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Urbana, Ill.
Nov. 8, 1901.

Dear Marie,

We were very
glad to receive your
sweet letter, and ^{we} extend
to you a cordial welcome
into our family circle.
I am so glad you
are planning to visit
us in the spring. I
hope you will be able
to stay with us long
enough to become well

acquainted. I wish
Ben would find some
cotton diseases to study
that would cause
him to make head-
quarters with us a long
time.

We have just had
a very charming bridal
couple with us from
Columbus, Miss. I did
wish for you and
Ben at the same time.

for we would have made
a merry party altogether.
I furnished the bridal
chamber all in white
and pink, and have
it already awaiting
your coming. In
the mean time less
important guests will
be assigned to another
room.

Tell Ben that Mr.
Wilcox of Oklahoma is
the new biologist. He
has no horticulture. This

seems to be taking care
of itself.

I wish you would
write us about your
trip and I would be
so interested to know
something about yourself -
color of eyes, hair, height,
weight - everything
will interest us as we
know little except that
you have "a joyous,
artistic temperament."

Ben wrote us that
you had some in

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your early childhood.
Where was this early
home and do you
still remember and
love the South? I have
no sisters of my own
so feel a great interest
in you and am pre-
pared to give you a whole
heart full of love.

I suppose Ben has told
you about your nieces and
nephews, Fredene, Frances,
Margaret, Ambrose and
Llewellyn, aged seven, six,
- five, three, and two. They

are much interested
in Uncle Ben's marriage
and are already
practising on saying
"Aunt Maria".

We are so glad that
you are having such
a delightful trip and
hope we will soon
receive those "long letters"
you promise to write
on reaching Europe.
Fred and I are both still
young and sentimental
and take great pleasure

in picturing to ourselves
yours and Ben's happiness
in the first days of this
new and beautiful life
on which you have
entered. I know it
must be a great and
blissful change to Ben
after living away from
home and loved ones
for fourteen years.

With warmest wishes
for the greatest happiness
of you both, I remain,

Lovingly your sister,
Marion.

Monday Nov 4th 1901.

Very dear Son

The afternoon is slipping away but perhaps I can finish my letter before night comes on we have been thinking a great deal of Maria & yourself since you sailed & sincerely hope by this time you are safely housed in London & in 10 days or more we may have a letter from you. Many inquiries were made about you both yesterday, Aunt & Mabel & Bessie said they had received notes of thanks from Maria, Lucy had not, I told her perhaps Mabel & Bessie had been written to as I gave you his address. Lucy will be some time longer in & around Cambridge before leaving for Spain.

We had quite an unexpected pleasure yesterday accidentally we had our mail brought to station today brought in it a card from Lucy Mabel.

inviting us up to spend Sunday with them, it was her Brother's birth day
& she wanted to give her a pleasant surprise by having all the sisters & brothers
there, she managed to have her Mother prepare a nice dinner, & while Sister L-
was coming to that, Lucy set a long table, arranged flowers &c, when her Brother
came in she wanted to know why such a long table was fixed, still she did
not tell her & she did not know a word of it until we drove up. Johnny & Beers
were to come over from church, so to keep dinner until they came she had to tell her
Mother that Beers & Elmore would be there after church. Lucy came with Johnny &
Beers as Beers was the only one coming. We had a very pleasant day but much to
our astonishment when we finished dinner we found a steady rain had set in,
the morning had been fine, we thought we would all have to spend the night &
sister L- insisted on it, but Johnny had to go to Sunday today as they were obliged
to leave, rain or not. Your Father Reuben & myself remained all night, a cold
change came on, & you should have seen us shivering this morning, yesterday & fire
would have been dangerous but this morning they had them all around, & such a
cold ride as we had home, the Sister L- gave us often wraps. I think if the wind
dies down, frost will be inevitable tonight & the dry-cum-thu-mums are just opening,
this rain was fine for them if only the frost would stay off. Lucy had a very large
bunch of white roses in the centre of the table, the 150 year old family glass bowl
held them. It was given to Sister Sally because she has the name of ~~her~~ great
Mother Minge, who owned the bowl. You will think me quite a gad about
when I tell you we took in the Street Fair last week, I was much pleased with some
things I saw, we dined at Mrs. Horner's by previous invitation, & they persuaded
us to remain to the night performances & I was as glad we did. I saw a balloon
filled & ascend, that was new to me, & I was delighted with a dancing girl, is not
that funny for me? Then a flying woman set us all to thinking & guessing how she
performed such a feat, it was more entertaining to me than ^{the} evening of your cousin
Gertrude Marshal, Livery of the Elks Garrisoned, as it was called. The procession
was very pretty & the Governor made a speech quite flattering to the ladies but about
that time, I was nearly dead with being so near an unruly horse in one of the

carriages. I think the whole Cambridge learned out that day. When we reached home that night it was nearly 1 o'clock. And tomorrow we start out on another jaunt, except Mr & Mrs Benton's invitation to spend the night with them & be ready for the consecration services next day. I should not be ungrateful, but would much prefer going some where else, you know. I did not love my heart with Mrs B. I am sorry he will lose his place.

We have a letter from Elwey about two days ago, he says his time is fully occupied at the Poly since from 8 to 10, from his letter he expects to turn his face home wards about Dec 1st & I fear he will cut us off with a very short visit. No recent news from Fred, as he writes to me on Sunday we may get a letter tomorrow. Reuben had to go over to see Miss Patten Hobson today at her request, Eliza says she wants him to be one of the archers, Eliza looks well, & is as active as ever, as R says, she will speak out just what comes into her head. The cure is sitting I cannot feed my chickens & a young gobbler I reckon he is. I sincerely hope you & Annie are well, it is needless to say, & happy, with much love to you both.

Your devoted

Mother.

But I know he will write with
you as much love to you
and our daughter, take care
of your children & each other
and the dear family.
of long land.
You devoted
Mother.

Nov 12th 1901.

A week has passed since my
last letter to you, I can scarcely realize it,
time passes so rapidly that the days are
monotonous, the same round every day, today
there is a little variation, so far as the weather
is concerned, this is a gloomy, showery day, &
much cooler, I fear our bright days are gone
for awhile at least. We see by the papers that
the fogs have been very dense ^{in London} & we wonder
how you & Maxie stand that, we think of you
both as much & are getting quite impatient
for a letter but I do not think we can
possibly have one until the middle of this
week. We had our mind brought up this morn

but there were only two newspapers. We heard from Elmer & Warr a few days ago, the former runs away busy with the Poly clinic, & the other an clinic, hospital &c. from what he says I suppose about the last of the month he will be turning his face home wards. Warr had a little work to do "in the hills" he did not say what, & then thought he would return sweet, that means to Beebe I suppose, but perhaps I told you, excuse me if I did.

How do you both employ your time? of course there is a great deal to see, but you can't be right seeing all the time, you have your work & while at that what does Maria do? I have not yet learned what her tastes are except that she is an artist. I do not imagine she has taken to "Batterbury," so fashionable with our country ladies. I think I will attempt a piece, it is very fascinating work.

Sunday I had a nice dinner expecting Uncle Warr up but he did not come until late. I had put by some soup it was so nice, warm - ed it on the grate & he enjoyed it very much, said he had no appetite for his dinner at home. He tried himself out in Danapolis & was very complaining but would not spend the night, had to go in town next day to vote for the ratification of the new constitution, every white man around here voted for it except Ben Bot Wood Collins, he is a follower of ex Gov Johnson who has been speaking against it.

Sunday night Ben C. W. Collins lost his stable by fire, fortunately the fire occurred about dark & they saw it in time to get out all the horses but one & saved a good deal of corn by wetting it so thoroughly it would not

burns, he lost 200 bushels & a good deal of
baked hay, he could afford to lose that better
than any one else for he has so much. They
cant say how the fire originated, the fire men
have been smoking or have dropped a match.
The Ashville people all went to the Hobson
wedding & returned through the darkness without
accident, only Kate & Melville, who was driving
the buggy took the wrong road but soon found it
out & returned their stops, Pierce waited to be with
them through "the swamp".

I am sorry Lucy Minge has put off her visit
to me as long, it would be too bad for her to
be here in rainy weather. I told you of D Cole
mums expected marriage to Miss Mung, they say
Dr Whitfield wants to take another one of the
daughters, Mrs Mung says he cant understand
why his daughters will fall in love with hog
eating men. Sam Father has made Sam a fine
the money that he may be quiet. I am to
money, to make out his accounts, as I will not

Durham N.H. Nov 12th 1901

Oh dear dear sweet Marie

How time flies. You have been married almost a month. Just think of it.

I am getting along fairly well here and although some things are unpleasant, I have much to be thankful for. I wish that I could be with you and Ben. You must be happy together. Never mind someday I'll be happy too.

It is a dreary rainy black night out and as I have finished Little Jack Horner's method of approximation of π , I thought that I would talk to you Marie dear. It is always a pleasant task and always will be.

There is to be a College Club hop here on Friday and we all are expecting a good time. This will be the first this year. I wonder if Mrs. Prex will come down from Manchester especially for the occasion.

My applications for an appointment to West Point are not meeting with much success.

There will be no appointments from this district until 1904 and no presidential appointments until 1903. So here I am, out in the snow.

I am going to write on both sides of this page so

We had a big initiation the other night and I didn't get to bed until 4 A.M. Beagle Keown slept with me. Brothers were down from Bowdoin and the University of Maine and we had certainly a glorious old time. One of the men from Bowdoin, Bro. Spollet is all right. He wants me to write to him and by Jove I will.

I happened to be out riding with some friends of mine in the trap the other night and accidentally ran over a Skunk. Some got on the trap and Alice and Chas will never forgive me! Too bad ain't it? Such is life.

Say do you remember you said that you would give me a K.S. pin for Christmas. Did you mean it? Now don't think that I am a cad because I don't want to be. But I thought if you were I wouldn't buy one. If you feel so inclined etc. you might send me a V. and I can get it on this side. Please don't misconstrue this. You know what I mean and how I feel. I am going to send you a surprise Christmas.

Billy has not sent the Dress Suit yet.

Give my love to Ben and tell him that he is my brother and that I shall always love him
as such. Goodnight dearie. "Chuck" write to me.

4056 Indiana Ave.

Chicago, Nov. 14th 1901

My own sweet Debbie:-

We are so anxious
to hear ^{that} you and dear Ben are safe
and sound. I suppose by now
that you are in the Gay "Paris".
How are you both anyway my love?
do write as often as you can,
for we will worry about you
until you get back to your
native soil. You seem so
awfully far away. We saw by
the papers that there was all

anful storm off the English
Coast about the time your
steamer should have arrived.
Were you in it, and were you
and Ben sea sick? I hope not,
and that your trip was one
blissful dream. I know Ben
is just as smart and clear as
he can be, and I hope that
you won't get home sick. And
do try and keep well, for I would
hate for you to leave me alone
in a foreign land. But if you
do tell us. And don't keep things
to yourself so much. You will
be for better of to speak out
what you feel. & this should
show all your joys and sorrows. And I know
Ben will be only too glad to hear you ^{and} tell us. I know
every thing you tell, ^{and} would ^{and} tell your family. I know
to be correct, to know right, to know, to know, to know, to know
myself are going to see "Ben there", they say it is I want
to see and to return home. I have been very busy.
I have changed jobs here, and have a house now with
an do everything, then some is told. Then I have
been going to the Doctor's and all this work I have
had a physician - running for me at the house.
He will be there to help me, thank the Lord.
I have had a wonderful thank, Camille's being a little old
about me, a physician, they had a little old man

with gold bands, and then I had
a black waist made out of the
material left over from the dress
I wore at your wedding. It has
long sleeves without a lining and
a round neck. It is so pretty.
Jack and I are going out quite
a little this winter to make up for
lost time. We have joined a social
club, and we meet every Friday
night and dance and play cards.
And have one grand ball once
a month. Wish you and Ben
belonged. Just think Deanie, you
and Ben will have been married
a month on Saturday. It seems
to me so much longer. I will never
forget your wedding, you looked
so lovely, just as I know you would
and Ben was so handsome. I am
just stuck on Ben. I dream about
him now. Are you going to pull my hair

You and Bessie so will meet
don't you think so? And I hope
you both will always be just as
happy as I picture you now. I
love you both very deeply. And we
talk about you both every day.

I had Baby's picture taken last Saturday, as a flower girl, especially for you. And will send you one, if they are good. Baby is getting so knowing and says most every thing now. Calls me "fattie beampa", when I scold her, to make me laugh. And calls Papa "Daddie". And all sorts of things she says. I have gained so much since my return. I weigh over 135 lbs. What do you think of that. I just lead a lazy life and play baby now. And I can tell you it is a good change for the better. I made Alice a lovely coat cover.

And she is tickled to death
over it. She has written me
some mighty mean letters, etc. But
I don't care. I did what I did for
you, and they will never get
over my helping you pack the trunk.
They wanted me to let you do it all.
And I see myself doing it. I am
making Chuck a pretty sofa
pillow for Lucas. And Mama and
I are going to send him a box for
Thanksgiving, so that he can
treat his friends. If you should
ever have need for a small
trousseau I am going to make all
the pretty dainty things. Wish I?
Well, my own dear sister, I must
close, but will write soon again.
I wish you and Ben could come
on to Chicago and visit us when
you return from Europe. We

have a lovely light flat. Mama
Papa and Jack join in with me
in sending you and Ben lots of
love and warm kisses. And
may the dear Lord watch over
you both, is the constant prayer
of your devoted and loving
Auntie.
Baby would send kisses if she
were awake. Write soon dearie.
And tell us all about yourself.

Durham R. H.
Nov. 17. 1901.

Dear Brother Ben:—

I judge that
in your family it is not
customary to acknowledge
letters left in mine. It is and
I gladly acknowledge your
note to me which came
safely a few days ago. It was
the first word we had received
from you for such a long,
long time. We saw in the
paper that your steamer had

arrived and we had also
read of the dense fog and
you have had our sympathies.
We hope by this time that you
are having some of the
beautiful weather that we are
having here.

Mattie's letter has not reached
me yet - but I hope to get it -
sometime this week. Certainly
we are glad that you both escaped
inconvenience and that the trip
was such a delightful one. I
know that you would be as happy
as clams.

This has been a bright warm
Sunday and this morning most

I've went to Concord and heard a sermon
from Mr. H. S. Dr. Burdland who takes the
place of our little minister who is quite sick
with typhoid fever in the old hospital
in New Haven. He used to say that New Haven
is much better and that his case has not
been so severe now. I was afraid it would be
my hand with him. Well we have about-
ed. I had better tell you the rest of Burdland's
case which might interest you if it did
not you. Yesterday night I had much
trouble. I have called and after quite a while
and he would not to see me alone so I
left it alone and for quite a while the nurse
told me that he was engaged to be married. He

widow lady who was an old
short mate of his. She has a small
son age six years. She is not pretty
but is quite successful. Her name is
Mrs. Mary E. Stone. He also said
that he would give me the privilege
of announcing his engagement -
Thursday night the Faculty & their
wives all came and played cards,
ate a "hash" and listened to the
good news. If Marie faints - when
you read this to her give her a
good dose of cold water & a few kisses.

Friday night we went to a Hop given
by the College Club and we had a good
time but I have been lame ever since
for I have not danced so much for
six months.

Give tell Marie that Charles' Uncle
& Aunt (Mr. & Mrs. Thompson) with their

son + daughter Katharine ^{Nov 17/1290}
all coming to spend Thanksgiving
with us. Katharine is to be
married the twenty-eighth of
December so we are going to have
a family party before the event.
My cook Maude we had to send
away last week so expect to have
to hustle for a living for many
weeks especially about Thanksgiving
time. I hope this will reach &
you on that day. I would like to
send you some of my turkey & plum
pudding but guess you can get
better things in London.

I send by the same mail as this
a letter to Marie that Mrs. Harris
enclosed in one to me not long
ago. You did not say in your letter

how long you were going to stay in
London or where to send my letter but
Mamma wrote to me that after
Nov. 6th to send letters to Paris or else
with go there.

I am sorry that Marie's pretty hat
was so badly abused but she can
easily have another piece of tulle
presumptuous put on the crown. Our
tall friend (Mrs. Miller) did most of
that with the help of Mrs. Gaudin.

Father O'Riley from Newmarket
is holding the Chapel exercises to
night and the two Charlies with some
have departed to enjoy the services. The
little ones are playing in here
& having a good time playing
Butter - butter etc.

I am glad that Marie comes up to
your expectations and that you find

her much like Marie to think my mother & at times
that she was quite nice. I know that you are
having and are going to have many good times
together and it will advise you to let her be
around & show her many the things & places
that pleased you very often - you were in
London before.

I do not mean to give time and so have to prepare
the next myself will bring this long account to the
The small will end from Grandmother. I think of
my short friends are well. Mamma you & Marie
have from their changed as often as the

for Marie must have spent a very pleasant evening
right! - I am glad of your thankfulness and your
the that you shall such beautiful and a lot of travel

people on the R.R. saw & appreciated
the artistic work before you moved
your baggage. I hope you did not throw
away Maria's cute shippers for they
were great economies. Excuse it - is hard
for me to stop writing when once I get
started.

With good love to you both from all
of us and with hot wishes for better
weather and an eternal "Honey-comb"
and "Wedding truck" as Miscella calls
it. Love loving Alice.

P.S. Please write - I miss you when you can
spare the time for I am still
interested in you although I am
supposed not to be.

I hope you will
 be able to get
 the money for the
 house. He also said that you were
 going to spend the winter holidays
 in Buffalo. I wish I could be there too.

I hope
not you
I am happy to be with
but we can't go out together
there's too heavy to take up
& she has no sense or common
to be left with "Lack" cannot
afford such expenses yet;
Aggie wants to know if you
would like her wedding dress
I have made one for a ball
dress: or shall she keep the
your wedding dress? she has
white slippers also which you
can have: Miss Kearney has
made it up for you if you should
like it. I have been happy to tell you of it. I have been happy to tell you of it.

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 he married to a large affair in
 ordinary or earlier. While I tell
 Aggie. which you never paper.
 He is awfully generous. & should
 have married a man of sound.
 "Jack" is not worthy of her. You
 He is selfish & unconfidential at times
 did you receive the one dollar
 bill all right? & what do you
 think of my doing face work?
 I have just finished a hand
 reaching you Aggie. I suppose
 "Papa" has written you about me
 having another Grand daughter
 Douglas made me & line 'belong'
 of the happy advent. & that Alice
 & Kate are doing well.

Nov 9th 1881

My dear Tom

Callum was concerned by fire
Sunday afternoon, we had sent Saturday for the
parcel, but the clerk was so busy, thinking he
would not stop to hand the parcel the parcel.
Sunday morning John did not put our
appearance & we had no one to send for it,
consequently your letter was burned with every
thing else & we had not heard a word from
you until after I began this. Uncle Wm came
in from a walk to the store bringing your letter
of the 8th we are truly glad to have it & enjoyed
all your words. You can hardly imagine how we
grieved over the loss of that letter, felt we had
missed a great deal, will have to ask you to go
back a little when you write again, tell us how

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you both stood the voyage. If you received our
steamers letters, &c. &c. By these letters of course you
have had letters from me, I have written every week.
I am so glad Maria can take things as she finds
them & that both were happy in spite of the fog.
How dreadful they must be, I thought the only
inconvenience from them was not being able to
see. I would have enjoyed every all the places you
mentioned, also a sight of the Lord Mayor in all
his pomp & gold. I am surprised that you remain so
short a time in England, hope you have had some
fine weather, our weather was beautiful until the
fog, all that smoke must have changed the
atmosphere & brought rain, cloudy & disagreeable
days. In Paris, I suppose you may look for good winter
weather, I reckon Maria will enjoy this time there, it
is not new to you. I wonder if she is thoughtful with
those 89 letters yet, quite a lay is it! I have
sent several cards with a few lines written on them
recent, but I like a letter better, it seems to show
more appreciation. Emily Wase came up Sunday

but not any time for dinner. One Bobb departed from his usual custom & dined elsewhere. I wanted some one to eat my dinner so I brought Mrs. Katch home (not meaning to say I did not enjoy his company) after dinner we were in the chamber & saw the smoke in the direction of Gallion, Mrs. K. was all in a flurry thinking it was her house. As you Father stopped a boy passing & together they soon had the buggy ready & took her down. The fire originated in Bobb's store & every building on that side except Mrs. Joe Collins' store was consumed, 18 in all. I feel so much for the Collier family, they lost not only this store & stock of goods but their home & to be turned out of a home at this season is dreadful, it is said Mrs. Collier will fix up one of the seed pens for a store until his can be rebuilt, they were doing so well had built up a good trade & made their corner back of the store as was fortifiable & convenient. He had a 4500 dollar stock of goods, only insured for 2000, the building for 600. Dr. Tucker & Mr. Katch together lost over 600 bales of hay, (all the store lost shelled corn, as close this year) that was insured, it seems something of the kind had been feared for some time. Fire had been found in the coffee room of Bobb's store, he had made some

important mistake at the time & as he was heavily insured there is a dark suspicion resting on him, I believe everyone thinks if he did not apply the match he was the investigator, it is a terrible thing to have happened in our quiet community. He was at church Sunday & we all remarked how strongly & badly he looked, pale & quiet.

So many fires have occurred this fall, Mrs. Wholen's old servant "Harvey" was burned to a cusp in her cabin last week, old Britney who was on the next room heard a noise, looked through a crack & said she saw a man cut Harvey's throat & then set fire to the bed clothes, why she did not give the alarm right away & have the fire put out we are sure till Harvey was supposed to have smothered his way.

Larry seems free & to be enjoying himself too, I suppose before long he will be attending to the fairs, he does not speak of making us a visit but I do hope his will. Bessie writes of bad weather in N. C. Your Father had a long letter from Harry today, mostly about the Atlanta trip & how Jackson enjoyed everything, especially the merry go round & the raze, how is that for a good Baptist who can't part up with dancing!! This little fellow is doing well at school & talks so much about it that the girls &

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Sanborns want to go, Harry expecting a visit
 from some Massachusetts, Miss Achby that was.
 He is from South Africa & they are in America on
 their wedding trip. Her brother & his wife may
 make her a visit. He says "we are about to close a
 contract with Dr. Anderson for a prairie plantation
 of 500 acres at \$5.00 per acre, it has a good house,
 7-lined well & is on the stone road 7 miles from
 Mountgomery & 3 miles from Hard's place." This
 must be Harry's visit must from the sale of that
 lot in Columbus or perhaps his brother's house &
 lot. They believed in buying land more than I do.
 I have not seen Rainbow lately, aunt. Multitude notes
 in ~~wood~~ looked well in a suit of black, as one
 of the robes at Patten's Roberts' marriage, they all
 went last week in the night getting home. Thursday
 the 18th is Thanksgiving day, we will have dinner.
 I have asked them to come down but not knowing will
 be more apt to go to Hamilton to church.
 We were sorry to hear that Ben had to make
 an assignment, this is the 1st or third time he has

frilled, some are who knew all about his matters
said if the firm to whom he assigned had not
perished, how that he could & would have paid
up, only wanted time. I think Mrs Bassett could
do the honest thing.

I have heard nothing from Waver for some weeks.
It is nearly sunset, time I was feeding the chickens,
the sun has been out a few minutes so tomorrow
may be better weather. We have written to Donipols
for stamps & I hope they will come tomorrow morning
that I may send them off. Gathens is still in
office, I suppose they are the depot building as P. W.
Your Father & Uncle Waver write with our much
love to Maria & yourself, when she has business will be
glad to leave her for you in a letter to us, she has
a good many to write to I know. I forget to say
through Garland's, cousin Sam expressed a lively
interest in you & your marriage, wants to know
if you have left Illinois? & before when you are
see Mr. T. some time you will go to see them good
bye, Love devoted Mother.

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Dr. B. M. Duggan

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Paris

Dear Ben,

Your letter written on ship board reached me ten days ago, and I might have answered earlier, but you are aware how this time is occupied in New York; in fact, it appeared to me that we must see and do now and tell about it later.

Well, I spent five weeks in the metropolis and of course I am thoroughly satisfied with what I got out of St. Havocres,

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in a medical way, it is sur-
prising how much may be ob-
tained from so short a stay. I
got the best of what was done
at the Polyclinic and by watching
the buildings, saw and heard
much of the best done at summer
and other hospitals, clinics,
Academy of Medicine, &c. At any rate
it more than exceeded my ex-
pectations, it brought me in touch
with the best men and the
latest methods, and that must
stimulate my ambition and en-
erger and give new lines of study.

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Then there was enough in other
lines to prevent monotony and
I fairly availed myself of it.
Even I went so far as to
unpack my 'swallow-tail'
and attend a ball so you
see it served at another function
than for which it was brought
along. This occasion was a present
and reception of a battalion of the
71st Regiment, to which some of the
folks at our house had cards.
The theatres were done fairly
well, the last and one most en-
joyed was to see Julia Marlowe

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in "The Knighthood was in
Flower" in Brooklyn. Then
of course it was necessary to
see the Horse Show, which was
in full swing during the past
week. Next, it is more of a
Thomas' Parade, and like the
vaudeville, a sort of a continuous
performance. However, in leaving
New York I had that feeling of
having left undone many things,
as if I could see and do all
in one short visit.

I left N.Y. yesterday afternoon, reaching
here last night about 10.30. Entirely

and the once intended stop in
Baltimore for the reason that
I could do no more than see
John Hopkins, and I had dreams
of returning there some day.
Quintended making sort of a
street car inspection of the city
to day and viewing some things
more especially to-morrow, but
it has been raining most of
the day and I hadn't accomplish-
ed much.

Mather has requested me to stop
in Richmond to investigate some
property belonging to some of
our ancestors so I leave here
to-morrow night on that mission.
Look out, that we don't sud-
denly acquire titles to wonder-
ful estates!

Reaching Gallien during the
latter part of the week I will

make the home folks a visit
and will then set out for
my old campus grounds.

By the time they pickles up, Mother
had told you of the destruction of
Yucca by fire.

I was glad to hear that you
had such a pleasant voyage
and that Marie was not
seasick - I know she felt that
she can stand anything now.
And how does she like Paris?

Never mind about that hack
hire for it was only three dol.
less. By the way, this reminds
me that Father telegraphed me that
he had sent a package of letters for
your care of Oelrichs to Broadway N.Y.
to be handed you in steamer. Hope you
got them for one way said to contain
a small check, order or the like from
Uncle Dave. It is already late

and I want to be out early, so
with love to you both and best
wishes for a pleasant trip, I am
yours affly
L. L. Duggan

Most truly & affectionately
 Yours
 Mary

I am so glad to hear of your
 success in your husband's
 school & to see that you are
 so much interested in the
 cause of education. I hope
 you will continue to be so
 long as you live. I am sure
 you will be a great blessing
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but Reggie is sick in bed with the
croup, & "Papa" had a small attack
cough. Indeed we all are affected
in a similar way. Fortunately
we have a good girl in the kitchen
& I am able to take care of the
kitchen, & will have tomorrow a nice
Turkey, Ham, cake, & so on.
maccaroni, &c. for dinner.
I sent Charlie a beautiful Ham
cake, & some candy, for him
to enjoy with his "gratitude."
Mrs Phillips also has a lovely
Ham cake for the "Thanksgiving"
dinner. It has been very preparing
& I wish your Aunt Mother & I
were in very ambitious for your taking
up Charles's business, & had made

that beautiful Phone Paddings
we got this family & the other
for Douglas & Alice, Alice wishes
me that Mr. Hawes is engaged
to be married to a widow's sister
one child, a Boston lady. He re-
quested Alice to surrender her
engagement, by giving a Party
while she did. Lord Parker &
he is going from Asheville
to Knoxville. How long do you
wish to remain in Park? While
Ben is busy with his work, do
not impose your opportunity
by taking some about in it. I
am very ambitious for you taking
up Charles's business, & had made

minds are a great misfortune - & a
humour. I believe he goes from business
when the days are dark & dreary,
at they will be sometimes, I often
wish for a Planis for my own
recreation & enjoyment, but Mr
Hlat. is too small. for such a
purpose, although we have had some
"Papa" sendt you & I have much to
say he would have written to
you but has been quite sick with
the Grippe for ten days past. Reggie
also sends love & thanks for your
Postcard. Tell Ben I have been very
much for all his love & devotion
to you my darling little daughter.
You little recalled my early marriage
that when I'd want to see & hear

"Wallion. Ala."

Nov 24th 1901-

My Dear Con:-

This Wednesday - the day
before Thanksgiving - finds
me hors de combat with a
horrible cold - incessant cough
& weak as strained water, it
is a task to pull on my
clothes in the morning & another
terrible ordeal to get into bed
again at night. I am perfectly
uncomfortable all the time, neither
position or occupation gives me
relief: Could I interest myself
in some good book or Journal
it might be better for me. - So
if you find this letter a mere
enumeration of ills or complaints
or any scateness tinged with
bitterness & be as judge it to the
disease La Grippe, which has such
a strong hold upon me.

I had a good letter from Fannie & she told me much of the current news in Auburn, my oldest & biggest grandson Frederic, essayed a letter to me also of four lines - original in words and ideas, & address. A letter still more recent from yr Bro F. says they have purchased another plantation 3 miles from their former one, & better land 500 acres - he contemplated a trip to Chicago to take in the "Great World's International Live Stock Exhibition" - open to all the world. Said - his probable outlay would be \$20.00

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The Louisville & Nashville
R.R. cooperating to make
almost nominal rates.
Get on the envelope of his
letter is "I may not go to
C." — Mrs. Leach sells her
house in Columbus &c
which facilitates the trade.
We are having continual suc-
cessions of frosts & the winter
look on all out door ob-
jects is striking. Indoors
we are as comfortable as
an abundance of wood &
coal supply can aid us.
Your Mother seems extreme-
ly busy in kitchen labors
today — says she is making
a good cake from a stake
barn stone. —

On yesterday we had an

uncle Waver & Bo Ruben to drive up in the afternoon. Ruben stayed all night and left us awhile ago. The "Squire" was looking better - lively & stronger - brought in a basket containing a large Gobbler ready dressed - one of his own raising, which had grown fat & greasy - as he said - on acorns & mulberry hickory nuts and three large Corn fields to choose for range, besides ^{also} ad libitum.

Finally said he - here is a London

Letter from our English
Niece & Nephew, &
 he seemed delighted
 that he was so honored.
 Reuben also stated he had
 a letter from his new sister
 Marie, — he was going direct
 this morning to his Aunt Mel
 Willis —. Gr Mother expects
 them all to dinner at our
 house tomorrow. Reuben
 told us particulars of the Moore
 — Hobson wedding ^(Reuben's) in which he
 figured somewhat. This was
 Miss Nicholson (from Kiev) who
 was one of the attendants — was
 on a visit here two years ago.
 Reuben liked to go where she
 went at that time, and
 I believe he is going the same
 way now — Would it be too

prised that if she remained over about
Uniontown & Newberne visiting her friends
much longer - that he & she would get
to be very friendly & neighborly.

Two days ago a letter came from Flew,
in Washington City on his way back home.
He consented to stop over in Richmond and
overlook the prospects for sale or value of some
City property there in which your Mother etc
has an interest. He may also pay ^{or} pay calls
of some of the old time Quets & Cousins of your
Mother, Lathrops, Stokes, Harringtons &c. —

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You have doubtless discovered the fact that I have nothing else to do today, but write for your Mother & myself, she writes most time.

Tomorrow night perhaps Ellwelllyn may be with us to hold over for a few days.

Waverly Goodes last said he had staked out two Claims in the "Hills" near Lawton.

This 'Communication' must close as the dinner bell rings. All send dearest love to you both - hoping you continued success & pleasure.

Your affectionate Father
 Wm. Hayward

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