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Asmopolis Ala July 7 1900

Dear Ben

I was at Mr. Mothers on
re-apt of your favor to her saying
you were back & all right which
I congratulate you on - after
so long absence. I wanted to write
you but have been constantly on
the complaining list & unable to see
many friends here I write to others
& knew a rehearsal of only indisposition
was no equivalent of your very
interesting letters I would only
break in on your well systematized
line of travel & work I thought
I also specially applaud you on the
fact you are able to go to work again
as Ass't Prof. of Botany at Cornell
which is creditable to your standing
Our Section is not ruined by loss
of Labor, poor Crops, water overflows
or general inertia - I feel free
that I can make nothing but

take prescriptions from your
father in the County & from
Dr Hand when in here -
sometimes too weak to
eat or leave the office
for a ride drive or walk
I was afraid sometimes my
kind friend Dr F Foscutt
here would be tired waiting
on me - During 4th of
July week I was in order for
some locomotion which
was brought about by medicine
& starvation of course. On
Sunday I dined with your
mother had a good dinner
of which Miss Fanny Adams
Mr Benton & Reuben partook
- Waver came & left without
my seeing him. I was here
Mrs Fanny Allen from La is
with her mother, all well
at Roadal & Mrs Brouder

Dear Mrs DeBosch - I was
asked on the 4th to dine
in famillie, at Althol
so had a social old time
chat. Birth day Cake & 2 Bottles
of wine for toasts to absent
friends.

I left out the Nat^l Toast awaiting
to hear from Kansas City & the
new Platform I had to
stand on this year -

I wish you good health & good
luck & more learning -

it is best for us all to keep
within the literal purview of
the Constitution handed down
to us by our forefathers. I like
it as construed by Clay Webster
Kent & Story & Marshall &
commented on by Calhoun
Fathers And we could then say
after 3 yrs of century of growth

What Mr Lodge so very
elegantly expressed at Phila the
other day - "We are the Party
of To-day with cheerful
yesterdays & Confident
Tomorrows" ~~and~~ a splendid
Sentence - But if we can
say always & hereafter that
we have adhered to the Constitution
as our Sup Court construed
it - it will be Glay Enough,
With Thanks for having your
past favors & hoping you can
write encouraging to yr
Brother Waver at Springfield?
am Affctly yr uncl
C. M. Dugger

When this day I was, only for a short while this! We have had nothing new from the boys since I
to writing. Mary reached Spaulding
found the mines out at work,
we might by telegraphing to Helen
have had another week at
home & will have enjoyed it
as much now because the
mines had stopped & he
will have visited me.
After Miss Rice's death Dr
Morley about duty to leave
home for out & a change she
went home with Miss Carter.
I will not put the stamps
in this, unless I get your
address before I find a chance
to send it, for fear they
might be lost. I hope you
are quite well, with
much love,
Yours devoted
Mother.
The enclosed invitation came
for you some time ago.

It is about a day over a week since I mailed a letter
to you, I put off writing a day thinking I would probably get your
address but as I have not, will address this simply to Cornell University.
We did not get our mail yesterday, there may be a letter at Gallien
for me, tho I reckon you have been very busy unpacking & straightening
up & may not have had time to write. I am so glad to think of you
as settled at Ithaca once more, tho I was glad you could see & enjoy
so much in Europe. Many thanks for the steamed letter we enjoyed
it so much, how beautiful that Japanese lantern & ice cream
procession I might call it must have been, the ideas of people
thinking of, & planning such things. I would like to see the Pennsylvania,
it certainly would be a wonder to me. I read your letter to our old
friends in Minnstown they enjoyed it as much as we did, they see &
have a little that is pleasant that I like to have something to divert
their minds even for a short while, poor Miss Pater is so nearly blind
she can only find her way about the house, can't do a thing else, not
even cut up her own food. They wait on her as if she were a baby, it
makes her miserable to think she can't help Mrs Wren who I think
looks worse than she does & is so troubled about many things. Miss Pater

any death would be preferable to total blindness & I think so too. While
writing of these I may as well tell you that Mrs. Wren gave me some
stamps to send you to look at & let her know if you think them worth
any thing, she has others not quite like these & will send all for you
to see if you say so. If they are worth anything & you will sell them
for her she would pay you what you thought right in the way of com-
pensation. She says she knows your time is valuable still she feels she can
ask you to help her. She has some old coins too she wants to sell, also
wishes to know if there is any demand for old books & magazines,
they are in some papers that these were, they have some very old
English books. Their expenses have been heavy on account of sickness & she
wishes to turn every thing she can into money if she ever do it without
sacrificing them, she feels that Willie is heavily burdened to take care of
them all. Sister Elizabeth happened to be with them the day I was there
& I was glad to meet her once more, we were good friends when we were
young tho' she was some years my senior. We have spent a very quiet
week, nothing of interest has happened in the neighborhood except an
afternoon Church party (from 5 to 7) given by Miss Dow, to Bessie Barber
yesterday. From the laughter & noise I suppose they had a "good time"
the "tumble bugs" and noisy fellows now a days. Fanny Briggs & Davis
proposed going & coming but did not even stop to say how do you do.
Lucy could not come as she would have been obliged to spend the night
having no escort & the carriage was needed this morning to send to Hudson
for Miss Brewster & the two little boys. Sister Sally & Lucy were at home

PHILADELPHIA, N.Y.
JULY 27 1900

July - 19 - 1900 -

Oh - please go back
to Europe again - I am
so lonely without you -

The other evening on the
car (street car) - I meditated
on how much nearer you
were in Leipzig - than
you were - when there were
five street car - seats between
us -

Please - do - go back -
and be a dear - Anartiger -
for the sake of - -
Mr. Cricket -
(who isn't chirping these days -)

from one bed to the other, as for that he
 is enjoying both arms
 up & down of his share.
 I don't think I have written
 to you since we spent the
 day with aunt & uncle, but
 Friday they have not
 been as well from their
 afflict. I don't suppose he
 went to Pine City
 plays very sweetly on the
 piano & sings some too,
 she might say well if
 her voice was cultivated
 I have not had a letter
 from Mary or Henry this
 week, the latter does his
 writing at night & I don't
 hear from their angels too
 often. I write much &
 believe it is common sense
 than any other paper than
 with us. I have a chance
 to the office so must
 hurry this to a close,
 with much love
 Your devoted
 Mother.

It is about 5 o'clock. I am seated on the front porch
 listening to the pattering of a most refreshing & much needed rain, it
 seems to be quite general & I hope will close the large cracks in the
 earth & benefit everything, the many cotton blooms will be injured, we
 were driving this morning & could but admire them. Your Father made
 a visit to Allen Stewart's baby, & then we went to see Mrs DeBore,
 we all talked as long it was past our dinner hour when we reached
 home & I had a good appetite for fried chicken, stewed oysters & corn.
 The next thing was a nap, I am more self indulgent in that way
 than formerly, I find it necessary to rest some every day, rising as I
 do at, or before 5 o'clock. Your Father went to School yesterday to the
 consecration of Bishop Barrwell. I did not go because I had not felt
 very well & thought the weather too hot for such a trip, the train
 reached there at 11.30, on reaching the church he found it crowded
 had to stand for some time, could neither see nor hear anything as he
 soon left. He said ladies & children stood up on the seats, keeping those
 behind them from seeing, they must have ^{been} people belonging to other churches.
 I don't think Episcopals would have acted that way. There were
 6 Bishops present. Bishop Thompson of Ohio was on the train last night
 coming over, your Father had quite a long talk with him, the train came

2 hours later I concluded your Father was left, was asleep when he came, made the little boy we have, come & sleep in the house that I might not be entirely alone. When he came he brought your letter & one from Fred, both of which we were very glad to have, you are now on the trip you mentioned I suppose my letter will be waiting for you - So this I will send those stamps I mentioned belonging to Mrs. Warren I think they are like some we had that you said were not valuable. I can get from her a list of the books, she has other stamps not exactly like these. I have not heard from her since the day I spent there. Fred's family are all well, Frederica is learning to ride on "Betsey", the same old horse Fred has had ever since he was at Glenview College, she is a valuable little animal. They thought of trading her off for a 4 wheeled vehicle & a larger horse but since the children can ride her their hearts have failed them, the girls ride too, they try to do every thing "brother" does. I am glad they are letting Frederica have some boyish amusements, Fred has the good sense to know "boys must be boys", Fanny has as many fears she would keep him from every thing. Fred says Allvellyor is the happiest baby their household has had, he keeps well & consequently in good spirits. Allen's baby is a bright little fellow this week he notices every thing & tries to talk, they had him here some time ago & really the little fellow seemed to recognize me this morning, he is n't a year old. I wonder where he gets his bright ones from, it must be from Miss Mary the Mother is anything but bright & Allen is like an old man. Uncle Warren is still at Paw Down lying around & living on nothing, poor.

them (as I was there). We have had some good rains that were much needed for corn & many things else. We are having more tomatoes than we can use. I have been curing the surplus ones, it does not take much to do so now. This is a very interesting letter but there is nothing to write, I must stop now & fix some picks to work into the dinner, with much love
Yours devotedly
Mother.

August 2nd 1900

This is a real writing day, if I had wings I would try to summon up enough energy to fly to some northern region, & remain some time, perhaps to Ithaca to get a sight of you. Last night I was glad to have your letter of the 29th. I reckon it seemed quite natural to you to be moving again, it seems every plant & every thing else these days has come thing to destroy it.

I am sorry your hair is getting thin, hope we won't all get bald, Fred & Waver are getting so, also your Father & myself, I believe tho' if I were to use regularly the cum, ginseng, & a little kousine, my hair would cease to fall out & would thicken, your Father will give you the proportions, also a prescription from a Medical Journal that I think should be very good. Those teachers, young & old must enjoy their summer trips to Ithaca.

I had a note from Uncle John last night, he says he is very tired staying in that quiet house, has a good notion of closing it up & going off somewhere until Bessie returns but I reckon their dairy business requires some of the family to remain at home, that is what keeps one so closely confined at home, & it is little to stay for too. I wish we could sell every cow but one. Last night there were a good many carriages passing about nine o'clock, this morning I heard there was a party at Mrs Joe Collins' Katy

has some friends with her from Danvers. I suppose Miss Lox is fixing for a Goshue party tonight as she sent over for 2 lbs butter this morning, we "are not in it", in fact we are not in anything now we have no boys, don't even know what is going on in the neighborhood until it is over. I think the party givers are running ahead of the baptist meeting, I heard they would leave on early in August. Ben Hatch gave a party last week, also Mary Garber. Fanny Allen called Monday, she was looking very well, inquired about you & "all the boys", went back to Shrewport that night. She says they own "a sweet little house there, & are very proud of it."

Uncle Waver is still enjoying the solitude of his ranches, your Father has been several times to see him, found him much better Sunday but he would not come home with him. I suppose he will stay there until the spirit moves him, he is too queer for any thing, I hope the young Duggars will not have the cracks of the old ones, if there are three bachelors in the family they are sure to look out - Don't you think so? but I will bound by him to see them.

I have not seen Reuben since the 8th Sunday & have not heard from Waver for some time so can't tell you anything of them. Alway too is better with his letter. Your Father had a very pleasant letter from cousin Mary Howell yesterday.

Mrs Whelan is on a visit to her Mother, looks as well & as lively, says Charley is getting quite fat, he is city physician now. I will write Mrs Wren what you said about stamps, old book & coin, have not heard from

Memphis, Aug 12th 1900
My dear Old Ben:

Having just finished
a letter that'll touch a lot of
water without getting wet. Having
the tears for jing I concluded
I had worked myself up
sufficiently to write a letter
that would do justice to my
feelings of gratitude to you
for your charming letter &
pictures for which accept
my unqualified thanks
and congratulations. The
pictures are fine - I would
not miss having the P. sir

for the world. You know it has re-
established my name for veracity
and truth. I had my feelings
frightfully bruised several times
last winter by horrid fellows
giving me the laugh at the idea
of such things in a civilized country.
Now they have beat dirt. Don't
wink it was some from the neigh-
hood of these same cabinets.

I'm real glad to know you saw
the Byrns again. For although nothing
was said when I was with you,
intuitively I knew something was
wrong. I have always mentally laid
it at the door of that liar B. Lawrence
that is I mean he is an A.B. with
C for his last name understood -

If I could only tell you what
happened to him at Blue Herchel's
no doubt you would look surprised.
Ben has a damned dog and I'll
spit in his eye on sight.

Glad to know you did well
in the matter of your position
with the University. I too have

had some luck that may
have charge of the office
\$5000⁰⁰ (Life Insurance)
and get more money
than time to spend it.

I'll soon be ready to take
charge of the Business end
of that Botanical Party
to Norway.

So the May Craus of Phila-
delphia never coming home has
returned this summer to spend
all his time with his camera
for company in Norway on
the strength of my recom-
mendation.

Will send a batch of projects
real soon - let me hear from
you - as ever cordially
Willb

evening to see him, will take tea with sister Sally; now leave by omnibus, it is the most pleasant
house to drive now. I don't
see why the French & people
don't call Mrs Harris, but has
no change now. I am glad you
enjoyment reading the paper sent,
I thought you would. I
ask you to help sort out the
affairs. Being 9, as usual
has a houseful of visitors, at
one time but with she
has 10 ladies staying with
her, has no garden & no
no chickens. I don't see how
she manages to provide for
so many, then there is Theo
& Davy. Lucy returned
last week, they kept home
overnight. I had up the furniture
& had a good cleaning
& hanging and she
was gone, I don't mind
if one would do this
house. I for once, my furniture
entirely needs for my self.
My paper is full, good
bye, with much love
Your affectionate
Mother.

you for the pretty photos you sent us, they arrived yesterday. Your
letter came this evening I sent off mine to you. I was glad to have it.
It was very thoughtful of you to send some of the pictures you had
taken & we appreciate them very much. Did it you intend to put
in a slip with the names of each one? I judged so from their being
numbered, you must have forgotten it, or else thought best to send
in your next letter. Who is the gentleman in the pictures with you?
I think you had better not send the instrument for burnt wood
work, I would not know how to use it; when you come to see us
you might bring it if you had room in your trunk & give me
instructions how to use it, but don't go to any expense or trouble
about it, I may not have the eye sight or taste to make a success
of the work.

It is unfortunate your place for meals is so far from your room,
it must be a warm walk to dinner, I suppose it is the best you
can do during convalescence.

I am glad to tell you that I am feeling better now, have been taking
a tonic, & as your Father recommends milk so highly for me I took a

glass every night, it is a doce. He says I should have some cream every evening, & butter milk at dinner but I cant go that far. While I think of it the prescriptions your Father sent for Dietaries & gramine should be used night & morning. I wanted to try some as I hunted up the book & read the prescriptions, my liver is coming out every fact, I think one reason of it is my head prespires as much, that is just my idea it may not be so.

The baptist meeting closed up last night, they got up all the baptist children they could, about 15 or 20, they prance & prance until they get them enough up, then they sing emotional hymns & beg them to come up while the hymns are being sung, they are like sheep when one goes the others follow. I declare that part of the performance is equal to a farce, & to think one of my sons approves of such doings, poor Paul!! Reuben came down yesterday, we celebrated his birth day (which was Saturday) with peach ice cream & cake, we hoped Uncle Waver would come ~~down~~^{up}, but he did sit. William Bowers went up to see him in his buggy & tried to get him to come back with him. We thought of all this about ones & wish they were with us.

Mrs John Harris has been on a visit to Mrs Harris, she preached in Fannetts yesterday, we would have gone down but not knowing of it I had written to ask Reuben down & did not have time to write him instead of coming to meet me at Mary Wilkins, she had written asking us to dine with her & said she would have Reuben to meet us. He leaves Mrs H's tomorrow, we think of driving up to Lanesville this

Dr. L. L. Duggar,
Physician and Surgeon.

Fairford, Ala., Aug 25 1900.

My dear Mother,

I am sorry I have been so irregular in my home letters of late, but it seems that I can scarcely get settled long enough to write to any one. There are lots of letters before me now to be answered, and I make no progress with them.

Yes, there is much sickness in this part of the country. I have been kept quite busy for the past few weeks, and especially this week. The sickness is not only confined to the river neighbor but even in the heart of the pine woods, chiefly intermittent and remittent fever. When I go to the mill now I have to start early and hurry all the time to get back by one o'clock. I am usually in the road by six o'clock. I always find a good many sick on the Sunday of each week at the mill and settlement upja

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Physician and Surgeon.

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and I prescribed for and furnished
medicine for thirteen. Yesterday when
I returned to dinner I had to hurry
out on Don and make two visits, then
attend two office patients. To-day
has been a busy and a good day. I
made a visit in the place and had
seven at the office during the morning.
Taking a hurried lunch at twelve I rode
five miles towards Mt Vernon, then seven
across the woods and four back home,
reaching here at seven o'clock. Anyhow
for the day's work I put nine and a
half in my pocket and nine on my
books. O, yes, I collected six in back work
too. Every day is not like this by any means
however, for I do loose lots. I drive to Milan
always now using our new horse, and
keep "Don" for other work. I am telling you
all this for I have told you much of my
work in some times and I suppose you
are glad to hear of my "good days". It has

night come I am usually tired and it is too hot to sit around the heat and flies of a lamp to do much reading, so I am the loser in that respect. Have recently gotten in some nice medical works and hope to do good work on them when the weather is cooler. Lps, it is hot here with a vengeance, but the nights are cool and pleasant. Pine woods seem to be very conducive to the retention of heat this afternoon I rode part of the way after a shower and the heat was oppressive. I stand it very well and so do the horses. We keep a boy now to attend to the room, office and horses.

My friend, the young lady who taught school here last year is to be married on Sept 5th, some of these folks seemed to think I was to be the fortunate one - no, not yet! Well, I want to go to town to spend the day tomorrow. Fairbanks is not there, however, so you may wonder I was down about three weeks ago for a day, saw Miss Beanie and she told me all about her expected affair. that little business was settled satisfactorily. Mother please excuse this hurried letter,

it is already late and I must fix a prescription
to send out in the morning.

With love to all,

Your devoted Son
Levie

every day, my boys are sick & out of my mind for any length of time & never forgets in my
 prayers I will ensure
 always but better that
 you may see how he is
 getting on. Mrs. Rodgers for
 having staid in his room
 wrote & together they
 over the "new" horses
 Don is always first
 March, as he saw him
 on the buggy to Sanford
 when he first went
 over, he has proved to be
 a good horse.
 If you remember the
 back-pun at Mountain
 Station your Father's horse
 is a hind or out of our
 toes, this year it has
 2. I should guess, the
 one on the mountain
 Sept 1st to riding, fills
 the room with fog
 cause. It is getting
 dark, into much
 love
 Your devoted
 Mother.

and only beginning, as many interruptions it is hard to be seated at
 any thing. The kitchen & myself are sole occupants of the premises at
 present your Father having gone to Gallien to try to make arrangements
 about hay cutting next week. Reuben proposes to bring his horses, wagons
 & mules & cut & haul it up. He would prefer a place for his mules &
 round down there some where, & he stay with us of course as your Father
 went to see about it & if it will be possible to him some extra hands
 to help, also if the grass is high enough. Reuben surprised us by coming
 down late yesterday evening, we had not heard it, but the young ones
 had gotten up a dance at Mrs. Hatch's & wrote for him. After supper he
 drove to Mrs. Browder's & took Sonnie & Rose Barber to the dance. It was
 close & hot so dancing was not kept up long, he was back here
 before 12 o'clock & wasn't enthusiastic over the "pleasant evening".
 That is the second dance only, that has been attempted in this neigh-
 borhood this summer. So few girls.
 Your letter came Thursday & as usual found a hearty welcome. I am
 sorry the weather is so hot in Athens, that does not seem right to me.
 It is more pleasant here now, we had a heavy rain two days ago that
 cooled the air & refreshed every thing. I think R. must have been in a

heavy rain before he reached home but we had none.

Three students in shirt waists could not get a meal at the restaurants in Birmingham — A man from Atlanta went in ~~at~~ restaurant in that govt. ~~order~~ supper, the waiter said "we have orders not to serve meals to men without coats" so he had to leave, so now he would open a fine restaurant there himself & serve only shirt waist men. It is a comfortable fortune but I would dislike to see it universally adopted, thin, light colored coats would certainly not be warm. Yes, Dr. Bacon holds out wonderfully, I hope he will continue to do so. The Dictator has not benefited my head, I rubbed out more hair putting it on than came out before I used it, instead of rubbing will just dab it on, I believe the other way now would have been better for me.

I do not doubt your ability to travel in winter but thought you suffered from cold in our uncomfortable house, for it certainly is a cold one, & we haven't the chimney built yet, nor do I see any prospect for one.

I hope you received the "commission" we sent as a birth day remembrance — or rather we ordered sent by Mrs. Butler who framed it.

I was much surprised to see in the paper the marriage of Alice Sprague, I thought she would have written her articles of her intentions. They must have decided suddenly to be married eight away, had waited long enough I suppose. I wonder if his Mother gave her consent & they were afraid to trust her.

This is your & her birth day, I hope you spent it pleasantly. I have thought of you often today — not that I don't think of you every



Hotel Touraine.
Boston.

Sept 1st 1902

My Dear Sweet Marie
I arrived at
this city at 10.40 a.m. + will
take the 3.30 P.M. train for
Durham. Have just telegraphed
Chas. I bought a cut rate
ticket on the West Shore R.R.
Via Hoosac Tunnel + left
Buffalo last night at 7.20
enjoyed your train letter
immensely + slept well on the
sleeper. It was very nice +
cool. I walked to Huylers
on Tremont St. bought a lb.
of candy for Alice, then strolled

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down to my hotel, the name
of which, you will find at the
top of this page very swell
eh? I had a bully lunch
here & am enjoying it very much
I wish, oh how I wish you
were here. Billy gave me
a dress suit case, which is
checked upstairs in the cloak
room, & Ed gave me a nice
tennis racket. Have spent
only 40¢ on tips since leaving
Buffalo. I met three Harvard
boys & 2 St. Louis fellows on
the train & we had a great
time. This morning just after

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breakfast our sleeper was
filled with hungry chorus
girls etc who belong to the
company that is going to
play "I'm gay New York"
at the Columbia Theater here.
We had a circus & Miss
Falkner's cookies came in
mighty handy. Churchcl.
could talk with you instead
of writing but such is life in
a large city. Give my love
to mama & Dad.

Ever your most loving bud
"Church"

P. M. OTTONY.
SEPT 3, 1900

Alto. N. Y.

September 21st.

Dear birthday. Unartiger Bros-
ther! Your nice letter came
to night; - and last;
because you see us
evidence of it; you think
I failed to do something
for you on your birthday
I hasten to assure you
that I really did. -

I cannot send it very
well. No - you will have
to wait until I come
home. - I like it
myself and I hope you
will - and I took "no-end"

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of comfort - doing it - because
 it was for you - and done
 on our birthday - ... It is
 a little postal - of the lake
 from ^{the wharf at} "Hoodbleheim" cottage -
 of a windy morning - ...
 I hope you will find some little
 corner - of your new room -
 that will fit it - Oh - I don't
 feel dreadfully, if you don't
 not like it!

I am working hard
 mornings - now - but I
 work in full view of
 my hills - and they help
 me - more than I can tell -

They will help me even
 more now - because of this
 sweet message - they will
 bring me from you -

I'm glad we stole that
 visit - - I'm so glad!

Love, your friend,
 M. A. B. C.

PM. SEPT 4, 1920.
DURHAM, N.H.

My dear dear Marie -

Well here I'm in, a
School nurse at last, and what
is almost as bad. I am writing
to you in believe - you may
be interested to know that I
am still alive and this is the
third day - I have since
blissed angels under my care
and guidance so you see
in case of fire or anything
else dangerous I could deposit
them on the flower beds below
my windows - I have done
nothing exciting yet as the
books have not arrived and
the program is still being
made out -

the Wellesley girl is here in
all her glory and also one
female from Radcliff '92.

They are very nice and pleasant
and bright and lovely, I
suppose - but never dear
I would give up my trip
to the Pan American if you
girls were in their shoes
and I know you would get
comes too.

When do you get onto your
job? Blanche is in Milford
N.H. I suppose. Fanny at
the point, you humble servant
over here, all of us are hard
at it and it is only fair
that you should join the
ranks of us laboring men

immediately and to ^{Sept 2} Oct 2.
When next you see or rather
leave me I shall say
cord and hard for I am
associated in my path of
life with Miss Chase of Philadelphia
Nelly's, I would love you
know - But Cheer up! it
may not be so after all.
It is handy to be at the Docs.
Dorothy is here at school but
Jessie still goes to Miss Snowall.
She thought of coming here
until she found I was to
leave the class when she
of course decided to keep
out of trouble. And I tell
you it is lucky for me -
I truly give you fair

warmly, yes lady of ye
charities I. that you are
soon to receive a package
and in that package you
will find one of the
A No I, Fuller's best, pictures
of your school name friend.
If you can use it in
any way you are welcome
to it - I knew you were
interested in such productions
so venture to present you
with the rare exotic -

If you find it is conducive
to sleeplessness or unpleasant
dreams just present it to
some bad boy or other and

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he will never trouble you
again -

Will you go to Chapel with
me Sunday and rubber at
the freshmen? They are said
to be a specially fine lot
of lively young chitters, fat
and sleek with well filled
morrises and plenty of
grey matter - there is
also in that city by the
sea a strange collection of
females - There are this year
eight coeds at N. H. C.

Our beloved Domes friends
you know - and Elsie Marie
they are the Senior Girls -
then there is Mary and
Evelle and Miss Barthlett
who teaches Prep English.

Miss Ford, many one's
friend who is trying for
the Smith Prize - who is
nothing but a dig I
guess - then a girl from
Tilton in the Prep course
who is staying at the
Diarbones and another
-treasure from Barrington
who is also taking Prep-
work - Those are taking
~~our~~ places and we are
no more - Well Cheer up!
it may not be so -

That prep-brother of yours
is strictly A. K. Strong, I
tell you - I shall see him
about Bow Legs at my

earliest commenced - ^{SEPT. 1, 1904.}
was sick before I came
over here but Horace, Anna,
& Elizabeth went with
him down river for an
all day picnic and
I know they all had
a splendid time and
liked him very much. He
said he had a bully time
too so it was mutual
I guess - I shall be very
careful about seeing much
of him for Annie informed
me some time ^{ago} that I
"couldn't be his girl".
It has broken my heart,
since I saw him, especially

out I am hearing it like
a two - I assure you - for of
course Annie knows -
at church Sunday he
had four kids on each
side and by his various
frequent allusions to the
little Parsons I fear he
finds them rather suspicious
you asked about 'oo -

Bartlett is to visit Dr. Larrison -
Andrews has gone to St. Louis
to act as Chaplain for some
elective co. - very good position -
Knight is to teach in Hill
Wilson is to stay at Durham
and work for the College as
he has this summer I
believe -

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Nelson is still in Durham
and I think he will continue
his work there, but I don't
know. I will deliver your
messages when I see
him again -

I don't know about the rest
but they are doubtless
distinguished themselves
in some little corner of
the world. We will take it
for granted as far as Shipley
is concerned at any rate -

I have told you pretty nearly
everything I know about
myself and everybody else -

Now be sure you write me
at once and tell me when
you go to abroad and what
you do when you get there

never. dear you seem very
pessimistic and blue. Do
you really doubt the
loyalty and love of the
Big Four for each other still.
Deep in our hearts we are
true blue and although
it may not appear so at
all times we can never
have other friends who
will be what we have been
to each other. I know that
is so. Please believe it -
This breaking away from
old ties and forming new
ones is awfully hard. I
tell you I realize it more
or less now that I have
left home for most of the
time and. I know too that

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I can only feel one drop in
the bucket compared with
you who are so far away.
But is such a good thing
for all of us to wish
~~it~~ a little that we must
stand it.

Alb. But it is hard dear
- never not to see you
for so long.

I do love you. Write soon
Goodbye dear
Albie -

So. Brunswick

Sunday Sept 7 '00

Address me at Rollinsford
by Mrs. Dse. or at
Durham -

As the party we would have been out on, when in dry
of business men, however all about the Canal - in order
times - during & there was often at our house - "Business" -
New York City - 67 Wall St. (American Cotton Co.) -
New York City -
= (to meet your business) =

Ballion Ala.

Sept. 8th 1900.

Dear Ben: -

After being up nearly all night - since
twelve o'clock to day break - I am not in good
plight for writing - but yr mother is busy now
trying to put up some pears, which she has some
help. Today is almost fall weather, clouds fixed
& pleasantly cool; cotton has been going by all
the morning in little loads of two to four bales.
This also reminds one of the newness to yemas.
Ten cents is offered in Demopolis spot cash
& some excitement - because of the outlook
for even less than a half crop. The buyers be-
gin to realize the very narrow margin even
for that rating of the crop in this section. Corn
too will be scarce another year - many will
not have an adequacy to take them thro the
real winter months. So we may look for
the necessary supply crop in every thing made
or raised by the planter to face for short of

had favorable weather for its growth - frequent showers & good dews - This very cause has operated to the disadvantage of the hay maker - from 3 cuttings yielding well not a third good marketable hay has been secured. There is a demand for it even now when the true baling season has not commenced. Longham grew finely, & sweet potatoes are inferior.

Gr Bro Ruben hurried a bale of C to Market - a heavy bale - the seed weighed 41 lbs, & for this he gets 25 cts per bu - thus making one bale equal to "60". 'Tis a pity he does not make a good crop just this season instead of 99 - & 98. -

Gr Uncle W spent the day with us yesterday - has little strength physically & appears to have succumbed to bad feelings & melancholy. Prof L. P. D. - is off so we understand from Fannie's latest letter on a trip to Raleigh N.C. where he made an exten effort in an address before the "Southern States Agricultural Commissioners Convention". She states it was a good address & quite favorably received. Fred is getting to be much in demand for these

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K.A. I had some botanical specimens with I desired to send you.
 perhaps in a few days. This is the last of our orange grove
 hedge - showing the progress of some work for many years
 the hedge every foot from ground to 6 ft is calm - about 2
 in. Let me discontinue.

It was good news to us that the
 children had recovered from the
 jaundice attacks. But she had a
 'tale of woe' as to the number of
 casualties in that little town of
 Auburn - so many neighbors sick,
 so many already dead and again
 the many just hanging to life by
 a mere thread. Old Dr Andrews -
 the Methodist's great preacher - once
 said to me that "A" was "half
 grave-yard", he had lived there for
 six or eight yrs - & was always busy
 preaching funeral - sermons. - Hence
 the outlook, with its present environ-
 ments is not encouraging. I once
 took upon myself to offer some sug-
 gestions as to its sanitation - "the cre-
 mation of refuse" &c - that was what
 I was a trustee holding a position
 to observe & to know. They had such
 an arrangement at the A & M of Mass

in having 2000.
 33 When you get to a large brick establishment - I want to know of the "Public" - check
 copy that is free. Mr. Foster joins me, affectionately Mr. Foster.
 (S) Very warmly

some correspondence on that subject
passed between Rev. Lee & myself.

We regret to learn that the frame
of the "Commission Copy" was injured
in transit. Fred's suffered in having
the glass broken. Careless handling of
Exp agents perhaps. From you I should
like to know if it was improperly packed
for the trip.

That Alice S. is married, "sans ceremony"
is no news to you by this, as yr Master forwarded
paper contg announcement. Have never seen the
young man - but I suppose his business is
such as to insure a regular support.

An "enormous" bollus barbecue came off
day before yesterday, but I ~~had~~ hadnt the time to experiment
on fresh ~~short~~ & ice water & pies. The man
wholl discover some sure remedy for chicken &
other poultry diseases will deserve a shaft "ad
Sideros". My Horse Rocket has been an invalid for
several weeks & no improvement in view, so "Gentle
Annie" is my standby. Laid on Thursday & Friday
8 good loads of fine hay, enabling me to see
my way thro the winter. Nothing stirring, heard that
Alice had sold the house in Demopolis, which Mother desired
she should heir as a secure home in the future. Mrs W holds

filled in the premises. So it goes. — & soon too the fog would go if it were not for the
The Alice Lee Pinpoint (see Alice Pinpoint (April 90) records in Chicago City 22 - Oct 10 - Oct 24
& within me to see when in the city - Rumor says her husband has been promoted.

Sept 14th 1908.

My dear Son

I have come to the conclusion that later in the week is a bad time to write to you, I am always busy Saturday & Sunday apt to have company as I will gradually get back to the middle of the week. I was agreeably surprised after dinner to have the mail handed in, there was your letter & one from Slawey, both very acceptable. I am much interested in your new plan of living & hope it may prove satisfactory, if Mrs Miller can bring along the old black cook I am sure you will like it. It ~~will~~ certainly seem to me more agreeable to have one meals in the house they live in, especially as winter is coming on. I suppose "Cornell Heights" will be pleasant in summer too. It is right bad to be driven around from place to place for meals. I never heard of such a messhouse, have always had great anxiety to see one that was prepared for the turtle, don't know that I would care to eat it.

I had not heard of Mrs Benton's engagement, nor do I know anything of the young lady, hope she will make him a good wife. About your visit home I can hardly say what time would be best, until I can hear from the boys on the subject, when they could meet you here; November is usually a pleasant month, as is December until about 4th Nov. I will

let you know what they say. I think it would be well for you to make this visit, & take in the scientific meeting on your return if it would be cheaper, know you have been at a good deal of expense in the past 18 months or more.

Slavery still gives good accounts of his practice, he was writing on the 10th of Sept says, "including today, I have booked one hundred & twelve dollars this month." Consideration of the long drive & the work the Miller practice was keeping from him, he asked for higher rates, the mill owners were willing but the men "kicked", as since the 1st he goes there only when called, discontinuing his three weekly trips, this saves him lots of time & horseflesh & he thinks he will really not lose anything.

I had a short letter from Wave, he is hoping to get a job on the L. & N. R.R., tired of the Commerce, the other would pay better. I will be very easy to have him on the R.R. I think Wave is like his Uncle White, he can't keep long at one thing. Uncle Wave surprised us by driving up quite late several evenings ago bringing a jug of good well water & 2 quinnels he shot & had nicely dressed, he took supper & left at 10 1/2 o'clock, could not be persuaded to spend the night. "The Captain" made us a visit that afternoon also, he is as attentive to the widows as ever, had a new one to send flowers to, Mrs Judge, sister of Allen Stewart's wife, she has left the, quite ahead of Uncle Wave, he is looking interest in widows & every thing else. Monday evening about 4 o'clock we started for a visit to aunt Venable, took supper & had a pleasant moonlight ride home. A hot weather that is the best time for visiting, they were so surprised to see us,

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the children were asleep & I went through the house & into the back yard before I could find sister Sally, she was busy having her hives nests burned out. I wish this whole place could be run over with a hot iron or some thing to put an end to the little pests, they worry us to death, I tried not to let any bees set on that account but they would steal nests.

I met how your Father called me to help him fix a basket of presents send Mrs. Francis & I am afraid dark will come before any letter is finished. The Locusts hold out well, we have had them a long time. We have had a regular winter rain, yesterday, last night, & today with little or no cessation, it is a singular spell for this time of the year, the spring perhaps, wasn't the storm at Galvestone terrible? I wanted to send the Herald with a full account but your Father said it would be in the northern papers. I wonder if your Father told you of my visit to Faunelale & finishing nearly every one out, but I had a pleasant time with Uncle Ben & Oley, had an hour chat with Reuben. This will be hard on him, as little cotton made & what there is injured by the rain, good cotton is bringing $16\frac{1}{2}^{\text{cts}}$, seed from 22 to 25^{cts}. Sherry says he has not seen 5 acres of cotton down where he is, he had some corn planted but the rain was over it 2 weeks so it was abandoned. Prof. Werner of Tschuklova is dead, also Mrs. Wm. Glover of Faunelale.

It will be bad on us if we have a cool change & scuttles chimneys
fixed. I have been trying my best to get your Father to move in the
matter but nothing has been done, it will take cold weather to start him.
By this time this weather you I ask you will be fixed in your new
quarters & will feel some what settled, tell me how you fix your room. I
expect you have some souvenirs from abroad to add to its adornment.
Your Father is sending additional accounts of the destruction at Galveston,
they can't bury the dead, take them out to sea & drop them in the
water over 2000 have been buried that way. The survivors are suffering
for water as much as any thing else, not a church, school house or
any building was left unharmed. How strange that cities are built
on such places! where the city stands the island is only $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles
wide & the sea had full power. It is dark, I must say adieu for
the present, with much love

Yours devoted

Mother.

they remained until evening, their clothing washed & torn off them. Their horses floated away. The
Spanish horses stood the storm
the ladies were away, the
stable washed away & the boys
saved the horses by taking them
and the horses when the water
was 10 feet deep. Once
I saw only one of the
Spanish boys would have
done such a thing. We had
a 4 mule wagon load of
corn put in one cart yesterday,
effort another today,
that with what we already
have will do us for the
coming year. That is not
for some of Fredericktown
land. I heard from Fred
a few days ago, all was
well. He enjoyed his trip
to Raleigh very much, was
invited to speak in New
Brunswick, Conn but declined.
I think if he had been
appointed a delegate he
would have gone & made
the speech, he did not
care to incur the expense.
I must take a small sheet

office when we called last night for the mail, your Father
was sent for to see the Stewart baby & they talked as long &
asked so many questions that he could not get off until almost
dark, I went with him as they seem glad to see me whenever
I go that way & it is much better for me than remaining at home
alone.

I am glad you seem to find the family arrangement as pleasant
with agreeable people it must be much more desirable
than rooming, & going out for meals, it is more home like is it?
I imagine your room looks very nice & comfortable, would if
there are any little things I could make to add to it?
I can have the shoes dried for you easily, & I think we can get
some nice honey ale. I have enjoyed some lately that Uncle Warr
brought up. I put by a bottle & said that is for Ben to eat
when he comes. Uncle Warr seemed much better the last visit
he made us, right cheerful, he was well enough to attend the
reception given by Mrs & Mrs Ralph Smith on the 25th, the
anniversary of their marriage (5th) this he wrote he felt rather

wore for the night ride, returned to Paw Dorn instead of
remaining in town that night. Poor Father had made his arrange-
ments to go but an hour before he was to leave a note came from
sister Sally asking him to go to see Rich who had high fever so
that ended his trip to town. Clouds were gathering & I feared he
would be unable to return that night so I went over & kept Mrs
Bowden company, Miss Low had gone. I came home next morning
by car ride to fix chairs & make the biscuit for breakfast, can't
have any fit to eat unless I make them & then sometimes she burns
them up after very trouble. The new kitchen maid never came so
I have the same half crazy half idiot to contend with. I hope
when cotton season is over to find some one to take her place.
Reuben spent Monday with us, was suffering with his ear, he
could never get the bug, irritation caused by its recent being
on the rising in his ear.

Aunt Melville is recovering from her spell of chills, Lucy from measles,
Rich seems to have intermittent fever. I stopped here to see about the
corp, in the meantime Uncle Waver came in, I talked with him
awhile & now must return to my letter. He took a bad cold from
being in the night air, the reception was a large affair, very pleasant.
Miss Mary gave us a thrilling account of the escape from drowning
of the Stubbs family, you remember Jimmy Mc Donnell - they were
knocked about all night on the top of several different houses, at
last the house they were on top of caught against a tree & there

to finish, thought the larger one
would do. Fred says their boarders are
quiet good boys. Sleazy has not
written lately, we heard he was at
Thomacville at a political convention
sent as a delegate. I hope he will not
get into politics. I want my boys to
vote for the right man but that is
as far as I want them to go in politics.
You will vote for Mr Bayan won't you?
Fred never votes for any one, but he
promised me he would vote for Mr
Bayan. I wrote him I wanted him to
bring 6 votes from our family, that was
all I could do for him, Mr Bayan &
means. Uncle W. & your Father are talking
in the hall as I hardly know what I

Halle 95. Sept 30, 1901
Dear Friend Huggar;

If you have had time to think of Europe since your return to America, you may have wondered what had become of the one time Cooper. The address will show you that we are still doing business at the old stand. I had a fairly good semester's work, that is I heard as few lectures as possible, and worked on my thesis. After the close of lectures I settled down to try to get it into shape, and though I was pretty tired stood the strain until the twenty-second of August when after having an attack of ~~diarrhea~~ and ~~caused~~ by very warm weather and ~~heat~~ I got so wear and used up I had to call it a bad job and take a vacation so I bought a circular ticket and started

Munich. There I had two most delightful
days, and left so soon only because I had
to get to Oberammergau on a certain
day for the play. I had no difficulty in
securing a good room and seat and
enjoyed the spectacle very much. It is a
remarkable performance from such
people, and I can offer no criticisms
but it did not make such an impression
on me as I had anticipated largely.
I suppose, because I was physically tired
still it was very delightful, and I am very
glad I could see it. From there I started
to walk to Innsbruck, about sixty miles
and as the weather was very fine, I
enjoyed the Bavarian Oberland, and
the Tyrol very much. I walked about
twelve or fifteen on the R. K. locomotives ^{the}
first day or two so as not to get too tired.
After that this all my walking kept
in good shape and could make ^{several}
four miles a day easily. Innsbruck is a

pretty city in the heart of Tyrol, and has
several "Schems" windmills. From there
I took the beautiful ride on the cable
car to Zurich. I did not get a good view
of the Tyrolean mountains because of the
clouds but still it was enjoyable. In
Zurich I got into a little hotel where
I could sleep cheaply and well, so I stayed
there three days and rested, after which
I went to Lugerne by the way of the R.
I stayed on the Rigi one night, having
a beautiful sunset and sunrise. I did
expect to have a finer view, till I saw
as lay the "Rebel Meer" covering the
lakes with a mantle of white. Above
above it rose the mountains. Every
one in the panorama visible. It was
my first boat at old snow covered peaks
and glaciers. ^{and} probably made a greater
impression. ^{Lugerne} Lugerne is pretty, but is
a summer resort which means high prices
so I only stayed a few hours. I spent the
night at Brunnen, a little place on the
Rhoden at the head of the lake in the morning

then I rode up to Sâcheren at the mouth of the
St. Gallen, a wonderful bit of scenery, it was
from where I started for a hundred mile walk
up to Andermatt, over the Furka Pass, and
down the Rhone valley to Brig where I could
take the railroad to Zermatt. The favorable
weather the week was delightful and
I got so accustomed to high mountains
and waterfalls, that nothing short of
the largest glaciers, or mountain torrents
attracted my attention. What a fine view
of all the high peaks of the Rhone glaciers
etc and the walk down the valley was very
interesting. Zermatt was best of all this
as the mountains and glaciers are on
such a grand scale. From there I went
further down the river to Martigny ^{from where}
I ~~traveled~~ walked over the Col de Balme pass to
Chamonix. I had a beautiful view of
the range. I stayed in C. three days &
explored the glaciers quite thoroughly, the
Col de Chant mich. Then I walked down
to ~~Satagette~~ to the nearest station & stayed
in Geneva - where one day of hotels was all
I could stand. Geneva was extremely nice
city, as was Strasbourg, Spiez, Lucerne,
Bern, Fribourg, Erlenach, Urmann, & so on.

I was gone just four weeks and my expenses
averaged \$2.59 a day, but you maybe sure I
spoke Herman & kept out of hotels into these.
Now I am working on the thesis again
I hope to get it done in a couple of weeks or
so. - Everything is fine here Mrs Scott
passed a fine examination. Worin
has become a professor in a small museum
college. Will finally get this in Calif &
has returned. John James has gone to
Paris for the year where he will learn
French & study the morals of the people.
Thomas did not finish up but comes back.
Festral has returned, but three Southern
fellows, a fine man prof of Latin in
names except Miss Saunders. & two men
from Princeton and Columbia S.C.
Curran has a position in Newf. in a
newly established technical school.
Fynan & wife are in Berlin. Muhlbach
& Kistler in France. The Jap is still leaving
Herman. I am hoping to get up to B
Orin, if all goes well about the first of Nov
ember. I suppose you have heard of
Melbys good position - 8000. Understand
he is serious over a girl too many many

if she will have him, a Canadian.
I have made considerable progress
in German here at Frau Zeyss' and
feel that I have partially attained
what I came to Europe for. I suppose
you are ~~now~~ getting the year well
started. I hope you were able to make
satisfactory arrangement & that the
Board & Trustees gave you what you
wanted in salary & position & well
I must close. If you find time I would
be very glad to hear how it goes, some time.

With kindest regards

I am

Very sincerely yours

Charles Cooper

Magdalenburg 25th

Halle A.S.