
sister S. & Mrs Harris had planned to go
to Mount town to visit Mrs. Johnson & do a
little shopping I went with them & while
they made their visit, I went to Mrs. Warr's,
found them all on their feet but as usual
ailing. We returned to a late dinner & soon
after began cutting out & sewing. Your Father
did not go for me, Warr was at a party in
Fairfield Tuesday night, he took a late
start yesterday morning to go for me, conse-
quently I did not come home until
after dinner, found we had all been
invited to a party at Mrs. Browder's, given
to Miss Green, a relative from Tenn.

from some cause or other Warr's written
invitation did not come to hand so he
would not go but we old folks did, it
was very pleasant, all the married people
who wished, played progressive euchre, of
course I did not take a hand, but looked
on at the dancing. Reuben, Bessie & Eliza
stopped with us awhile before we went over,
they would, all go back last night,
While I was gone, ^{to sister Sally's} my little maid ran
away so our help is reduced to Jane, the
cook, we will hardly get her back as
cotton picking has commenced in good
earnest. Chasley has not returned either -
I must stop now to feel penches for
dinner.

Well! here it is about three o'clock & I am
just back to my writing, we had a bowl
of grumbo & a very poor dinner but they
are always satisfied with that if I have
peaches & milk to finish off on. Quite a
cloud is coming up, I hope we will get

course of the rain every thing is getting pretty dry again with us, the Mrs & Mrs Ralph Smith said part of the way from Decapolis the road was very heavy, they were at the party. Mary Briggs was leaving her home party in spite of her Mother having been called to the bed side of her Father, yesterday morning a telegram came that Mrs Chadwick was dead, the guests had to scatter, the whole party were invited to Mrs Bonedie's. Johnny leaving Mrs C - was getting worse went several days after Bessie's did. John & his wife were acting chaperones.

I don't think ^{when writing} ~~in~~ my last letter I knew any thing of better times for Lewis, as will enclose his last letter that you may know of his good fortune, from no pay, to 150 a month is quite a jump is it? & if he only keeps it three months it will be quite a help, but you will see what he thinks of his chance. I am truly glad for him, I think it shows confidence in his ability too.

Your Father sends thanks for the paper you send. I had not seen any mention of the storm you were out in, were you on your bicycle? The rain is again & it is getting

night, I had to get up & put a basin under a leak in our room.

Your Father mentioned my visit to aunt Melville, he failed to go for me so I spent one day more than I intended. I think tho they were glad to have me & I tried to be useful. Wave drove up for me Wednesday, Reuben was over to dinner too. We have seen him often since usual lately. Sunday he came & spent the day, said he was due at aunt Melville's that night. Mr Harris had to go to court in Marion & asked him to be there, he said sister Sally was sick in bed, I hope nothing serious, we have heard nothing more from her.

Wave took advantage of an excursion to Tuscaloosa Sunday to try to find work expected to spend part of yesterday there, if he had not time to look around would not return on the excursion train but

wait over a day or so, Reuben said, "Wave's pocket change must be running low if he has started out to look for work."

Levin is installed at the Marine Hospital with "Gee" as his substitute in the City Hospital, but I believe I sent you his letter. I have not heard from Paed since he set out on the trip to the Farmer's institutes. I see Fanny read a paper before the S. S. meeting in Opelika.

I was very busy yesterday morning feeling pines to care & preserve, the cook wanted to put up some, as dinner was hardly thought of, however half a chicken was warmed over & two kinds of vegetables cooked, imagine my consternation when just as the dinner was placed on the table your Father came in & said, there is ~~no~~ Wave & a strange gentleman coming

ing, neither of us were presentable, before
his feeding clothes, had been gathering &
pears, nailing up fences & all the morning.
Jane went to the door & returned with a
basket with a large size baking chicken
in it, said Mrs Wave says he brought
a friend in to dinner & here is a chicken
to cook, that chicken was not to be
thought of at that time of day, 1 o'clock,
but she hurried out killed a small one
to fry, added some rice & kept what
was already cooked until the other was
done & I had to make the best apology
I could for my dinner, the stranger proved
to be Mrs Larkin, Mrs Fossie's brother.
I don't believe bro Wave ever will learn any
sense about some things -

We have neither lot boy or house girl.
Yours Father manages to give the things some-
thing to eat, & I do churning & house work & am
constantly reminding him, of what he has to do. He
has stopped now six times since I began writing
to wait on him & to ask useless questions, is
getting worse about that every day. Did you