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April 4th 1899.

My dear Son

When I reached home yesterday morning I was greeted with the good news that the cablegram had come from you, just received. I was truly glad & thankful that you had arrived safely & now I suppose you are on your way to Leipzig. We will look anxiously for you little but I suppose we must not expect it for 10 days or more. I wonder if you spent Easter day on land or sea. It was a lovely day with us the quite cool driving in the morning. Lura & myself left home at 9 o'clock to go to St. Michaels, reached there 10 minutes before service began, the the road was very rough in places it was much better than I expected to find it, I only jumped out once at a very bad place. There was a good congregation, good singing & I enjoyed the service very much, no flowers even to be had, scarcely as the church was decorated with large branches of dog wood, put into pans of water the night before, on the altar were three large crosses of white flags, simple as the decoration was it was very pretty, the white dog wood blossoms showed out well against the dark wood back ground of the church. From church we went to Lucy's, in the afternoon to Uncle John's, stopping on our way to see Fanny Adams, found all at home were cousin William. Poor Uncle John had asked Lura to cut off an old mums toes as we expected to spend Monday there that he might do it, but Johnny had an engagement at Fannys date, wishing to assist in the operation it was post-pone, being very closely I thought best to come home at once, we stopped to see Mrs. Holman a little while, she had that morning fainted & fallen for

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getting ready to go to W. O. for a "lovely girl", her niece Mrs. Stant, she treated us to spruce & fruit cake, had our cook also assist, but invited us to stay & dine on "elegant roast beef," but we had to hurry home for fear of rain. When I arrived found my cook dressed & ready to go to a funeral, so I put on my wraps & cooked something for us to eat. After dinner I saw dug the holes & I set out a dozen tomatoe plants. Mrs. Gholson gave me, & some lettuce, the rain held up until night but the wind was so high the tops of the ground dried off & it isn't muddy around the house at all.

Lucie left on the freight today for Selma, will leave Mrs. Bob Taylor tonight & tomorrow go on to Auburn to make Wend a visit. Her Father wanted to attend the medical meeting in Tusculum today but I suppose thought the road too rough for a cart & buggy, & too long for horse back.

I saw Bucken only a few minutes Sunday, he had an engagement to dine at Willie Seldin's. Mary Hings, was in Selma, taking a few lessons in china painting, & bringing some already painted. Beanie has a beautiful china press where Mary's work can be displayed, front & sides all of glass, the little wood used is black walnut. Beanie has as many pretty things she will hardly know what to do with them if she keeps on buying.

Lucy is full of a trip she expects to take, will leave home in May, go to Texas to visit her cousin, Miss Poe will meet her there, she will spend about 3 weeks then come to Auburn to see Dr. J. graduate, Uncle Ben will go up to Auburn for a few days too.

Every one around Fannedale thinks Lou Shippard will soon be Mrs. Mrs. Cookle, she left for Montgomery yesterday to get the trousseau they think, will bring Mrs. Warner home with her, & it is said her Father & other members of the family are expected soon. I think it such a pity for such a nice, refined girl, to marry
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can't last much longer & her Father has his third wife, she would hardly find a pleasant home with them.

I was sorry to hear of the death of Long Coleman, we were young folks together, used to see a great deal of each other in our young days. He sent for his old friends the Adamses to be with him at the last. I had a note from Mrs. Wain a short time ago, she spoke so affectionately of you.

Wain has given up firing & was working on the general repair force, sometimes his work was in a warm place, in the boiler of an engine, the wall on one side & hot he would sit down his hand on it, but he said he had fattened 5 pounds. He did not say why he stopped firing. Mrs. Woody Daines has had one of her attacks of cramps, was much frightened about himself, wanted your Father & Lizzie too as they both visited him a good many times, he is up now but not at the shop. I saw Bob & Lizzie riding out horseback yesterday evening.

Uncle John said he liked your Father's lessons very much. I suppose you are taking in every thing, good news! it must be fatiguing! as much that is new must be very exciting it is well you had a rest. Were you ever sick much? but I reckon you will tell us. Very little is a little behind time as I will close & try to get it to the office this evening. We are well as usual. Love looking "fine", with much love from us all.

Yours devoted

Mother.

April 18th 1899

My dear Lou

Ever anxiously expected & very acceptable letters came together on Saturday & were very much enjoyed, the ship letter particularly, I think journal letters, as I call them, are always pleasant who like to know we are thought of once a day by our absent ones. What a pity the fog deprived you of seeing the scenery as you crossed the land, returning (but that is a long way off) I hope it will be different. I think it strange you were not at all run sick but it certainly was a good thing for you that you were not. The O Briers will be some acquaintances for you when you visit Paris. I hope they will remember you as a stranger in Paris & treat you accordingly.

We all feel so thankful that you had a safe voyage over, many were the prayers offered in your behalf during the times of the voyage, not only by ourselves, but by friends & relatives & we still pray that you will be preserved in health & safety in a foreign land. I hope you felt rested & strengthened by the trip & were not study or work too hard. Mr. Briston said you did some work there. any work in the Laboratory I think it was, & that you needed rest very much. That reminds me the women & dogs must have a hard time in Holland, what do the men do?

You must have been tired after climbing 400 steps in that tower, I think I could never have reached the top.

Lucius is looking over his Mobile paper, says Judge Selden has bought him a house on Government Street, he thinks from that he & Edith Cobb will soon be married.

Levin & I went, your Father will not go but I don't think it right to neglect
the services of the church because we were badly treated by the people, it
is not their church, & I have as few chances to attend services, of course sometimes
we can go to Falmouth. Mrs. Gordon & Mrs. Cobb came home to dinner with us,
both hurried off, she to see Mrs. De Boe & he to get over the rough roads before
night, it took him 5 hours to ride down Saturday. Mrs. Gordon says the
Mountain people have secured Mr. Brown's services (his whole time) & that
Mrs. Aley David now intends building a Memorial church to her husband &
daughters, I hope she will.

Levin returned from Auburn Saturday evening, stayed longer than he intended
because Paul had to go off on a lecturing tour & asked him to stay until
he returned. The family were quite well, only Mrs. Gage by had a fall which
he was there which created some commotion for awhile, she hurt her shoulder,
some camphor & something else was prepared for a time, but the old lady took
it up said "must I drink it all" & before any one could answer she swallowed
it, an emetic was given ^{at once} which cured her life. He is perfectly childlike, Levin
says the greatest child of all, he considers them as 5 in the house. Margaret
he says is "beautiful child & so affectionate, perfectly content to sit in his lap &
do nothing a little. Paul is as busy as ever was working on a bulletin.

I had a letter from Waver yesterday he has an idea of leaving Longley & going to
Tullesaga, says there is plenty of work to be done there & pay is better, since he
stopped farming, it seems he is not regularly employed, only when an extra man is
needed on the repair force, but it is hard to tell from his letters exactly how
he is working.

Uncle Waver spent last week in Falmouth, I don't know that he has return-
ed, every one is remarking on how badly he looks, & he certainly does not
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wild weather.

Our Father left us this morning for the Medical Convention, will hardly be back before Saturday night I reckon, after much hard work the Minutes address was finished, the ~~minutes~~ ~~books~~ & papers need ~~an~~ its cooperation are still spread over the room waiting his return to be cleaned up, he read us the address & asked for criticism, but took good care not to accept our suggestions, I did not like it, it was too wandering, & too much borrowed from other writers. I think if a person can't write out of their own heads without as much borrowing better not write at all.

The weather still continues cool & cloudy, no Easter dresses at church, every one was dressed in winter clothes & some wished for a fire, we had a little in each room. As a consequence of such weather things grow very slowly, we had our first dash of snow on Sunday, will begin on spinach in a few days, we need a shower for the garden. I put out about 50 tomatoe plants all given us, don't know what we will do with all ones that are coming on.

I forgot to tell you of Maria Brown's visit last Thursday, Mrs Brown was going to Arcola in the buggy, he brought her & the baby & left them at the gate to spend the day. I was very glad to see her, it was a most unexpected pleasure. She told us of Lou Shippards antislavery meetings to Dr Wm Goble, it will take place on the 26th as very quiet affair in the parlour at home, only his & his relatives invited, the Wannedale people seem to think it a great slight to them that she is not named in the church & everyone invited, she being the ministers daughter & the organist too they expected it. Mrs Shippy are doubt is the cause of the strange count. Every one seems to think Lou is sacrificing herself for the money at the instigation of Mrs I., it

certainly seems a strange fancy for Lou to marry a man as entirely different from herself in every particular & not her equal in any thing, his health is wretched, she may soon be a well to do, if not rich young widow. He will go to the Steckrey home to live. Mr. Patton, step Mother & half sister have come out for the marriage, I hear the bridal trip will be to N. Y.

Reuben has not been down since Livia came, I was sure he would come Sunday but he did not, I hope I am not to measure his love by the number of his visits. The "old folks" (Uncle W & aunt M) have not stirred out of their nest yet, I must go & look after them I think.

By this time I suppose you are fixed in Leipzig. I wonder if you have received all my letters this I think is the fifth one & it is time I was bringing it to a close. Livia writes with love to you.

Yours devoted

Mother.

Auburn, Ala., Apr. 23rd 1899.

Dear Mother: -

Lenore has doubtless carried to you more information about the children and about our surroundings than could be put into a letter. We greatly enjoyed his visit, from Ambrose the oldest of the family. I know you enjoy the time he is and will be able to spend at Gallatin.

We have just had another pleasant visit. From Friday until today Dr. True, Director of the Office of Experiment Stations has been with us. Friday evening he and I were invited to tea at Prof. Wells. Dr. Carr was there also and we talked over Station matters.

Saturday we had to dine with him here all the

members of the Station Council
except Prof. Earle, who was
away from Auburn, ^{14 Dr. Cary} Those
present besides Dr. True were
Dr. Brown, Dr. Anderson, Dr.
Wells & Prof. Ross. Dr. Cary
could not come.

For supper last night
we invited Prof. & Mrs.
Thacher, but he, who was
away on his wheel, did
not return in time for
supper, but came out after-
wards and stayed until
about eleven.

Today I drove over to
Opelika, carrying him to
the 12⁵⁰ train for Birming-
ham.

He was very well satis-
fied with things here.
I am very much interested
as to whether the present

political muddle will
have any influence on
the selection of trustees.
Yesterday I sent our

two cows Mrs. Camp's
Jersey heifer, and the Jersey
that heads the station herd
to Dr. Cary to be dehorned.
The latter animal had developed
considerable viciousness and
I thought the safety of ^{the} ~~the~~ children would be ~~decreased~~
by dehorning the cow,
which however has
never been vicious.

Several of the ^{Station} ~~general~~
staff leave Tuesday to hold
an Institute at Doverne
on ~~Thursday~~ and at Dothan
on ~~Friday~~, I am among them.

Much to my delight
it rained heavily last night.
Gardens & fields needed it.

We are going to Opelika
tomorrow evening to hear
a celebrated speaker on Sunday
School topics. We shall be
entertained. Fannie and Mrs.
Cary will go on the train and
remain overnight. Dr. Cary and
I will go in a buggy in
time for supper, returning late
at night, so as to be on
hand for our classes
Tuesday morning.

Please give me
Ben's address. I may wish to
write to him. The Biologist of
Clemson College has just gone to
the University of Miami, but I
course he would not be especially
interested in that.

I suppose father has re-
turned by this time.

What is Ware doing?

With love to all
Yours off. in
Field

will have another one a day or so. Your German friends seem rather reluctant to see if you can well not follow on such a point. Did you follow any on the way up, I have followed 8 friends on the trip from Leipzig to Meissen. There is nothing sure with our neighbors, uninvited. I do this I never look at the rate on Sunday evening, stopped with us. Mrs. Bates looks, her boys are staying at Auburn, one is at the senior class, the other first with Frederickson. Walter also says is getting on well at the Station, the only thing that puzzles him is to know how to spend the money just there to improve the Station. He does not see that anything is needed, that was not the case when you were there was it. I will enclose Paul's letter as when he returns write to you. I have not heard from Mary this week. If he may have pulled out, he appeared it again, some where else. They are just to well, don't work too hard, struggling, or sewing, with much love from us all. 1899
 You devoted Mother
 Aunt Voltaire and she was so glad to hear of your safe arrival, I should much love to see you.

postal card from Astoria, it is almost useless to say even very glad to have them, any tidings from you are most welcome & we send your letters with great interest, I hunted up a geography to try & trace out your route but could find only a few places you have mentioned. You seem to be enjoying the trip & I am very glad, but by this time I suppose you feel quite settled at Leipzig, at any rate for a while. You did not give your address but Laura & your Father think we should go by the heading of the postal. Did you find all my letters awaiting you? Yours are about 14 days reaching us. Do we put enough stamps on our letters? There were one up to aunt Voltaire's yesterday I carried a basket of bananas (your Father brought up a bunch) some bread & some pairs of preserves, intending to go to Reuben's first but we heard the bridges were out of fix so I could not go, Rich took over the bananas for me in the evening, they were as nice as aunt Voltaire enjoyed her share very much. I was sorry not to see Reuben. Maria came down after dinner, she is almost now, Voltaire spending a week in Barre Lake. They were all well but Mrs B. looks thin & low spirited. Maria hopes to be able to teach until July, she is much interested in keeping house for Theo, raising chickens &c. It is thought she will marry Mr Barber when school closes but I will have to see that to believe it, I give her credit for better taste, that reminds me Mrs Bobb performed the marriage ceremony for two

couple two days or rather nights in succession, Dr Mrs Cullen to Mrs Locke
& Miss Anna Waller to Mrs Lewis Teacher of Mobile, Dr Tucker came to his sons
marriage but Mrs Cobb assisted him. I suppose you know Dr Eugene Bonduant
he was married to Miss Annie Peirce on the 18th, quite grand affair per-
forming well in Mobile with his Sanatorium. This is Louise Shippard's wedding
day, a quiet home affair, only relatives, but she will be married in white silk &
I heard he ordered 5 bognets from Grand Village for the attendants & brides,
three girls staying in the house & Mary Adams. Mary will stay there & keep
house while Louise is gone, that seems queer to me, that family used to be
exclusive, particularly with the neighborhood people. Instead of a trip North
they go to Lake Springs for his health, your Father said him on the train when
he returned from Mobile, says he is common looking, & he is common.
Your Father said he would write some as I will say nothing of his trip to Mobile,
he returned Saturday night. We have neither seen nor heard of Mr Ware, he says
he is alone expected to come over there from Grumbars. Lewis wants to make
Green a visit & take a fish while there. The country is looking beautifully now
the trees & grass such a fresh green & the corn & cotton showing pretty well, in
some places the the cotton is not up. We need rain for our gardens, here
land no grass yet, nor have we put out cabbage, are waiting for a season, but
the clouds come & go without rain. Lewis has gone today to hunt up Peter to
help put up the wire fence between us & the Broadens. I like the look of
it very much, it is 5 feet high & closely woven. Your Father has gone to
Gallion, some one has just come for him to go on horse to Mrs King's to a
negro who is as Mrs H. wrote, "rich sends death", not much use of a I' going
I should think. I took off 19 little chickens this morning, numbering my number
up to 70, I have two hens to butcher tomorrow. Have 2 turkeys sitting, perhaps

Nallion Ala. Apr 26th 1899-

My Dear Son:-

We were glad to know by yr postal - that you were safely at yr destination - Leipzig. That you have ^{had} just such an enjoyable time is a subject of congratulation. No incidents or adventures to mar the interesting voyage or land journey and brown into the hospitable hands of "Frau Tod." at Bruderstrasse.

Now as to my movements - left home Tuesday morning for Mobile, via, Junction - V M & B R. Co. reached the City, with a pleasant crowd all going the same way. Mobile was full to overflowing - Doctors State Meeting. Epworth League, Masonic V C - but evidently the M D's had the City entrance. - For its gates were wide open to us. That night (on arrival) Dr Eugene Bonclercut was married & held reception, festivities of various kinds - besides big Methodist turn outs, and at our Hall, Historians address, Mounters' address & the oration (annual) - after which there was the reception given by City Doctors to Association, wives, women, dignitaries, officiers - & various societies - too numerous to mention, till 12 o'clock. This was held at Monroes Club Rooms. Next day usual med reports & c. till 11 1/2 a Book ride up & down the Bay -

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entertained the visiting doctors with a sumptuous banquet at "Flooky's" - about 200 present, a grand affair, fish, oysters, wild game - &c several courses, with Sauternes, punch, Champagne &c. Speeches & toasts ad libitum. On Friday the Clinap was reached when Mr Bob Taylor of Tennessee gave his Lecture of, "Lone, Lougher & Long." - This I really enjoyed more than anything else. I had Louise & Harmin to meet me at "Van Antwerp's" drug store at 8 o'clock & from there we proceeded to the Lecture Hall. High day I had the pleasure of sitting with him on the cars coming up as far as Thomasville. Taking everything together it was - in toto - a most enjoyable relocation, besides meeting in a friendly & sociable way so many of my med friends, and old acquaintances. My address was delivered in a satisfactory manner & I was not ashamed of its reception.

It would surprise you to see how barren & desolate things are in our lots & yard, for the last winter cold killed every China tree - & on these you know we depended chiefly for the summer shade. The front lot has no resource, unless I build a shelter. The sun for the last few days is coming down in July style, and my umbrella is positively necessary. Our latest from "Ware" at Lohkooda is not flattering, he talks as if work was hard & not suited to his taste, how - he will ever manage to have it out & tried to please his humor I can't imagine. Shall depend upon your monthly letters for specials. We are all
for Offert. Foster
to Supper

U.S.S. Culgoa,
Manila, P.I.
May 21, 1899.

Dear Duggar: -

As I have
heard nothing to the con-
trary, I suppose you
are still at Cornell and
will send a letter wan-
dering there. By this time,
no doubt, you have mar-
ried that Mississippi girl
of whom you wrote me.
What else you have done
I can hardly guess until

He lived together in Cambridge (36 Gray) the
early part of last year, and at the end
of the season he will probably visit the
city. He now has an official profes-
sorship of English at the Western Reserve
University, Cleveland, Ohio. Unluckily,
though he doesn't complain of it, he
has a whole family on his hands - not
only Mrs. B. and the baby but also his
mother, sister, and young brother. I suppose

Then from you - Occas-
ionally I run across some
Alabama friend of yours
who remembers to have seen
you in the last ten years
or so. Do you remember
the ~~P~~ Persons family who
lived in Auburn? I know
Dr. Persons and his family
quite well, also a pleas-
ant little cousin of theirs,
Miss Mary Claude - at the N.Y.
Nassau Hall.
I got a letter from
Barnwell the other day -
a sort of ode to Dyckian,
as he happened to be in
bad spirits at the time.

they have an income of their own, but Barnwell no doubt looks out for the whole outfit. While it is very fortunate in one way to have a united family, the luxury is one that young professors can't often indulge in. I wish Barnwell could get an independent chair somewhere with a salary commensurate with his attainments.

For my part, though I had a good outlook for positions, I decided against teaching a year or two ago,

and by means of a special
act of Congress, came back
into the service. I now
have the rank of ensign
with the prospect of a
junior lieutenantcy in one
or two years. I have already
served on four ships -
the Puritan during the war,
the Chicago at New York, the
Solace coming out here, and
the Calypso. From the stand-
point of pleasure it is very
hard luck being at Manila,
but there is a chance, at
any rate, of saving time

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and money. I can study
out here with very few dis-
tractions.

Manila is a large but
very dirty city - except
in the ~~sub~~ suburbs where
the houses and gardens are
large and attractive.
Though it is filled with
Chinese and Filipinos, the
ways of the people are
Spanish. It is a good place
for bric-a-brac, curios,
and war relics - and for
Manila cigars, which are
very fine. There are some
attractive army ladies

here, several of whom we have met, as our
Captain is fond of giving dinner parties.
But the proper thing to do out here is to
stay on shipboard and read; smoke Black
Cigars and drink; turn in - on deck -
a little after dark and turn out at
sunrise. Of course our duties - mine just
now are in the engineering department
- take up considerable time and thought.
But one day out of two I leave to myself.

I shall enjoy hearing
from you again.

I remain,
Your friend
Thos. D. Parker.

Prof. Bm. Duggar,
Cornell University.

de

Paris,
May 28.
1895.

Dear Mr. Duggar.

Your letter of April
16th was forwarded
to Paris. I left
America on Apr 25th
and have been here
ever since but shall
leave for London day
after tomorrow. as I
shall probably start
home about July 1st,
it is not probable

that I shall be able
to go to Germany at
all. If I had time
I should go to see
my friend Stahl at
Jena and also to
Leipzig. You had
better go and see
Stahl if you have
a chance. He is pleasant
and will be glad
to see you.

Let me tell you
one thing about
Peffer. He is very
sensitive about having

students who are
with him give much
of their time to other
subjects, as physics
and chemistry, and
some whom I know
were displeased
with him because he
treated them rather
coldly when he found
that they wished to
give a good deal of
their time to other
things than botany.

I hope that you
will get strong
again and you probably
be much better for

the change. I have
seen a great deal
of Bonnet and have
visited Bouché and
De Ligny. Although
Paris is to me the
most charming
city in the world I
find that I am still
rather ~~tired~~ tired and
not up to the mark.
I may feel better
when the weather
gets warmer.

Yours truly,
W. C. Farrow

May 16th 1899.

My dear Son

I wonder if it is worth while to try another letter to you, but surely you must have received some by this time, I think our last three letters had the address you gave us & should have reached you, two of them at any rate. We have had no mail in two days, there may be a letter from you at Gallion. Lizzie went to Skintown Sunday & has not returned, our store friends did not ask for our mail as requested.

Since my last letter we have had a good season, every thing so improved by it, the rain began Friday about sunset & lasted nearly all night so next morning cook, house girl, & a hired woman turned in

to put out plants, a man came with a sick child, he was pressed into service & then all was not done that was needed. Today Lewis with his oxen, & Allen with his horses are plowing the lots & planting corn, & amber cane, very late but the ground was too hard to break up until the rain. It is real summer weather & we are enjoying the dewberries. This morning Mrs Bonder had a crate of strawberries, we bought some, the first we have had this season 18th. as I wonder if you will have any - Wave too I don't know he sees such delicacies where he is, He has gone to Redding, we suppose from what he says it is in the neighborhood of Sakhoda, he is as confident, writes as if we knew all about things up there. It seems the Superintendent at Sakhoda would not give him work, Wave

says he wanted to get rid of him because he thought he (W) might tell Gordon something but what there was to tell he did not say, now he is working for Mrs Wathingtons, did not even tell us what he is doing.

Mrs Wave came up after dinner Sunday evening very weak & tired & said he had been very "poorly" all the week, not able to ride in town. The old man he picked up some time ago left him as he has no one about the house & I do feel very uneasy for him to be there alone & so unwell, but nothing can be done with the old Duggars, they are the worst kind of cranks.

Mrs Kate & Minnie spent a good part of Saturday afternoon with me, Minnie expected them to return to Mobile yesterday. Much to my astonishment Mr & Mrs Smith drove up Sunday morning & made a long

visit, the first time she has been in the house since the church affair, about a year ago.

Willie Bender was at home Saturday & Sunday, has been transferred to Tampa, he will not be able to see home as often now, I hear he likes the change.

Mr Daines has returned from Stafford Spring, much improved in health, is having his house fixed (I mean Mr Woody Daines) He had the front side covered new, the porch lowered some & an upper porch put on, cut a small double window in each of the up stairs rooms in the front, has a door from the hall opening on the porch, run the hall back, making a gable with one room. The up stairs rooms will be much more comfortable & the looks of the house will be improved I think. We have had no letter

from Fred in a long time. The Gov has made no appointments of trustees as I suppose your Father will hold on & have another visit to Auburn in June. It is a pity the commencement does not come off before Lewis leaves, I hardly think he will be here that long, his man told him to write to him about the middle of May or 1st of June. This good weather is fine for my chickens, I have over 100, seeing to them & the turkeys, making dewberry jelly & preserves, attending to milk & butter & trying to keep things clean on account of the flies (I never saw as many) keeps me busy, late in the evenings I try to do a little work in the flower & vegetable garden. The tomatoes need tying up, I must do that this evening, I don't mind the work so much as the consequences, red bugs. The Samuels folks

seems to have given us a sp. completely, having
been down this summer, & Benbow is very
sensible with his insects.

After dinner - Lewis has not returned
so I may as well finish my letter & trust
to a proper boy to get it to the office. I
enjoyed the strawberries as much, wish
you had some. We have as much milk now,
Ladly & Pat fresh to the pail & another one
whose milk we will soon use. I give the
chickens a great deal of clabber & feed the
turkeys on sand & then have clabber in my
way, we have no pigs to feed it to.
I hope we will hear from you this evening.
I send too, with much love

Yours devoted

Mother.

ask, it troubles
my a great deal.
They intended coming
soon Sunday but
the saw prevented.
Your Mother
has another man
with her, & Alice,
our boys have
said the girls come
attentions, Richard
took one to ride
Lizzie went to take
overseeing but
they now out at
home. I have been
interrupted so often
I cannot write
what I have
written. I have
written so much
love you don't
forget.
Yours.

of the 25th & 31st reached us within two ^{days} of each
other, we certainly enjoyed them you need not fear of
tiring us with the German market or any thing else
all is a new to us & descriptions of such things give
us an idea of how you fare. The trip into Saxony
must have been very enjoyable, I would like to have
been in Dresden with you when you visited the
Gallery of old paintings, & the beautiful chimes, that
is one thing I love to look at, I think I appreciate
paintings too, at least some of them, I did in
Louisville, the only good collection of paintings I
ever saw, but I would not cross the ocean to see
any thing, if I could be picked up & set down on
the other side I would like it. When you have space
or time give us some of your experiences with your
wheels & the natives, you will have a great deal to
tell us when we meet again won't you? I am

thinking that a great many things will escape your memory there will be so many incidents & experiences before your stay abroad is ended. I am so glad the Vign on Bill is O.K., know it will be a relief to you.

Levin has just returned from taking Uncle Waverly home, he has been with us nearly a week, came to strengthen up after his attack in Danapolis, he improved but still seems quite feeble. I know he will go back on Down Down fare & the expectation of housekeeping up there but he seems to think he must be there. I had a letter from Waverly this week, he reached, or cut one of the fingers on his right hand which interfered with his writing, did not say how it happened, is working at Oxy now. Your Father had a letter from Fred altho it was said the names of the new trustees would not be known until they took their seats, he gave them. Mr Morely, Union Springs. Dr Frazer, Newberry, Birmingham. Mr Remps of Opelika. He had no idea that Dr Brown or Prof Thatch either would be put out, as for himself he said he could see

no cause for uneasiness, he had strenuously avoided political entanglements, has the Department in presentable shape & the approval of the President on his present & past work, & a second that will be an inspection at every point. Fred will leave Sunday morning for 2 weeks of Institute work in north Alabama. Dr Cary & Prof Carl will be with him.

Mr Jack Wetmore was buried last week, he had completely thrown himself away drinking & was so hateful to his family it must have been a relief to them to be rid of him. Charley Tate died about 10 days ago, pretty much the same trouble with him, the Pools had him with them several weeks & Miss Ellie fatigued herself so much nursing him that she had nervous prostration & high fever, he left them for his home & died in three days afterwards, had a nice little place which he left to Mr Bob Pool.

Your Father was called out last night (very common - at thing three days) to a very sick negro, another wanted him by someone so practice seems to be

improving. Ben Hatch has been sick some time,
is better but they are so anxious about their children,
are not satisfied unless your Father goes down every
day, but there is not much money in that practice,
tho' he has actually handed your Father \$10.00 on
last years account since Ben has been sick.
Sunday the weather was bad & he came in the
evening to take him to see Ben, he should make it
as easy as possible for him I think.

The weather is hot, clouds every evening but we do
not always get rain, the garden needs a good
one. A man is plowing the corn today & putting in
some more amber ears, it has been planted 3
times the ground was so rough it could not come
up. I stopped here for dinner, since that time we
have had a heavy rain, stops plowing & every thing.
I hope my turkeys were not drowned, it came too
suddenly to get them up, my number is reduced to
24 but they are almost out of danger except from
rogers & I have more eggs setting. I had a note from
sister Sally yesterday she, Mr H- & Lucy had all
been sick, Mr H- has pains oak on his face &

JUNE 13, '99?

Dear Ben:- This is Tuesday and
your mother has about finished
her usual weekly letter to you.
Last week I thought I would be
in Auburn today at the Com-
mencement Exercises - But the
Board For Johnston has decided
that he had no use for men
of my persuasion - who sought
no influence for his future.
In my place he put a politi-
- cian from Birmingham, where
he seems to be very weak po-
litically. We had a letter from
Fred saying he would leave
for North Alabama with others
of the Professors - on an Institute
excursion, & might not return
for two weeks - So I must think
he has as much on his hands
as is possible at this time.

and I might hinder his progress in some way, then again I should be thrown in company with Gov Johnston and do it core to meet him yet. I am only willing to meet him when he is beaten in one of his schemes. The majority of the Legislature petitioned him for my reappointment, besides I had some of his strong friends assuring me, it would meet with his approval. Your Uncle John & the two younger girls & your Aunt Lucy went up - Chadwick & Otis expect to graduate. John wishes to give Chadwick all the encouragement possible, having lost David -

We were delighted to know that you had the opportunity to visit Dresden & the fine art Gallery - it is an opportunity of your lifetime. It was good news too also that the "Nixon Bill" passed & relieved you of future anxiety.

Bro Waverly has been with us til today & as he felt better & stronger he concluded to go to Vanderborn - but I think will return in a few days. He certainly will feel the difference - his life is so lonely now & he is low-spirited. There is much sickness in Danvers - several elderly people are down with bilious fever, the atmosphere there is so oppressive & dull. One day I spent there depressed and terribly. Your letters are very interesting to us, and I believe seeing many things, with pleasant company near you, but impresses things upon ones memory. All these associations will

be most agreeable hereafter, and
I feel satisfied you are storing away
pleasant thoughts for future reference.
I have been lately much interested in a
book "Hon Peter Stirling" - by Paul Leicester
Ford - (1898) - biased from beginning
to end with Politics, yet most interest-
ing by the injected characters. "Llewellyn" has
not decided as yet where he may go,
or locate. A Rain at noon makes it
very sultry - Corn (early) is tasseling - &
Cotton showing blooms, whilst in many
fields it is just up & not chopped to
a stand. Hay making & cutting oats
engage the farmers - & as usual the
rains come in showers every day or
two & grass grows vigorously. Write
to your Uncle Sam or even send
him a postal occasionally. I see
that Fred^r Lige Fannin has been made Vice-
regent of "D. A. Revolution." Mrs. M. L. Regent.
Will forward you some papers. - In Faith. R. H. D.

P. M. JUNE 29 '98



My dear Mr. Duggar -

Your kind letter arrived last week and also the pictures. It was lovely of you to send them and I thank you very much. No, the pictures are not handsome but what could you expect to with such subjects as you had? You surely could not expect a handsome set of girls!! to appear on the negative? At any rate, the pictures are finished nicely.

I have had a very pleasant

had such a great joke on me and wouldn't tell you boys. I have always felt guilty for not explaining our insoliteness.

All who look at the picture out of which you rolled are informed to pretend there is no one there where you are because you tried to get out.

Thanking you again for the pictures and sending one of my hullos together with a winking of both eyes at the same time.

I am now and (from all present prospects) forever
Estelle Adelaide Seach.

Illion, N. Y.

June 19, 1898.

vacation so far, wheeling and carriage riding most of the time. Last night Papa and I came very near having an accident out driving. Bridget and Papa had a struggle to see which one was going to rule the other but Papa finally won and the horse gave up the fight.

I have wondered if the table ever had that long planned picnic after I left.

I'm sorry to say that Shook's affections ^{also} all transferred to two kittens Sampson and Dewey, who are at present playing all around me. Their short lives date back as far as about the night when the girls thought they

returned to the city. Then on
 returning into America,
 about two hundred strong
 are to have a celebration
 at the "Woman's Bazaar"
 on July 4, i.e. on Oct. 4.
 White is ready
 to go to speak,
 but I believe this
 is now over.
 I doubt about his
 coming. At any
 rate there is a
 dinner, and I
 suppose, they'll
 have, as that
 then will be a
 grand opportunity
 for a celebration,
 and there is a
 prospect of a
 very good result!
 You - off to bed!
 Wm. W.

Brüdertasse / III, Leipzig,
 June 28, 1899.

Dear Uncle Warr, I intended to
 send this letter in time for a
 greeting on July 4; but I constantly
 find myself forgetting that I am
 more than a few hundred miles
 away. From mother's letters I was
 sorry to hear that you have not
 been feeling so well this sum-
 mer. If it is the warmer weather
 which has disagreed with your consti-
 tution, you would find Leipzig most
 agreeable. Thus far I have found it ne-
 cessary to exert myself unusually in
 order to start a perspiration. Satur-

I have said that I may spend several days in the city. Then on

day I ~~traveled~~ fifty miles on an up-grade road, and although the what-
ing was unusually tiresome, I was
scarcely warm therefrom. I have just
written rather so much about this
Thuring trip and the Goethe-Schil-
ler associations of the quiet old town
that I must not further shred the
theme. Thuring is a Thuringian
province, and the dialect of the peo-
ple in general is much more diffi-
cult for me to understand than
the Saxon tongue of the common peo-
ple hereabout.

The common people are
always interesting, because they form
the great bulk of the German popu-
lation, and not to ^{enjoy} them is to fail
in a proper appreciation of the Ger-
man life. I have very strange
at first to see the women hauling
great carts about, or binding over under

the weight of the great baskets which
they lug to market or to harvest. In
fact, they must lead the hardest
life of any other animal here ex-
cept the dog. The dog is the great
beast of burden for the small truck-
farmer. He is even more a cart-an-
imal than the woman. Of course
the distances here are very short, and
a dog is more economical to feed.

These Germans could give us
lessons in economy in high life as
well as in low life, however; and
their whole system of life, except
the restaurant, is built on the one
system foundation of economy. One sees
this in everything. A mark is twenty-
five cents, and this piece of money
is subdivided into tenths, hundredths,
fiftieths and hundredths (pfennigs). After
being here three months I really
believe that I would also stop

to debate whether I will pay eight flennigs or ten flennigs for an article.

As you may know, Leipzig University has many renowned professors, and it is certainly a great institution in all four of the great departments, Theology, Law, Philosophy, and Science. The life of the University may be designated a slow one, however, and of ordinary convenience we could teach them an unlimited amount. For instance, if I wish a book from the library, I must make two visits, and perhaps lose two hours from work in order to get it. I have written you about little things only, but I am sure mother must give you some general notion of how the time has been passing, of my visits here in Germany, theatrical advantages, and the like. My work, also, is progressing satisfactorily. When I write again, I hope there will be more important matters to relate.

Next Friday I go to Berlin in order to attend a meeting of the German

May Eighteenth -
11 P.M.

As 2

Sit - at my desk - - the waters
of - Triphammer Falls - are
telling me some pleasant
tales - - and the fragrance
of the lilacs drifts up through
the darkness - - and both -
the murmur of waters and
the odor of lilacs put me
in a very pleasant frame of
mind - - I sought for some
employment to fit the
mood - - - and thus I am
writing to you - - - Aren't you
glad - you belong to my -
happy moods - ? - - Ingrate!
Don't dare to smile - at me

and my sentimentalities!

I was so very glad to get your Steamer letter - and also the Leipzig card. - I meant to have written you a Steamer letter - - but my winter was full of wretchedness - and I could not write.

I thank you for your kind words of sympathy. It was my first experience with death - in my family circle - and I do not know very well how to bear it - - somehow. I have not found a faith - or a philosophy strong enough - to bridge the chasm - - of a grave - -

x x x x x x x x
I was in wretched health when I returned, but I am better now -; in fact I am quite myself again - - and since life must be lived - I am trying to learn how to make the best of it - x x x x

5/16/99

I do not know where to begin with my news - of Ilfracombe -

The most evident thing to us at present is the extension of the Frolley track past our house to Cornwell Heights - The road is nearly completed - and in front of us - they cut down the hill - a good deal - with the result that our own road - looks like a canal - with high banks -

Mary and Wilhelm are to be married here at our house on June 8th. - And thus with a marriage certificate we hope to blot out of existence a very obnoxious pair of lovers - and have in their stead a sensible pair of married folk. -

Their frankness as lovers - has nearly worn Mr Cornstock - to shadow - let the mere sight of them in the distance - he would flee - to regions unknown - and come back stealthily to find out if they were gone.

I being made of sterner stuff

home borne it better: but I look with - complaisance on
their speedy marriage - If that - doesn't - make them mend
their ways - there is nothing left - but "cold fingers" -

Glenn Herrick writes favorably of the new President
- at the Miss. Agricultural - although it is rather early &
judging. Glenn was broken hearted at parting with
General Lee - and refuses to be comforted - even
with another good President..

I hear that - the botanical department - is
lonely without - you - - and they say that - certain
Sage maidens have gone into a decline - because of
your absence - - I know our peach trees miss
you - terribly - I go out and sympathize with
them frequently - since I may no longer
way lay you - as you pass my door - - and make
you stand and deliver - greeting and smiles -
The peach trees absolutely refused to blossom - with you away -

I like to think of you in -
dear old Leipzig. - Please do
go out through the Bismarck
to Golitz -- and think once in
a while that it was my favorite
walk when there. - Then do
please - on Sunday afternoon
go armed - the promenade -
and watch the funny people -
and the self conscious youths
and maidens - arm in arm with
"Verloft" written all over their
faces and attitude. - Above
all - go to the Gewandhaus -
and hear some music - and
hear the Motette concerts -
there was such heavenly
music as is made by those
boy-voices. - - One of my
favorite amusement - was -
exploring "Durchgangs" - These
tunnels - were always delightfully
mysterious - and I went through

them with most fascinating thrills of ^{the} "danger ahead".
not. - - -

And now - it is three days later - - and our
beautiful Spring - has suffered - a paralytic stroke -
- and - the skies are dashing cold water in her
face - trying to resuscitate her. - There are
more than a thousand shades of green - on hill
and forest - now - - and when the sun begins to
shine - - our Ottawa is surely the most beautiful
spot - on earth - - Think of it - so - and think
of it - often - - and sometimes think - of a gray-
haired old person - - who has always - liked you - very
very much - - and who intends to keep right on - -
Mr Comstock sends you his very best regards and says
maybe he will visit you next winter
Cordially your friend Anne Comstock