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Laneville

June 4th 1904

My dear Son

You will be surprised at the date of this, your Father went to Truckee on Sunday night, not being willing to be left at home & asked Reuben to come for me as I might spend the time with Aunt Mabel, he was at our house by eight o'clock Sunday morning, after resting the animals we left for this place, there had been heavy rains Friday but we did not encounter much mud, the grass is doing off as rapidly at this season. I find it very pleasant to be with Aunt Mabel, we have seen so little of each other for several years, we were here yesterday afternoon & this morning drinking a cheer for her to come to the reception as this letter would have been written yesterday.

I was very glad to receive your letter written the 26th to know how you had been profiting the term. I am afraid you will miss your home life in Washington, it seems so pleasant. Uncle Waver says he can tell

you of a nice lady who takes a few boarders, the very nicest people. I hope you enjoyed the "small dinner" & the Navy ball, it certainly is convenient to have a good friend & dancing partner in the house with yourself.

Yesterday evening Kate and I walked over to Beech's to see the improvements, they are still hard at work, having the wood work and the dining room painted, the out side white washed, the windows set down & things generally put in order. The furniture for Thel's room is there waiting to be put in as soon as the room is prepared, it was a present from Maule's father, a china washstand set from Rome, the sitting Thel bought & the girls have furnished & made very dainty curtains &c, as cooking chairs were sent by one of his young men friends, Fanny Adams will give another & better as soon as the furnishings of the room will be complete. The marriage takes place today week at 9 o'clock in the morning, they ride 10 miles to the train & reach Farnedale that night, the reception will be Wednesday night. Kate is a plain unaffected girl & will no doubt be very domestic. I hope they will all get on well together but Beech says she intends to rent a house in Farnedale & leave the young couple

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to these calves but I don't think she will leave the
census. Uncle Harris, to the delight of the children
traded off his horse yesterday for a very fine looking
pony, said to be perfectly gentle, drives single or
double & are pretty good saddle horses as I tell them
they have no excuse to stay at home now & I will
certainly receive a good many visits from them.
I had no letter from Waver yesterday, in spite of all.
I have written him about sending his address he
said not a word about it but if you wish to write
him, a letter addressed to Beebe, Arizona, will
reach him for he mentioned receiving one from me
that I addressed in that way. He says he is a
miner, works for \$35 a day (10 hours), board &
lodging 1.50 a day. He has said no more about the
bad land.

I rather expected your father to reach home this
morning & come for me this evening, but perhaps
he will not come until tomorrow, we have had
more rain since I came up & he may think road
too muddy for him if he reached before this

morning. Henderson was to stay at our house while
he was away. Reuben was breaking off a segment
of cotton seed yesterday & broke into Green creek bridge,
no great damage, only the wheels brained up a little,
this morning his wagon stalled, as I now afraid he
did not get off all his seed, he was to receive 25^{cts}
for them yesterday & today, after that they will drop
to 10^{cts}, the mills will soon shut down.

I had a letter from Henry last week, he was quite
well but was busy and had no time from Fred
since we left three weeks ago yesterday. Bristol
mentioned in a letter to sister Sally that she
went there out walking Sunday evening & all seemed
well. I wish Fred is busy. I wish I could give
you some Saskatchewan news, will have to receive
that for next time. Aunt Pauline going now in
myself love to your eyes when you get to W. she
before we will see you often, expect a another short
letter this time.

Yours devoted

Mother.

I am extremely
 happy this morning at Bristol
 & have announced to ~~the~~
 after breakfast: that you were
 off with the old son with
 the new engagement. I very
 congratulate you my darling
 child that your eyes have
 been opened: May you have
 long & happy years with ~~the~~
 new son.

Suggar. whom I fancy must
have fallen in love with you
at first sight, for you have
always written of his kind
& thoughtful attention to you.
He had secretly been my choice
for you & now agrees in
your decision. Tell him
what I say if you choose.
Alice had not shown us your
letter. Charles & herself seem
to think you belong to home.
I wish you could go to Chicago

this summer instead of
coming here: as for some
reasons it will not be pleas-
ant. Charles thinks the Chuk
lands are prejudiced against
him in account of his oppo-
sition to Mr. Shinsky. but
I think unless now. it had
been a feeling of bigger sta-
tus. but I don't dare say a
word! Alice & Charles have
talked too much & may in-
dubitably. All we can do is

To say nothing, I wish you
had written to your Father
or myself about this change,
in your feelings. I search, for
me only desire your happiness
& know this change must
come sooner or later. I can
hardly express my feelings
in writing I am so happy.
& your Father's heart is
whole again. He sends you
his congratulations & wishes.
We have enjoyed the Commence

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must exercise, & I attended
the Ball last evening, but did
not dance: came home about
one o'clock with the Ranes,
Mrs. Bone is not dancing
this season, Alice & Charles
returned about half past two.
"Papa" did not care to go. Mr.
Bernard asked after you,
he is to be married in two
weeks & seems very happy.
I thought of you all evening
& how sweet & pretty you

used to look on that floor, I suppose Alice took you that Mr. Charles wore the Quill prize, which is a silver medal, & he is now a "brevet" unit. He certainly did well, & looked & felt there as no one like a soldier like. Every one seems that of a mother, for God ed pleased with the decision had made it instructive, & congratulated us as well for the protection of her off at Charles. Dr. Munkland Spring. Well Mr. Suggs & wife are very pleasant with go to Washington in Sept. "Papa" & I, but have not called her? & when will you direct I am sorry about that Colonel leave at small? You must between Alice, Charles & them. Beloved for it may result to Charles detriment. My sweet daughter. I want you to always graciously, & me always graciously, & feel there is no one like a mother, for God ed pleased with the decision had made it instructive, & congratulated us as well for the protection of her off at Charles. Dr. Munkland Spring. Well Mr. Suggs & wife are very pleasant with go to Washington in Sept. "Papa" & I, but have not called her? & when will you direct I am sorry about that Colonel leave at small? You must

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long for a new & change,
after the long winter. I
know you will like your
new field. I send you a
sample but don't tell Alice
I have. Alice & Charles
have gone to Dorset to shop.
Charles takes her on Satur-
day for Buffalo, & we
will be going there for a
couple of days en route to
Chicago. During the next
ten days no date made yet.

[illegible]

we talked over the best time, for us to meet. & it is decided that you had better come here much sooner I think, instead of going to visit Longfellow & Alice at Alice, wrote to Alice Parsons that they were going to Cayuga Lake in July, & if you will come here. (Mr. Suggs told if he can,) we will remain here & we will visit together about ten days; In August, the Parsons will all be here, so you

see it would be pleasant. & arrange our meeting at that time also Mr. Suggs will visit. & you can visit Buffalo & the "exposition" on your return to Ithaca, but we want you to think? Charlie Parsons suggested the programme last evening & Alice always agreed to what he says. Don't mind looking about what people will think or say. We will be with you. Your happiness only you are to think of when marriage

is concerned. Besides all of your
friends will be pleased that
you have changed your mind
even those who may have written
to congratulate you. God bless
you my dear little Daughter
for being courageous & doing
what your heart dictated.
I think God answered our
prayer, for we could not be
reconciled to your sacrificing
your young life to a man
so physically weak & thought

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pure in character, - I feel quite troubled about Agnes, the sister that she has unusual prostration. The dear child needs a complete change, & not from home care; when we go to her. I hope she will get well, she and we must stay as long as we must as she needs to keep quiet for a time. I am so glad you wrote to her: Mr. Suggs wrote a beautiful letter to Alice

And Charles went to Mr. Suggs.
But however we had both kept
to ourselves, Charles was softener
over the letter & said at once
he wanted to write to him.
I am so glad you will be
in Washington, it will be
very to visit you in your
own little home. Mr. Suggs
wants the marriage to take
place no later than January
next, what say you? I must
tell a lot for the housewifery.
You had better write to Willie
& tell him about your engagement.

Elizabeth is a singular
girl, with very little depth
of feeling, but of course she
is on the "venegai voyage"
& we must overlook a great
deal. I sent your postcard
to Chuck. Elizabeth will
guide me to see Willie home &
wants him to stay with them
as long as he possibly, I am
sure. I wrote inviting Alice & Charles
to visit them, but never sent a
message to "Papa" or myself.
She told me she never trusted
any one in her life, & I could

only for Willie. She some
+ person are attracted, but
there is nothing else in her to
be admired, but I think time
+ experience will develop her.
She has never had a mother's
love to soften her. Mrs. Lloyd
she says she never had. "Papa"
had given strong + is very
happy here. he will preach
for Mr. Beard next Sabbath.
He sends you much love +
says he does not think you
forget him. You were only mistaken

Baby sends you
sweet kisses.

Bye-bye sitting for
I am so excited.

Are you going
back to Elkhart
next Fall?

E. 43rd. St.

June 11th 1901.

My Darling Sister:-

When I read your
letter this morning telling me the
good, grand news, I jumped for
joy, and laughed and cried in
turn. I am just as happy as I
can be over this engagement, and
have grown ten years younger.
I wish "Ben" and yourself, (with all
my heart) every happiness in
this world, and I am sure you
will both be very happy. A girl
always has to have a few little
harmless love affairs, before she

finds the right man. And I have
always thought you cared for "Ben"
more than you knew yourself. For
your letters are always so full of
him. Emma and I use to hope
that it would be, just as it has
turned out.

Do you know Deanie, that
I have worried my heart sick over
that affair with Mr. Worsley, and
have prayed to the "Lord" each night
to let you see your mistake, and
not many times. And just
think how fine it has turned out
I can hardly believe it true it seems
like a good dream. Kiss "Ben" for
me and tell him that I am sure
I will love him dearly. And although
I have never seen him, feel perfectly

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happy in trusting, the smallest and
dearest girl in the world to his
 love and care.

Deenie, do not think
 any more of Whorsey, just turn that
 leaf in your life book over, and
 forget it, it was just pity you
 had for him. You and I are slight
 impulsive, and hate to be unkind,
 but when we love the right one
 we are happy ever after. And
 Jack tells me every day that I am
 the smallest and truest wife in
 the world. But he loves you next to me.

Do you know Dear, that
 I do not think it right for you
 to go to Durham this summer.
 And I think everyone will agree
 with me. If Mr Whorsey is there
 it will be most unpleasant.
 Come to us instead, and in
 September we are thinking of moving

into a house. We will just ~~be~~
to have you here and will do every-
thing to make you happy. How
much does it cost from Ithaca
to Chicago? Anyway I am going
to spend all summer in making
you pretty, dainty - under man and
other things. I want you to have
lots of pretty, dainty bride like things.
You can only be a bride once in
your life and I think a girl
should have everything sweet and
light. Alice thinks just the opposite
but we will fix her. You can
have my wedding dress, and have
some soft, airy material for an
over dress, and my veil, slippers
etc you can also have. You are
so sweet and pure that I wish

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I could give you everything I want
to. Isn't it grand that you will
live in Washington? And \$1,500 a
year is quite enough to live on
comfortably. Jack only got \$900 a year
when we were married, that wasn't
quite enough. I am glad you
and Ben like the little waist
I made you. It is hard to fit a
person so far away. The black and
yellow waist I knew would suit
your Spanish type. Jack thought
I looked sweet in that waist too.
I only wore it once. What ^{do} you
need most now, for the summer,
be frank and tell me and if
I can I will send it to you.
You are too modest about telling
your wants. I suppose clear

Mamma and Papa will be coming
next week. Papa was heart-broken
over your engagement to Whoriskey
and the relief to know you
have broken it off, will be almost
too great for him. I am sure
they will look with favor on
Mr Duggan's suit, and he will
be a welcome member to the
family. We will all then have
married to please our parents,
and be an ever happy family.
I would make just as big (a. to do)
over my engagement and marriage
as I pleased. I do not look at
it as Alice does. It is no disgrace
to be a person and want to be
very happy over it. If it pleased
me I would get on the house

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top and announce it. I do not
think you will like it up in Durham
this summer.

Jack has a small horse
and buggy and we go riding every
day. Jack will be proud to take
you out this summer, and I just
must see you, for if you are
married in Durham we will never
get to the wedding and I will just
be heart broken, for I have not
seen you in such a long time.

Mae and Kittie are away for a month
will go to Buffalo about the 20th;
"Baby" is playing with my bag of buttons.
If you ever want to see a sweet
loving child you must see her

She is as pretty as a picture and
her nature is like mine over men
with her. This is an awful hot
day. Are you going to the session?
Don't you think Alice's pictures are
fine? Don't fail to send me
Bess. He will think I am crazy &
call him Ben as soon. Well I must
close. With all kinds of good wishes
love and smoo kisses for you both

I am your own loving,

Agnes.

Jack told me to send his congratulations
and best wishes, and smoo kisses to
you his sweetest sister. He says
Mr Duggan will certainly get a
sweet, warm hearted girl for a wife.
He also says he is thankful he
won't have to call you Mrs Whorley.
Write soon Darling for I want to hear
from you often.

My dear Son,
I received your letter of the 11th of June 1881.

I must thank you for your interesting letter which reached me Saturday I think it was, at the same time our letter from Fred & Mary, all written & sent the same day, my boys were all thinking of me at the same time, the letters were fully appreciated. Fred had just returned from a trip to Wacouche where he spoke, took Frederick with him, he said the little fellow behaved beautifully & "scaped a world of joy & information". He has now, Mrs. Jenkins, furnished them with notes & ~~about~~ pointed out every detail & every stage of his life, that interested Andrew particularly, I would like to have him tell of it, he is at least of his such a good memory. As Sam & Mary they went to look at Jersey for the Station, stopped for an hour at the Constitutional Convention, by the way, that body finds the suffrage question a hard one to manage it seems. Fred expected to entertain Judge Taylor & wife during commencement, expected them Saturday night. Bishop Doan will come to preach commencement services, I think it was given before the fact he made such an impression at commencement time. He thinks Auburn an important place for building up the Episcopal church, you will see by his address at Cornwell, published in the Church Records, I suppose you got that, your Father ordered it sent you, I wonder if you have time to read it with all your duties & please write. I am much interested in you

"social matters", the dances at the Navy Ball were gay!
I don't think you are getting old enough not to enjoy a dance with
an attractive partner the you seem to write as if you are getting old. I
expect you enjoyed meeting the Ky lady almost as much as she did
you. What a splendid idea that observation train is, Southwestern would
never have thought of that. I hope you will find time to get out your little
book. It doesn't matter which of us your letter is addressed to we enjoy it all the
same.

Well: by this time Thos is a married man & on the 18 mile drive to the
R.R. station, with such home tonight, tomorrow night will be the reception.
Becky is so fortunate woman, her friends will bake 1 doz larger cakes for
her which will be a plenty for the entertainment. I did say just yesterday,
baked & iced a large spice cake, some friends made two but the uncertain-
ty of my going prevented my doing more, we hope to go if there is not
an urgent call for your Father. We had a great deal of rain while I
was with Sister Sally, so much that I had to ask Reuben to bring me
down Friday morning with his mules, & Mr Harris' buggy. He came over
to breakfast bringing his mules, but Thos wanted to borrow the buggy to
go to Dunfries & said he would bring me, so Reuben was earned the
windy ride, I was glad he was. I enjoyed my visit to Aunt Meddles
very much, together we made her nice black skirt for the reception,
she had despaired of getting it made, no horses to drive to Fairdale
& such bad weather. Mr H. traded off his horse the day before I left,
the new ones hold high heads & sister Sally is afraid of them, Rich is

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delighted. Fanny Pringle had been to Tuckaloosa commencement, had a chill this day after she returned. I heard Melville was sick Saturday, she expected to go over to Fayetteville with him.

Mrs. Beardsley & Mrs. Whelan walked over Sunday evening, something wonderful for Mrs. B. — Uncle Waver dined with us, left at dusk for home, said he was feeling rather better, had been "very poorly".

We drove down to Mrs. Stewarts yesterday evening, the ladies had gone to town & we missed a call, Mrs. Cochrane, by being from home.

Mrs. Stewart called here while we were away, you know Mrs. Perry & herself have not long since returned from Washington where they spent most of the winter & the spring.

Henry still hopes to make us a visit some time this summer he had had a little attack of indigestion, said he was not very busy just then had quite a run examining persons for insurance policies, had made 50 dollars on that. I think if he knew of a good opening elsewhere, he would leave "the pines" now, he did not go there expecting to make it his home.

May cook has gone today to get her things as she says, I hope that means she will continue with us, the month will be out in two days. She is not much of a cook but decidedly better than no cook. Some Father has a very pleasant visit, spent most of his time with Bolling, he & Andy say they are coming to see us this summer. It is about time for me to get up a little dinner so must close, with much love

By
Your devoted Mother.

? JUNE 11, 1901

Madie,

Shall I send Agnes a picture of your room and of you sketching?

Do you mind getting two letters in the same mail, my Darling? I guess Charles will tease, but then a 4 P letter would have been just as bad, and would not give me this one more chance to add - I love you, dear with Yr. K. Cord.



Miss Mamie Robertson
88 Hart Ave.
Schenectady

Rochester, N.Y., June 3, 1901

12 M.

It is seven hours, my dear Madrie, since I have spoken to you semi-audibly or legibly. It is a long time for a lover; and it is the longest time during the daily hours that audible "I-love-you's" have been hushed since that happy first.

I am so glad that you gave me goodbye this early dawn, though I know it was selfish of me, Dearest, to have been so happy over the glad surprise. I hope that you went to sleep again and dreamed sweetly, - no matter what? Yes; but I trust that to you, Dearie, for I love

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you as you know.

Everything has gone smoothly, and by this time Mrs Perry, Willie, and the carter are in Churchville; Prof. Rowlee is en route to Buffalo; and I am here to while the lonely hours until tomorrow at 2 P.M. This means, darling Sweetheart, that I remain for the funeral. They expect us, and they will appreciate it; but it will be a long, long time in spite of the many little errands I must run. Fortunately, I have brought some work for this evening. Prof. Rowlee left us soon after the arrival in Rochester, and I saw them aboard for Churchville. Matters there are all adequately arranged by the local friends, and our presence before tomorrow would



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Rochester, N. Y.,

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only to a burden. I cannot
reach home and you earlier
than midnight Friday. In the
very atmosphere of my room at
that hour, though you dream
a whole moor's distance away,
love, I shall feel a semi reali-
zation of nedozes of s-sikes
true from my own, my sweetest
Madrie.

Ben.

Whatie? — Yes I believe you do
too. May^{the} hours till Saturday A.M.
be shorter with you than with me;
— and yet I hardly wish it so,
if you are content, Madrie.

New Hampshire College,
CHEMICAL DEPARTMENT.

Durham, N. H.,

June 13, 1901

My dear sweet sister Marie:-

I feel that I must write - and tell you how much I rejoice with you in your new found happiness and to sincerely congratulate you on your choice, for I have heard of Mr. Duggan many times through his friends and always with words of the highest-praise. His own words and actions also show him to be thorough going, well bred, gentleman. I am anxious to meet him personally and Alice will send him, by same mail, an invitation to visit us. We care nothing for the sudden change to the people here for all, except the Marshlands, will be more than pleased. And as for the Marshlands as personally care nothing although they have done much to make it unpleasant for us there last three months. Still Marie as you wrote Perry ~~first~~ before I believe it would do much to help settle matters if you could write him again, asking for no advice and saying nothing and in no way demanding yourself but simply saying you want to keep his good opinion. You see when you come here all is coming out and it will be much

better to let them know by signs. I know exactly how
Perry feels for he has talked to more than one
and has been egged on by Mrs. Perry. A letter written in
your same old style would help much to keep his
friendship, which I am sure you want, and would
also seal his mouth. I believe I will write down my
idea and enclose it. I have talked it over with Alice
and she agrees with me. Forgive me for offering
unasked advice, to which, perhaps, I am too prone but
I do want to bring about something for your hap-
piness and the good opinion of your old friends will
always be dear to you.

Well Marie dear we shall be more
than pleased to welcome you back when you come
and now that we feel you have such bright
prospects for happiness you will find that we
will all welcome the one, who I hope will
always be the dearest to you on earth, as
you would wish him to be received. Try to
give him only good impressions of me & forget
the times when my ways may not have pleas-
ed you. My only desire has been for your happiness
and not one of the family loved our dear
sweet Marie more than her
Loving brother
Chas. Parsons

Durham N.H. June 14th 1901

My own dear Marie:

I write to let you know how happy I am to learn of your engagement to Professor Duggar. As soon as I saw his photograph I was pleased with him. He has a strong manly face full of intellect & character, while his southern birth & training will insure his courtesy gentleness & affection.

I will be very glad indeed to meet him & to become acquainted with him. Come if possible to Durham

on July 1st bring Mr Duggar with you. You
mother & myself will spend a few days
here with you & then we will leave
for Chicago. & you & he can remain with
Alice just as long as you choose
& take in Buffalo on your way back
to Whana if you still intend to return
there. By August 1st Douglas & Alice
will have returned to East Aurora
If he can go with you I know that the
boys will be glad to see him & I hope also
that Mr Duggar will be pleased with them.
As to your writing to Dr Muskleland
I think that in that matter you
had better follow your own judgment

He has been very kind to you & by treating
him with proper courtesy, you may be
able to heal the breach between Charles
& Dr Muskleland, if indeed there be any.
I think that Mr Whoriskey has acted very
nicely, I heard last night that he has
gone to Europe for 3 months.

No one here so far as I know has
heard of the change. Besides, I believe
that every one will be glad to hear of
the change of the position in your
relations to him. Your old friends
will all be glad to see you here again
& I think that you will have a
delightful visit if Mr Duggar comes also.

All here send you love & we all will
await your arrival, with pleasant
Anticipations. You know from your
own heart how glad I will be to
welcome you

May God bless & keep you my dearest
Present my kindest regards to them &
believe me to be as ever

Your Affectionate
Father

P.S. Douglas
wishes me to
say that he
is very glad
to hear the
news.

PM JUNE 17, 1901

East Aurora

My Dear Sweet Marie

I was delighted
when I received your letter
and read the news. I am
sorry for Mr. Whoriskey but
think it far better for him
not to marry. I am so glad
that real love has come into
your life, for I did not feel
satisfied last winter that

planned to go to Mrs. Vt's
on Cayuga Lake (if she will
take us) during July and
take both the children. Doug
is not sure yet of going
at that time. If he does not
I will let you know, for I
want you to visit us this
summer.

Yesterday Jamie went
over to the Lake to visit
Mamma and I miss him
so much. I can imagine
that he is having a fine
time.

you cared for him that
way. I have been in love
myself and know how
we can feel. I know your
love for Mr. Duggar will
bring you much more
happiness and I think
that he must be fine.

Do you remember I
wanted you to fall in love
with him? I want to see
you so much and have
a good visit with you.
Douglas and I have

I expect to go in to-morrow
to the Pan American for the
first time.

Frank is to be married
one week from Thursday
and there is quite a little
entertaining being done for
Lucy, to which I am invited.
I enjoy it for I have been
home so much all winter.

Baby has grown to be such
a dear good little thing you
would just love her.

Yours lovingly
Alice.

June 16, 1901.

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Mallin Ala
June 18th 1941

Dear Miss Robertson:—

We see from the Newspapers of the day, that in some of the Southern States startling discoveries have recently been made known:— But the greatest discovery— one too, in which I am so particularly interested, is that I read about in a letter post-marked 'Ethaca'.— from a young man, I still claim as my son; possibly you need no special description of him.

— He tells me in a kindly letter to his mother & myself, — 'he has found a young lady who now completely possesses his heart and happiness.'— You must know he is dear to both of us. I I thank you, not for dividing his love with us, but for increasing his joy—

I am no diviner or mind
reader, but permit me to
say that this "dream of yours"
like a sunbeam of light
has been unfolding to me
for some while. - I dis-
covered it - dimly shadowed -
in the rainbow of his thoughts.
Had I never been a younger
man - 'twould have surprised me.
Let me further say - Study each
others happiness well for your mutual
good, & you will have the love & the
blessings of his Father & his Mother
always added to his own. Be assured
Michael regard you with affec-
tion & sincerity, Truly

Wm. Duggan

that did not succeed in selling as single one; he says there is no money in that kind of business now &
 he wants to get out
 of it. I know your brother
 Ben will be glad to have
 of your good pictures
 but I doubt not wanting
 it. Well, you say so
 it is so far off. He
 thinks a good deal of
 his own work.
 Your father promised to
 let me see a few little
 pictures when I plan
 to come up; they are waiting
 & I would not be surprised
 if he writes for them to
 come down next week. I
 rather find it pleasy as
 one of the best
 every one & I don't
 know how to estimate
 his. Your father says he
 will write to you some
 time & he may write to
 the young lady for a while
 he is before it and then
 I am sure. With much
 love & respect sympathy and
 your happiness
 your devoted
 brother
 Don't show that. Please, this is a letter

attended to & I am seated across the window and the chamber where I
 am enjoy the delight of writing what I write, the surroundings have been as
 hot but this is an exception. We appreciated & enjoyed your letter of a few
 days ago, the news did not surprise us for as you said I understood from
 your letter of the week before that your "pastime" was becoming seriously
 interesting, your father had remarked at some time before, he says he
 has "been all along there" & has not forgotten his youthful days.
 We congratulate you on having won the affections of such a charming
 girl & sincerely hope there will be nothing to mar your happiness, for
 we are happy. Yes, I am right glad you are to be married for
 bachelors have lonely times (you have an example) I began to think we
 might have several in our family. We would like so much to know
 the young lady. I remember your showing me her picture, that amused
 your father's suspicions but I told him the exchange of photos these
 days was nothing, one day it was different. The pictures are beautiful
 done, you & she can do the finest work I ever saw in that line. I
 return them with thanks. The mention of pictures reminds me, have you
 seen one of Ben's taken within the last year? if not I must send
 you mine to look at, & to show to "Miss Maria", your former brother's

reckon she would like to see it, don't paint us in glowing colors to her.
I would rather have her agreeably disappointed. when she meets us if that
would be possible & I hope we will meet at no very distant time.
Now if the event were to take place in the fall & you could bring her
down whole roads & weather was good it would be as nice. I have only
seen Uncle Wain a few moments since your letter came & did not
think to ask him for the address, but will send it next time. He stopped
a few minutes Sunday morning on his way to Greensboro, said he was
feeling better that morning & suddenly determined to go, was here here
yesterday evening but of course did not come. Mr. Cobb dined with
us Sunday, his deafness has improved some under Dr. Kirkpatrick's
treat ment, when he first went to him he was almost stone deaf.
I have not written to you since the reception, we went early in the
after noon, stopped at Bessie's to take in a cake I baked for her (more
than a day was baked by relatives & friends) & to take a look at the
house, every thing was so prettily arranged, thanks to the girls. for Bessie
only ever looks, our forward sister Sally & Fanny Adams had at work on
the iron means which by the bye was delightful. As Sister I could not
leave her work she asked me to take her place at home, attend to
supper &c. Mrs. John Harris, Lady Keuffel, Johnny & Bessie were there, after
supper we dressed & walked up by the light of a lantern, a rough walk
over those red hills. I can't say the birds were pretty for she is not but
she looked well & very much at her ease, it was not like going among
strangers for she had met all the relatives & many of the friends at

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Mary's wedding, Mary & baby were there, she has broken more than any one I ever saw in such a short time. I think Mother does & dandies between them, keeps her as hot water, poor girl! but she married with her eyes wide open. I suppose there were 75 or 80 persons at the reception, the back porch was run out the full length of the house as the young people had a nice cool place to dance. At refreshment time I assisted sister Sally & Harry in the pantry, ice cream, strawberries & cake were in the greatest abundance. The presents were very pretty & more numerous than I expected for them. has never noticed relatives or friends much. Johnny presented the set of furniture for his room, John & Rose a brand new wash stand, set, Harry & Baxter Adams a rug & rocking chair, a young friend another rocking chair, another a large lamp. I think there were about 4 doz spoons, fancy bottles, berry bowls & runners a pr of silver cult. cellars, 2 pr of cut. glass, one pr of those I gave, with a doz very pretty tumblers & coasters. Other weddings are rumored in the family, it is said Elvira has accepted that nice Tuscaloosa beau Mr Cochran & will be married in the fall, twin Melville they say is engaged to Mr Hamilton's son of Hannadale. I hope that is set as, I aspire higher for her, she is a member one girl. The spirit of matrimony is ripe in our connections at present!

Yesterday I was quite surprised by a call from Mrs Watkins & Lucy they stayed only a few minutes were out taking the sounds, could not have selected a hotter day. Benny took his living horses to Tuscaloosa

Auburn, Ala.

June 19, 1901

My Dear Miss Robertson,

It was
with genuine pleasure
that I received a letter
a few day ago from my
brother announcing his
engagement with you.
I have long wished for

a sister, and it is a pleasant thought that I will have things of my brother Ben, one in the near future but no doubt you know

I wish to assure all that I might say. I think there are few young men who equal those of you that you will have a most cordial welcome into the Duggar family from my husband, myself, and the five little Duggars of our home. I think there are few young men who equal those of the Duggar family in mind and character. Yesterday was the tenth anniversary of my life as the wife of the eldest of this family.

I can say truly that these
years have been fraught
with joy, I hope, with use-
fulness, and, I am sure,
with mental and spiritual
development, for no both. I
think there could have been
no life more happy or com-
plete, and I wish and
predict for Ben and yourself
a similar experience.

I should be so glad to
hear from you and
also to have your picture.

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I hope before many
months have passed
Bear will bring you
to visit us. We have
a warm, warm
welcome for you.

Most cordially yours
Fannie Duggar.

Auburn, Ala.

June 19, 1901.

Dear Ben,

It was such
a pleasure to receive
your letter a few days
ago, with its excellent
news. I began to be
afraid lest you had

joined the bachelor
rank for life and
my prospects of a
sister become indefinitely
postponed. I am
prepared to take
"sister Marie" right
into my heart and
love her very dearly.

I do hope you will
bring her to visit us
when you are married
and let us know her
at as early a date as
possible. We shall hope
to be included in
the wedding trip and
will make our home

and Auburn yield all
the pleasures of which
they are capable for
the benefit of you and
your bride. Auburn is
a charming place to live.
The social life here
is unique for a
place of this size. I
wish you had seen

will often be travelling
in the South. I hope
you can often bring
Miss Marie with you
and leave her with
us while you circle
around her in the
Southern States. When
you get ready to go
to Washington, we will

be glad to write our
 friends there of you.
 I have two lady
 friends there that I
 know will be pleasant
 acquaintances for "Mrs
 Digger" when she
 goes. There are Mrs
 True and Mrs. Allen.
 Mrs. True lives at 1604

17th St. That is the
 most attractive part
 of the city. I still
 correspond with Mrs
 True at intervals and
 Dr. True has made us
 two short visits, - one
 just a few weeks
 ago. I missed a
 part of his visit on

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best to locate ⁵ here. I
would have been so
pleasant to have you
and your wife on the
neighboring hill. The
horticultural house
is so pretty and
convenient. But, at
any rate, we shall
hope to see much
of you now that you

account of attending the
Alabama Federation of
Clubs where I had a
short-talk on "Co-education
at Auburn."

Prof. Hume of Florida
was elected in Prof. Earle's
place. Fred thinks he was
a good selection and is
capable of growth. He
visited Auburn about a

month ago and made
a pleasant-impression.
He will probably be
here in a few weeks
as Prof. Earle leaves at
once.

We had a very interest-
ing commencement
this year. Every thing
turned out well. We
retained Judge Taylor

& wife and liked them
so much. He made
one address. We had
many distinguished
guests to dine and
sup with them,

Bishop Barnwell
among others.

I have had no more
for a month and
Shirilyn is never
still. The children

are all anxious to know
uncle Ben. I wish
they might know
you well. I want you
to take an interest in
them and lend an
help us to plan
for their education.
They are all bright
and learn quickly.

Freddie and Frances
read quite well and

Margaret can read
a little.

Fred had a letter
from Raleigh N.C. a
few days ago asking
at what salary he
would consider the
Chair of Agr. there. Two
other letters name
\$2,500, and state that
the chair is ^{to be made} ~~of first~~
^{of first} rank in the college.

However, Fred declined,
as he is interested in
his work here and
we are so pleasantly
located in every way.

Fred is now off on
an institute trip, and
will be gone till the
middle of next week.

He spends July 13-29
conducting institutes
in La. For this he will

be paid \$60 and expenses.

We hope to spend
next summer in
travel and study.

I hope you can
read this letter. I

have had many
interruptions while
writing.

I am always so
glad to hear from

and enjoy writing you
the news when I
have any to give.

With much love,

Your sister,

Fannie Duggan

I have written to Mrs
Marie today.

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10 P.M.

Union Station, Albany, N.Y.

My dearest, sweetest Madrie,

I have just come in from Poughkeepsie, and a bath for my tired body is waiting; but first I must send a few messages of love to my own sweetheart. This morning as I went down to Poughkeepsie I scribbled you a few lines and to these I must now give first place: -

[11:45 A.M. It is one week and twelve hours since I left pleasure behind, or rather since I sent it on before. What a shame to have to tell you such a

half-hearted good bye, Deane,
when it is for two whole days
and a night, and some weary
extra hours, perhaps, that I
must wait to see my love a-
gain! I could hardly re-
sist the temptation to take
an upper berth in that other
car, dearest, after you were
out of sight and safely
promised a lower. The Con-
ductor was finally very nice
about it outside; and I hope,
sweet, that you were comfort-
able and sleepable through
to Boston. At this very -

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time you must be waiting
for a train to Durham; to
take you on to your family
"love yous"; but, Dearie, you
lean behind your bestest "love
you"

He loves you sweet; he loves you
dear.

He love you far, he love you near;
But, but of all, he loves to hear
"I love you" from you, - low and clear.

Qui! Qui! Mille la Duckessa.
(But let not this smother your sublime
tear.)

Well, I reached the hotel at
Syracuse certainly before you
were asleep, and (soon) anon
my senses were not of this
world. No: I did not dream,

for that would have been of
catching a flying train, and
of other questful endeavors; but
like our old friend Wabb, after
his over-wintering, I awoke
larger and stronger, - enlarged
in depth of heart and feeling,
and it is all for thee, sweet
love.

By the bare enamel of my
teeth I caught a 7:40 train
this morning, and I will be
in Pokopee at 1:00 P.M. I
think there I may find
food enough to send me
to my work rejoicing in so
far as singleness may rejoice.
I sincerely hope that in

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Boston you are finding amusement commensurate with your feelings, dearest. It will be a long time until I find for me a message from my sweetheart at the Adams House; and meanwhile I have hope and comfort, - sweet hope and sweetest comfort in the thought that my little Lassie Länsmaken is staying away long for me too.]

I have had a hard day, sweetheart, and not one quiet minute before this, except while on the train or driving across country. To attend to my work this afternoon I could

make no train connections,
and had to drive across
country, - in all about six-
teen miles. It was a pleas-
ant region, and you know
Swett, that many times I
wished (No! There was one long,
lingering, lasting wish) you
were with me. Why did you
not come? On returning to
Paik's. I barely had time to
eat my dinner before train-
time again.

O Madrie I love you, and
I wish that I were to be with
you tomorrow night again. S-
hes and living words of love

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for my daily food I need.
But perhaps it is well that
Thursday is the day, since it
is not you alone whom I am
to see, for tomorrow night I
may be a sight indeed, - so
much in need of more
rest and sleep.

Well, Deane, my heart goes
out in deepest love to you, al-
though my eyes refuse to act
in unison any more. Then
it is adieu until your sweet
letter says come; and it is love
to all to whom you wish to give
love, yet it is not of thine that
you give. No, no! That goeth not away
and is only increased by

bring given back to me.
I love you, medicine, says Ben.

the end here, This has not brought her down to see me yet. I want get up a special tea for them because I want
to make a hunt to get ready, we want to help me. I had
a story of three men, attacks
of pain, a man in a coat
- even it is, yesterday & last
night, - slept very little and
I had to be in our position
& very nervous, even
breathing off a cigarette
you are tired, I fear, as
if my muscles were
tired by some strong
force, it is like the game
your father used to have
in his back & cold, it
shows without shadowing.
The pain is not so much &
has passed today but has
not feeling quite weak.
We had a letter from Henry
a few days ago, he said
they had a very interesting
letter from you, I suppose,
also replied & gave you an
account of our own
& as the kind of the letter
quite a great thing they were
interested in, as we are writing
help me I like - I thought I
want another sheet but did
not think I had enough to
fill it, you shall see why I do

interested in your account of the decorations, balls, &c. how I would like
to have seen this array, it would have been a sight to me. I am sure
is a busy time all round this week. I suppose the camp is as quiet
as it was last week, but you will be going to the Pan-American
& perhaps next week over to St. Louis as you will spend some gradually.
I hope you will make as good an impression on the parents as on the
daughters & that they will have no hesitation committing her to your
care. I have some curiosity to know why she is called "Miss Percival". I
think "Pearie" is so much prettier, I always had a fancy for the name.
You spoke of her as a "little girl", I had some idea she was rather tall &
slender, about twice Melville's size.

I was very sorry to hear of your friends misfortune, it was a sad case. I
suppose the little baby is the only child, & the good Mother will keep
it. Perham was here Sunday & told me you wrote to him from Rochester.
I hope he will answer your letter but you need not count on it, does
hardly ever prints from to paper to any one. He did sit say he would not
but you get ahead of him, really I don't think he has any idea of answering
but he visits the girls & at times is very attentive to certain ones. I think
he thinks he is not able to support as wife. Sunday I thought I would

have our table full to dinner. These brought some Hare from Greensboro, little Florence & Belling were with them, they stopped here & I insisted on their spending the day but they had promised to dine with Uncle Wm. & would go. I told them we had nothing to eat & no servant but about half past eleven they journeyed on having first partaken of ice lemonade & cake with us. I gave Uncle Wm. a can of corn beef & one of tomatoes, also some bottles to help him out, he had brought down some. They stopped at the gate on their way back & Green said it made him right sad to see how he lives, no one to help him, no one in call, he cooked the dinner himself & drew water for the horses with a qt. bucket through that little hole in the top of the well, the pump out of fig & he won't fix it for fear the water will be used by the negroes in his absence. He improved in Greensboro but it will not last long if he stays at Vinitelover.

Last Friday night we had a little "tea", Mrs. Stewarts family, Mrs. Lohm, Mrs. Hatch & Miss Lou Barwick, it was in honor of Allen & his wife who were so polite to us in Salem, the other ladies also had several times entertained us & I felt I must make some return. I asked the Capt. but Mrs. Hatch doesn't like to be bothered taking him along & I suppose persuaded him to stay home with Mamie. When she arrived that evening the evening passed pleasantly, was ^{not} stiff at all, after supper they tried "sucking the snout of a seal", had a little music & then ice cream & cake, H. & Elsie came before we knew it. Sister Sally had the bride & all from Jessie's to tea with them, says she likes the bride better every time.

will add some, with much love from devoted sister.

June 26th 1901

Tallies Ala.

Dear Ben! —

To your Mother

letter I must add a few lines — but usually after she has sifted the family affairs — all that is interesting has been told & in a better way than I could give it. —

You mentioned in your last about going to Rochester with Dr. Durand, to assist him in his dis-
tress — I am sure there

My father wrote me to close. His affections —

is nothing so sad and disappointing as to be in his condition. I have seen several cases of "Puerperal-Mania" - The most disagreeable one was with your Aunt Bessie M. - (John's wife), when they lived at the Holcroft place. She did not know any one & almost went into a spasm when your uncle John came into the room; but in two weeks time her mind cleared up, & she asked me for some cool water one day.

The first moment of consciousness for two weeks - We nursed her as tho she was an infant herself - had to feed ^{her} & ^{she} had no hunger or thirst.

But fortunately for them they seldom ever know anything or remember at all their inconsistencies.

Changing my theme to a most interesting one, I feel satisfied that you have had a full & free opportunity to become acquainted with every one who has been a householder with you - and now I suppose you must try & know all the family.

Once upon a time, I was visiting a young lady, and saw a woman who would

many one girl that I had not
eaten all the meals of the
day with. - Said further, you
& I have dined & breakfasted
together but never have we
supped at the same table.
The next day I had a pressing
invitation to take tea with a few
friends at her house. But we
never materialized. —

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June 28-1901

Dear Sugar:

Well, Well! you have at last done the long expected. But my! didn't you approach it in a delicate way. Don't believe a school girl could have been more delicate in the matter.

Old man you have my most hearty congratulations, and best wishes in your future anticipations. I do not know the lady in question, or I might be tempted to write her and tell her my private opinion of her choice of a future "lord and master."

My private view of your intended is

that she is one of those angelic creatures, modeled after human kind. This presumption is of course drawn from the fact that I have known you for several years, and no one before has tempted you to take a like step.

Now a word of advice, as to the time of meet between now, and the eventful occasion. Do not get the point if the other fellow does get a few dances with her. Do not claim all of her time. If you both are still in the same house, get you a new boarding house. You will enjoy seeing her more, if not quite so convenient. When you think you can't live longer without seeing her

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the very day, read the stenographic report of the Constitution makers of Ala. or some other equally interesting? document.

Do all these things if you like, but I might as well inform you right now, that I didn't, there!

You may be assured that you, and your intended, have my very best wishes for a prosperous and happy wedded life.

By the way, the Constitution~~at~~ fellows are making ^{over} Ag. Stations & schools lively, trying to reduce the tag tax on fertilizers. One fellow has given as his experience of his visit to this Station, after reading in a

bulletin that drained soils would produce
10 tons of grapes per acre. That he wanted
to verify it, so he jumped from the be-
tween the plow handles onto the train,
came here, and found one vine twining
around the front porch, with so many
bunches of grapes, and said that if vines
were planted 8x8. and every vine had
that many bunches, 10 tons could be produc-
ed on an acre. Handy who could have
been his guide. Let's say that it was
Newman, or Smith or any old thing.

Hav'n't seen any of the Board since so
much talk has been going on, so don't
know their ideas.

Most of us are at last out of the
grass, and can breathe a bit freely as
a consequence. Had three weeks dry weather.

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Prof. Bachman, teacher when you left here writes me that he is going to Cornell for the summer. I gave him the address of my boarding house while there, and asked him to see you, for particulars. He is principal of the school at Livingston, Ala.

Have not heard any thing from Fla. yet. Hope I am successful there, so I can get out from here. There is no question but that public men have room to complain at the management of this station, for we are doing practically nothing.

I have some hopes of getting the
Fla. place, if Profs. A. & Bailey wrote
there for me.

If I succeed I shall feel greatly
indebted to you, both for the in-
formation as to it and for your
help.

Will you be down this summer?
if so come over to see, so I may see
how being an engaged man agrees
with you.

Mrs. B. sends kindest regards.

Your friend

H. Benton

P.M. DURHAM, N.H.
JUNE 29, 1901.

My darling - Here I am safe
and sound in Durham!
No accidents, no trouble whatever.
The only excitement of any kind
was caused when we edith
got on at Harbottle accompanied
with showers of rice (like her
man!) And our dear heart Alice
says that you must come right

my head on your head. Would you
like it?.

So then what train will you
come? Come soon, M. le Duc.

Until that time I wait for you
here - corporally - actually - I am
with you. I you must care very
much if my L's aren't all
dotted, my spelling perfect
my style grandiloquent. - Then
there will you. I am so tired
and hot.

Tell tomorrow sweet love -

Your Persio.

Please let us know what train,

on here, to-morrow. Are you glad
my sweet heart? Oh! Persio
every minute is an L -
a minute, tell you come.

Don't you wish you could go in
bathing with us tonight! By moonlight!
I am so glad to have another try
at my old salt water - muddy
bottom and all!

Do you know what I wish oh
my smooth-backed K. Cook? I
wish me more sitting in the Syracuse
station, your head on my shoulder