

BARBARA WOODRUFF FIELD

OCTOBER 1ST, 1957

MR. AND MRS. MARSHALL FIELD JR.

P.O. Box 445 - Charlottesville 'Va
Oct-16-'57

My dear Mary:

I hope I don't wear you
out with my letters. I so often
think of you & your children
especially Betty -

I received the enclosed envelope
(which you need not return)
recently & the name Woodruff
interested me so I'm sending
it to you -

We are having beautiful
weather here today, after
one of the driest summers
I can remember -

"Dance for" is usually full of
people coming & going

I am still ² renting the cottage,
& have, with the things I have
collected through the years,
managed to make it look
attractive, but it's such an
old house it's hard to keep
it clean -

I hear Beverley, Cobell Dabney's
daughter, has been quite sick
but is better

Archie's grandson, Dabney Turner
is at a military boarding
school in Waplesboro Va
all the old furniture packed
& the house empty

He certainly is alone in the
world - he never seems to
hear from any of his relatives.

I keep in touch with him
through Dr Woodward's family,
with whom he is intimate.

People continue to come & go at "Dunlora", some times the house is full & some times only a few people in it.

I expect to go to Greenwood this afternoon, I always enjoy being there as I live in luxury - (My breakfast in bed etc) as well as really enjoying the wonderful people who live there.

I believe I wrote you the girl who married Bill Tyler has taken a house at Greenwood for the winter, what further plans she has I'm not sure of.

I hope all your children & grandchildren are well - I know you & Eysa enjoy

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having Louise & Betty near
by - My love for you all -
* I often think of you

Mary Moon

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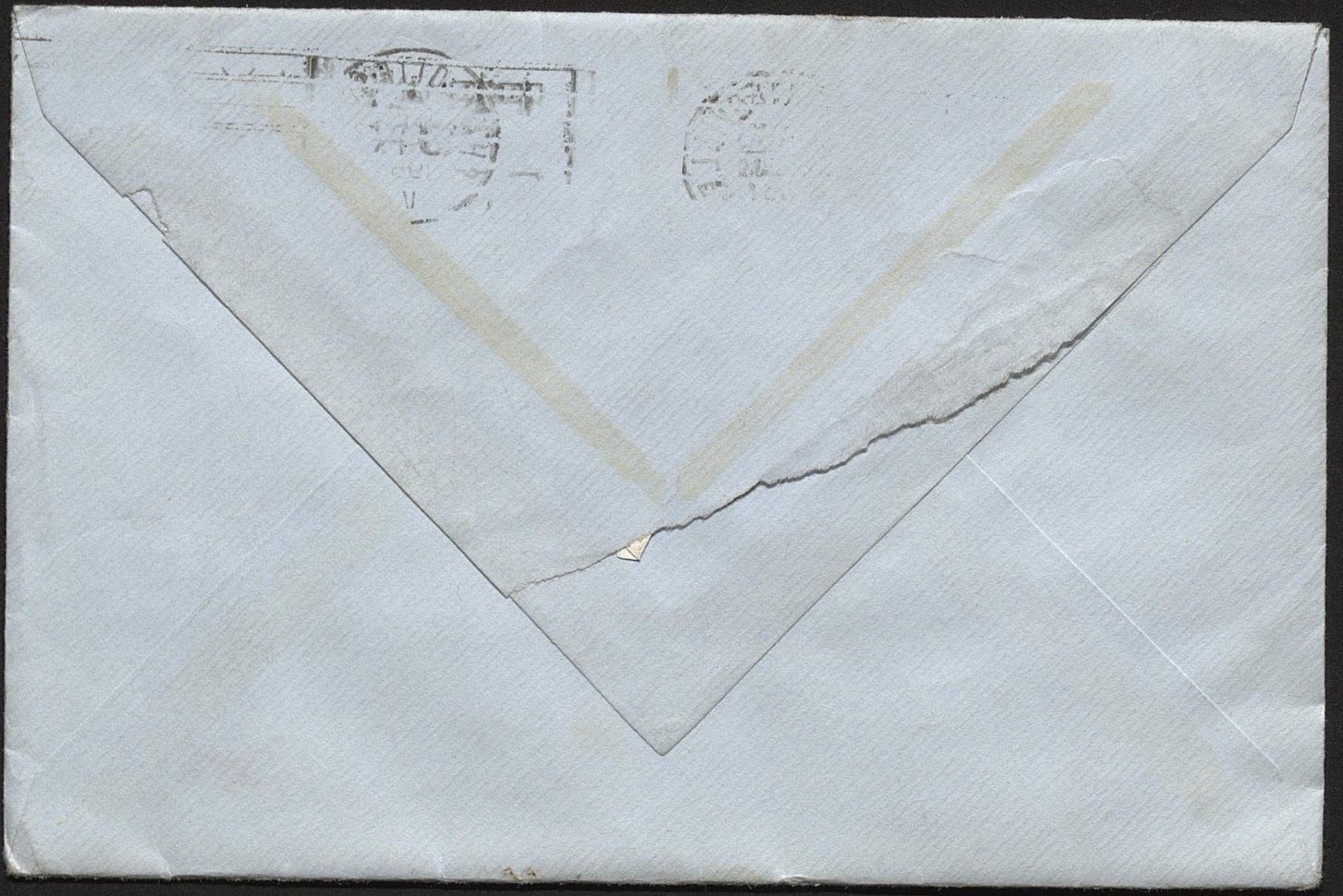


PRAY
FOR
PEACE



To

- Mrs Geo. E. Woodruff,
25-31- Ransdell Ave.,
Louisville,
Kentucky -



P. O. Box 445 - Charlottesville Va
Sept. 30 - 57

My dear Mary,

I wrote Cabell Dabney
when I heard one of his
daughters had been sick, &
in my letter, I told him
about the wonderful book
you had sent me, & he
wrote asking if he could
borrow it. So I'm going
to lend it to him. You
sure he'll take care of it
as I value it very much.

Today is Dr. Hedges
80th birthday & his daughter
who lives with him has in-
vited his friends to his birthday
party. He & his daughter &

his son-in-law Sam Clarke,
who has been quite successful
in business here - live in
the old place on Park St.

+ I imagine there'll be
quite a number of people
at the party

Aun Peyton's daughter & son-
in-law & their two little
girls & their son-in-law's
mother, Mrs Y. Veda were
here at "Dumpra" this week
end.

The Mother-in-law quite young
looking, could speak no
English, her son had to
translate. She seemed a
nice person. I asked how
she managed to get here

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From the Argentine - Her
son said "Oh! she got on
an airplane (all speaking
her language) & I met
her at the airport, she
didn't have any trouble."

At last it has rained
here & the country looks
green again -

Hope I don't wear you out
with my letters - it's so nice
when you are as old as
I am to have someone
to write to - I remember
how many letters Grandma
Dobney wrote - I hope all your
grandchildren are fine &
know you enjoy them

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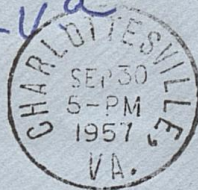
I often think of Betty's little
boy - & how happy I was
with him -

Lots & lots of love

M. M.

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To



Mrs George E. Woodruff,
2531- Ransdell Avenue,
Louisville,
Kentucky -

Gov. Stanley
Declines VFW
Highway Aid

Daily Progress

Charlottesville, Virginia

MONDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 30, 1957 13

Dr. Hedges Is 90, But Not 'Old'

By BOYCE LOVING

Dr. Halstead Shipman Hedges, hardy perennial of the local medical fraternity — perhaps of the nation's among those still practicing, is celebrating his 90th birthday today. It would be a gross misrepresentation of the facts, however, to say that he is 90 years "old".

There is hardly a man past 50 in this area who is younger in mind, spirit and vigor than the beloved and highly respected eye specialist and naturalist who lives at 735 Park St. with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clark, and his grandchildren.

How and where did Dr. Hedges celebrate his birthday this morning? In his office, seeing patients as usual. In response to a telephone inquiry, his secretary said at 9 a.m. today, "Dr. Hedges is on the job and has a very busy morning."

When this reporter-photographer called on Dr. Hedges Saturday to get a bit of material and take the picture for this story, the genial doctor said, "I wish everybody wouldn't make so much fuss over my birthday."

Impossible Not To

With the host of friends, relatives and colleagues the dean of eye specialists has attracted to him during 65 years of practice here, it is impossible not to "make a fuss" over a skilled physician still in harness on his 90th birthday.

His office staff and colleagues presented him with a cake in the office this morning. This afternoon there will be a small, intimate celebration at his home. Tomorrow afternoon some 30 or 40 of his local men friends will throw a stag party for the doctor in a setting most natural to him—at Bear Rock Camp in Madison County.

Those attending the camping party will be some of his clinical and camping colleagues, together with a sprinkling of local business men. At the stag party there will be a cake with the greeting inscription in Latin, "Amicus Humani Generis" — friend of the human race.

The Medical School of the University of Virginia is preparing a citation to present to Dr. Hedges this afternoon at his birthday party.

Poem By Dr. Britton

Among the gifts and mementos to be presented the good doctor at the stag party tomorrow will be a pair of binoculars and a poem written by Dr. Sidney W. Britton, organizer of the stag celebration. The poem, which follows, will be printed on a large card for presentation to the guest of honor. It follows:

O Si Sic Omnia
(Oh, If All Were Thus)
Full four-score years and yet
another ten
Their various paces now have
rounded out
For thee of primest breed



STILL IN HARNESS AT 90—Dr. Halstead S. Hedges, who celebrates his 90th birthday today arranges his desk in preparation for his next patient at his 104 E. Market St. office. Dr. Hedges is beginning his 65th year of medical practice, more than 63 years of which he has spent in Charlottesville. Today and tomorrow he is being honored with an office party, a party at his home and a stag party at Bear Rock Camp in Madison County. With typical modesty, he said he wished people wouldn't "make such a fuss" over his birthday. —Progress photo by Loving.

midst sons of man
To whom we homage give this
natal day.
What multitude of times thy
skilled hand
Throughout long years have
given sure surcease
From pain and terror, stifling
darkness such
As bring us earthly creatures
near to death.
E'en now thy wondrous cunning
freely yields
Its healing balm to all who
pass thy way—
Low, show whereby this
subtle genius lives
That lesser lights may emulate
his kind.
While passions global swirl,
benighted now
We grope for larger vistas
still undreamed,
Yet certain that mankind
shall never cringe
Again to threatened chaos—
else why born—
From lustrous Hippocratic
lineage like
Thine own we crave that
templates optimal
For man may be derived, and
thus evolve
Through highest polymers

life's noblest plan.

S. W. B.

Among those who will honor Dr. Hedges tomorrow at the Bear Rock Camp picnic supper are: Drs. F. D. Woodward, Grant Preston, Raymond W. Blackman, Carey N. Moon Jr., F. Jason Crigler, G. S. Fitzhugh, M. K. Humphries Jr., W. Copley McLean, M. L. Rea, Edwin W. Burton, S. W. Britton, William Wood, D. C. Wilson, T. H. Hunter, Arthur Smith and William Brown. Business men celebrants include S. S. Clark, S. J. Makielski, Lawrence Brunton, J. D. Gitchell, Robert E. Lutz, C. C. Wells, Floyd E. Johnson, Emmett Gleason, Fred L. Watson, William Snyder, rank H. Calhoun, Gilbert Campbell and Harry George. Came Here in 1882

Dr. Hedges was born in West Orange, N.J., Sept. 30, 1867. He came to Charlottesville in 1882, where he attended Henry C. Brock's private school at Midway, 1883-1886. He was graduated from the University of Virginia as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in 1893. After 18 months' practice in New York, he returned to Charlottesville and began

the practice that he still is continuing at his 104 E. Market St. office.

In 1924 he gave up treatment of ears, nose and throat to concentrate on eyes. Including his 18 months in New York, his practice spans three score and five years, the approximate life-span of the average man—and he shows no signs of slackening his pace.

There are few men who have the fine collection of fishing, hunting and camping gear that Dr. Hedges owns. A local physician a little over a year ago called at Dr. Hedges' home when a mishap had cracked a rib of so of the active doctor. When told to go up to Dr. Hedges' room, he found the genial physician tucked into a sleeping bag, on top of his regular bed, all windows of the room open. The outside temperature was 18 degrees.

"What are you doing?" the visiting physician asked.

Testing

With an impish smile, Dr. Hedges said, "The manufacturer of this sleeping bag said it would keep a man warm at temperatures down to 18 degrees. I'm trying to see if it is so."

Outdoorsman, chur ch man, skilled physician, archer, hunter, fisherman, camper, hiker and all-round man, Dr. Hedges is in every sense a "gentle" man. He is soft-spoken and unharried in his speech and is beloved by all who have come in contact with him, professionally or as man-to-man.

While in college, Dr. Hedges starred as tackle and guard on one of the greatest football teams the University of Virginia has produced. On the team with him among others, were John and Addison Greenway, Billy Garth Bull Early, Penton, Ramsburg Ollie Jones, Hick Pope and Taylor.

Phi Beta Kappa

Dr. Hedges is a Phi Beta Kappa and a member of Phi Delta Theta, Pi Mu, Nu Sigma Nu and Alpha Omega Alpha fraternities and of the TILKA ribbon society; member of the Albemarle, Piedmont and Virginia State Medical Societies and the Virginia State Eye and Ear Society; American Laryngological, Rhinological and Tricologic Societies and fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He emeritus professor of ophthalmology at the University of Virginia. He also is a former member of the Virginia Commission for the Blind, a post he resigned in 1945 because of the pressure of his private practice. In 1955 received the Outstanding Citizen award made annually by the Civic League of Charlottesville and Albemarle County.

Many, many happy returns Dr. Halstead Shipman Hedges, dean of physicians and prince men. He is 90 years young today.



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• ROME •

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July 30 1907

My dear Lou:

Your letter written the day and hour of our sailing was received only today. At the same time Mary received one from her grand mother written on the 16th. I hope you and William are well. It was a great satisfaction to get yr cablegram of the 24th & to know that all were well and you had received my message from Gibraltar. We came to Rome Monday - reaching here at 8 P.M. Yesterday & today we have had our



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own carriage guide all day - or rather
9 to 1 in the morning and 3⁴⁵ to 6⁴⁵
in afternoon - We have seen a great
deal of interest - I wrote to you last
at Sorrento. Italian men & women
in costume danced the Tarantella
in the Court of the hotel that evening.
It was very picturesque & many
seemed to enjoy this highly - Sunday
we spent at the Blue Grotto on
the island of Capri - We will leave
here Friday afternoon for Florence
& I expect more letters before we go
& then we will get more at Lucerne



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The temperature is delightful
and we have hardly had a
cloudy hour since we sailed.
I have sent Wm many postals
& some letters - will send him another
postal to night - we secured a few
photographs only as I have a large supply
- but I got some of the Pantheon wall
decorations etc. It is dinner time &
must close. Give my love to
William & to May & all in the family.

Yrs affectly

S. F. DeBenedictis



Grand Hôtel Baglioni

Florence August 4

Dear Son: I have been sending many postals and about two letters a week and Mary I think about the same. Our time is so taken up that we don't have much chance to write. I wrote last from Rome. We spent 4 or 5 days there with great interest. I found that my former visit & reading about the place was a very great help, so that we could accomplish as much in 4 days as we would otherwise have about taken 7 or 8. However for the first two days we hired our guide (an excellent one) and our carriage by the day - after that we took a guide & carriage as we needed them. As I was leaving Naples - or rather the evening before - a Miss Harker from Boston telephoned me to ask

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about Kate Harker etc. She expected her sister to meet her but had a letter at Naples saying she could not do so - she has been travelling with us since we left Naples (of course she is one of our fellow passengers on the steamer - we did not see much of her there but she went with the Detroit crowd whom I knew right well - I asked some of them about her) - she is not attractive but makes herself agreeable as well as she can. Is a business woman & Mary has some little dress or hat business - I have told Mary to let me know if she was in her way but she says she is not at all - she seems something on the order of Miss Chimes but not so big nor quite so old - we made many pleasant acquaintances on the steamer & shall see some of them nearly every day - Last night the young Englishman who has been living in western Canada asked us all to take dinner with him & we had a pleasant evening. To night he

clines at the hotel with us. The nights here
are remarkably cool - a blanket is
often a pleasure towards morning &
the interior of the houses is always cool -
only in midday is the heat noticeable
& then not worse than it often is at
home. We always came in to lunch about
1 o'clock & after lunch rest until about
4. We generally spend the forenoon seeing
galleries & out drive in the afternoon -
we leave here for Venice (leaving some
hours in Bologna on the way) tomorrow
and will reach there at 9.40 P.M.

We have been rather disappointed but
not uneasy at receiving so few letters -
the only ones so far have been yours
to me written the day we sailed and
M^r Waller's to Mary written on the 16th.
However if you sent other letters to Rome

~~or~~ we will get them at Venice where
they will be forwarded but expect a good
many when we get to Lucerne which will
be about August 10th. We will get
to Paris I think about the 19th & then
of course we will get more mail & also
see the Courier Journal -

Tell William I will write him a letter
in a day or two - Give my love to him
& also to Mary & her family -

It is breakfast time & must close

Affect^{ly} S^{ydney}

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M^{rs} S. G. Dabney
c/o Mr John B. Moore
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be over and I doubt whether we go out so much
afterwards. ... Len has had a sewing woman here for
a few days lately with whom she was much pleased. Ron
seems to be an excellent advertiser for these persons and just
^{this morn'g} W^m Edward (daughter of Rev. Dr. Perkins) has come in to get her
address. I do not know whether you have heard of the
sudden death of Frank Barksdale at Birmingham. His bro-in-
-law's aunt is an occasional patient of mine and one day I
was asking her especially about Frank his sister. At her next
visit to me she told me that he had died very suddenly just
about the time we were talking of him.
I see by the papers that a Miss Barksdale from Richmond is visiting
here now.

well, I have strung out quite a long letter and will close
with much love to all.

Your affectionate son
S. G. Dabney

P. S.

Please tell the children ~~##~~

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Louisville, Ky., Dec 20th 1893

My dear Mother:-

Your last letter was received a day or two ago. I am greatly in hopes that the plan of going to town will be carried out - the change would be of benefit to both May and yourself, I think. You speak of staying at the Union or with Sister Mary - do you mean at Wash^g? As regards leaving things at Dunlora I am sure that can be managed, if you will all only determine to do so - the servants would take care of everything and if every little apparent obstacle prevents our taking a step, nothing can be accomplished.

In case of your going perhaps a little more ready money might be useful to you if so please do not hesitate to write me - it will be perfectly convenient to me to send you forty or fifty dollars or what you need and will give me pleasure to do so. So if for any purpose this would be acceptable please write me at once.

I think a stay at the Union and in Wash^g could refresh you and I am sure the change from housekeeping &c would do May good & the plan would be convenient for the children going to school.

I am sorry to hear about Uncle Sam's ill health.

The symptoms you describe if sudden deafness in one ear were added, would point strongly to a disease of the ear, without the deafness I suppose it is some disturbance of circulation in the brain - hope we will

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fully recover, as I have seen similar cases do, and I have no doubt that when he feels in better health he is also in better spirits and able to appreciate the affection all of us feel for him and also how useful he is to those about him.

Mary has continued well since the indisposition I mentioned in the letter you never received, but Lou, Maria & Geo. have all been sick with grippe. Lou though out of bed now is still very weak and unable to leave her room - has some sweating and is easily exhausted; think however she will gain rapidly now. The servants too are nearly well and are about again. I see by the papers that Tom Martin has been elected U. S. Senator and that the first talk of charges and an investigation he has subsided and the Lee men are reconciled.

I know Mr. M. is pleased at the result and on his account I am very glad it has turned out so.

Hope Bro: will be successful this time in getting the Hospital, if the State endorses one, at the Univ^y. Just Wm & Cat: are doing well at

College. We went to the meeting of the Euchre Club at Betsy's and I won the first prize - a sheer accident of course as there were about 40 people present and all old players and it was the

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first game of progressive Euchre I ever played.
This prize was a very pretty German Beer mug -
with metal top handle & pretty scenes carved on it.
To tell the truth however I believe I had
rather play Euchre with a few friends at home -
However of course we will remain in the club this winter
and as it only meets once a fort night it does not take
much time. I see a statement in the papers that the
apple crop in albemarle & sarasota counties has been a
source of great revenue this year. The paper says
that in albemarle alone \$400,000 has been made of apples
this year! - hope it is true.

It is supper time and I will close -

Do not forget to write me at once if the above suggestion
will be of the least use to you - It will be perfectly convenient
to me & a pleasure too.

Hope to hear that you are all going to spend Jan^u
& Feb^u in town.

With love to May & all in the family,

Your affectionate Son

S. G. Dabney

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Louisville, Ky., December 15th 1893

My Dear Mother:

It has been an unusually long time since we heard from duclora - we look each week for a letter but none has come, I think, for over 2 weeks.

Suppose you got mine of Wednesday of last week, and hope we will yet hear from you today.

Sam has been to the Dr. & been vaccinated again today as there is some small pox in the city. Mary, he says, does not need vaccination as she took well 2 or 3 yrs ago.

I wrote you in my last letter of her little spell of sickness. She is much better - indeed quite well again now.

This evening she goes to a little children's party at the Dugans, a few squares from here. She was very proud of her invitation & acceptance. Sam has been going out a good deal this winter. Tuesday afternoon she and I went to

a very large reception at the Churchills ^{sup} to introduce Mr C's granddaughter, Miss Cowling. After the reception we went back with Mr & Mrs Tyler to supper. This

afternoon Sam is going to a reception at the Neumanns - Mr N. has made a large fortune on "Syrup of Hips" - the quack medicine and they have asked a great many people to this reception to introduce their daughter who do not know them at all - Sam among them. To night the evens ~~club~~ meets for the first time at Betsy's and we of course as we belong to it will go - Wednesday

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evening we had a big dinner - a very fine one at the
Kenton Club with some excellent speakers from a
distance present - So just now we are going
out a good deal, but - after this for my own
part - I expect to do very little of it.

I suppose the time has about come for Mr. M. to go down
to Richmond to the legislature. I hope May will be there
for a while too and that her strength & health are
by now fully restored. I heard of Dabney being there:
a 5th man near Middlesboro lately. He did not shake
encouragingly of his prospects there - thought he would
leave there as soon as he could.

We are having a spell of night cold weather again and
I do not feel quite sure that the water-gas is firing to
answer in the dining room - tho: in the office and upstairs
it is admirable.

I will not mail this till the 3 o'clock mail
comes, so as to have another chance for a letter
from you.

Love joins me in love to all.

Your affectionate son

S. G. Dabney

No letter

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Louisville, Ky., Septem: 24 1893

My dear Mother:

Through your letter & postal as well as through letters to Susie we have heard from home lately & have been very glad to hear that little Belle is better and her disease a mild case of Typhoid. Hope her health will be in all respects more robust after her recovery from the typhoid.

We are having a rainy day - it began about noon, before Susie, Lou & Ann had come from church, but they were provided with umbrellas and did not get wet. Susie is playing the piano upstairs now. We have enjoyed her visit very much and are sorry that she thinks she must soon go home - speaks of going this week.

We hear that Betsy McArthur's husband have been to Chicago - Jane just returned. Have not seen them lately. Glad the controversy between Major M & the other legislative candidates is satisfactorily settled & hope Mr. M. will be easily elected - as I have no doubt he will be. The not & the

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Lynchings in Rome were terrible and greatly to be
deplored on all accounts. Lizzie has not yet been
to Cave Hill - the cemetery where you drove with
me, as perhaps you remember - we intend to go
there some day soon. Glad to hear that there is
a good class at the Union this year - notwithstanding
the financial depression. Sister Bell writes of the
serious illness of Mr. Wm. Minor ~~that~~ that she goes
out to nurse him every other night & this is one reason
why Susie thinks she ought to be going home -

Hope Brother Walter & his family have gotten
comfortably settled in Wash. & that Cousin
Annes will be with you all at Druidal for a long
time yet. Give our love to May & to Cousin
Annes & all in the family and excuse this letter.

Your affectionate Son
S. G. Dabney

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Louisville, Ky., June 8th 1893

My dear Mother: your letter received this week, we read with interest all you say about the Union commencement and the movements of Brother Will's family; are glad to hear that Sister May is soon to be back for the summer at their home. I hope Wm has done well at college. I suppose Leabell's studies were much interfered with by his sickness last fall. You do not mention Cousin Agnes but presume she will be at Dunlora this summer.

We were at church this morning but the day is too hot to walk and we went & came on the street cars. We are all as usual & we enjoy our cool nights and our afternoon drive. The latter I think is an excellent thing for Lou and May; we often get out in the park and Mary gathers clover to bring home to her little white rabbit - a pet to which she is greatly attached just now. The park in which we drive has many of the most beautiful trees in it, beeches especially; and there is a long strip of woods with no undergrowth - made up largely of beech trees and beautifully situated on steep hills -

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The roads wind about in the park ~~and~~ climb the hills in spiral curves like real mountain roads. The landscape artist who laid it off, I understand of Boston, says it is one of the prettiest natural sites in the country and I shd think it must be.

We still - notwithstanding you think it impracticable - often wish you would come back with me this summer. We would be delighted to have a visit from Lucie or one of the boys too and they could either come with us or later and you return with them. Don't you think you could manage it. Of course I would want you to be my guest from the time you left home till you got back, as you were before. I saw Betsy's children on the street the other day and so know she has returned.

I suppose we will go to Chicago for a while trip the latter part of the summer and so I expect to make my visit to Va - in July or early in August.

Love to May + all others in the family

S. G. Dabney

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Louisville, Ky., June 11th 1893

Dear Mother:

Your postal was received a few days ago. We hope to have a letter soon. The week has been uneventful with us - the usual routine of work in the morning and early afternoon and a drive from about 5 to 7 o'clock. The medico-chir. society met at our neighbors, Dr. Vance's, Friday night, so I had only a very short distance to go to it. We read in the papers the notice of Mrs. Nelson Page's marriage and of course have been interested in the fearful accident in Wash. D. C. A Louisville gentleman who was recently there told me he had seen Bro. Walter and he was looking very well.

We are glad to hear that Archie appears so well.

The wet season or something else has made the berries very poor this season - but we have been having real hot summer weather the last few days.

Sam and I called at the Vaughns Thursday night to see Mr. V. & their niece Nannie Ferguson who as you know is Cousin Tho. Watson's granddaughter. Nannie had returned to her home in Tenn. but we saw Mr. V.

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She told us that Cousin Tho^s Watson's health was now much better - thanks, she said, to Bro Will. We see W^m Carr out on horseback or in his cart rife often - he is a great rider + driver + Betsy says enjoys life more than anyone she knows - He too as Friday that Betsy was expected home this week.

A young man took dinner here today - a friend of Mat's - who will soon go to the Univ^{ty} to take the summer Law course, if old Mr. Minor who seems to have an unending flow of vigor + energy still holds out. I have heard that young Jos: B. is an excellent teacher and has acquired ways very much like his Father's. There are six or seven empty rector and assistant-rector - ships among the Episcopal clergy men here - old Dr. Perkins of whom you know his assistant Rev Percy Gordon among them - the former on acct. of age + the latter simply as being Dr. P.'s assistant.

Excuse this stupid letter. Hope you keep well and that May + the children + that W are all well.

Your affectionate son
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Louisville, Ky., January 15, 1893

My dear Mother: It has been longer than usual since I last wrote to you, but Lou wrote as soon as we heard of W^m Minor's death. It certainly seems sad that it should have occurred when Sally + nearly all her children were away, and yet it seems to me that sudden death is in many respects desirable for every one. We both feel great sympathy for Sister Bell, Sally, + the others of the Gale Hill family. Except for a letter from Susie at Xmas, we have not heard from any of Brother W^m's household for some time. Suppose Susie is not going to see Emily Adams this winter. We are having a rainy disagreeable day - the first for a long time. The winter generally has been very mild. I fear you have not gotten ice at Dunlora. Suppose W^m M. is still busy with the legislature in Richmond. Lou and Mary are well. W^m Allen is in St Louis on a visit to W^m Tyler, Sr, mother-in-law of Lou's friend, W^m Robt Tyler. The Woman's Exchange, where W^m Allen has been employed is to be discontinued. Owing to the hard times they say they cannot possibly meet expenses. W^m Allen should not + I hope will not take any other place. Mat + Bryan both have places in one of the banks and Ann is studying kindergarten, still. Bishop Penick has been here for a few days. He called to see us Saturday and Lou heard him preach on Sunday. Mary still goes to Sunday school.

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The Euchre Club met Friday night and we had a pleasant evening, and Saturday night Betty M.D. invited us to play Euchre with 4 or 5 other young married couples at her house and to have some of her excellent Welsh rarebit, with sherry and beer. We enjoyed the evening very much.

The club meets with us next Thursday and Lou has gotten the prizes already. The rule is that they must not exceed \$10 in value and of course everyone goes up to that limit. Only one course of refreshments is allowed also - Lou intends having bird roysters, with coffee + chocolate, I believe. We get a little more ^{than ordinary} from the jewelers for the same money, as they usually let me have things at cost, as they put up a good many prescriptions of mine for glasses.

The medical school in which I teach has a handsome new building, costing \$25,000 and though we will have more rent to pay, I have no doubt that the increase in the number of students will more than compensate for this. I lecture 4 times a week at 8 o'clock in the morning and this insures the day's work beginning in good time. I hope May + the children are well

and that your health is better - your numb spells fewer and less marked. We look every mail for a letter as we have had none from you for over a week.

Your affectionate son
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Louisville, Ky., Jan 5th 1893

My dear Mother--

We were so very sorry to read about the sad circumstances of Mrs Minor's death, in the letter received from you today, it seemed too hard after a life time of such devotion as Sally's that she should have been away at the last, & to have entered her mother's room & had the awful shock of finding her dead.

I was deeply impressed with their devotion to each other, the day I spent at Gale Hill Summer before last, & Mrs Minor & her very kind reception of me will always remain in my memory.

We feel deeply for all the family, especially Sally & I hope May will give her our love when she sees her & tell her our thought of her & them all with heartfelt sympathy.

I am glad you are all well at Dunlra again, after so much sickness & poor George's

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death - it is delightful to feel that you are all well again.

Mamie is in very bad health I think, she has gone to bed now feeling so badly, she could not stay up to supper. She is invited to St. Louis to make a visit & we were so anxious to get her off next week, but she says feeling as badly as she does she dreads the railroad trip too much at present. I hope when she does go - the rest will be of benefit to her. All the others in the family are well.

Tell May we did enjoy her since he had so much & he ate some breakfast while it lasted than he ever does. We are having our breakfasts earlier now 7:10 & this gives him time to get his breakfast less hurriedly than formerly - & gives General such a nice long time for cleaning in the office before office hours, that it really re-

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= onicles us for the very early rising.

Our card club had a very pleasant meeting this week at Mrs Paul Cain's at which all four prizes were taken by Mr. Donaldson - Betty & her husband - each getting one. And the strange part of it was another Mr. D. came in 5th & would have gotten the next prize had there been another as there some-
-times is.

Mary bought the cutest side-
-board with the glass money
-cup & Mary sent her - it is
exactly like a large one -
looking glass - drawer - brass
ornaments &c. & is the nicest
-toy I ever saw. She is de-
-lighted with it & is enabled
to keep her dishes together in
it so much better.

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With a large doll house & so many toys & dolls it is impossible to keep my room straight, but I have no play room to give her, so I let her use my room as she pleases. Susie so sweetly remembered each one of us at Mrs. Wm Bryan - & we appreciated it very much. Her present to me a King stamel, she painted herself - & it looks so well on my bureau - which I have paid more attention to ornamenting since G. gave me a solid silver brush & comb. Give our best love to all at Danvers & the other members of the family when you see them & believe me
Devotedly Yrs
Susie -

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Louisville, Ky., Decem 7th '90

My dear Mother, we were very glad to hear thro' your letter to Lou that you felt better and stronger, we hope too to have good accounts of you & May during the winter. I do not know when Allan is to be married but we sent one of the new fashioned brass tea kettles (Russian, I believe) with alcohol lamp, under it sealed Samoyers - to Miss Alice Robertson last night & I wrote to Allan at same time. We have moved into the room you occupied as we found the other one too hard to warm well, while the baby had a bad cold. It is half past 5 o'clock; Lou is reading the paper, the baby sitting in her little chair scribbling what she says is a letter to you and I in the same room writing - hence the lead pencil. I have just come in from a visit to a little baby 2 weeks old - who will be permanently hopeless blind in one eye & perhaps in the other too - the result of a neglected inflammation of the eyes which appeared when the child was about 3 days old. The parents respectable & honest Germans one of course much distressed now - but their Dr - nurse failed to realize the gravity of the case in time. The day after Thanksgiving day I took out a blind eye for a man at my college clinic. That night while I was at our medico-surgical supper, he sent for me - needlessly alarmed by a little bleeding. I found he lived on an island in the river. The messenger who came for me was the roughest "riverside character imaginable" - might pass for one of those described in our Mutual Friend. He took me up the river in a skiff and being

much astonished at his apparent cultivation of fine English. I asked him why he lived on a shanty on an island - he said his ~~purpose~~ ^{business} was carrying logs over the falls, which you perhaps remember interrupted the river here - that as he spent his spare time in study - he did not care for social pleasures. On asking what he studied, he replied that at present he was devoting himself to Emerson - he usually took one such author at a time & mastered his works thoroughly. He said he no longer took any magazines, as they distracted his attention & he wished to concentrate himself on one thing at a time - I thought I had found a character in my riverside man.

After rowing about 2 miles up the river - we came to a small island, covered with a few trees; here in the mud about 3 feet from the water's edge was a shanty, about 12 feet wide, 28 feet long & just high enough for me to stand up in it. This ~~is~~ ^{is} boat, for such it really is, was divided into two rooms; in one of them the man who had brought me lived and in the other - a room 12 x 14 feet and about 6 feet 4 inches high - lived a family of 8 people - Father, Mother & 6 children. It was the father

whose eye I had taken out. Their only support was a 16 yrs old ^{the eldest of the 6} boy who when at work made 50 cents a day. - I have since sent them many very nice & useful clothes for the 2 babies & I have been glad to help them through until my patient could be out again, which he now is. Such cases show as truly that one half the world does not know how the other half lives. I have had an electric button put up in

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My office which rings at the kitchen + so I can get water for hot water or to go on an errand or anything, without going out, and as my busy season is beginning now - from now until June, usually - I find it very convenient. I often want to keep a record of my cases but have no time to write them up, as they come in + I have a fancy for trying a phonograph for this purpose - I will talk what I like into it, as I examine my patient + can then listen to it + copy what I like in my case book at night. I think I will try how this works. It has been sleeting + raining this afternoon.

One of my patients - the daughter of a deceased doctor - brought me a beautiful pillow Thanksgiving Day - for say it is made of "white honeycomb, with wild roses in 2 shades of brown silk, darned ~~and~~ it" - it is very pretty indeed. Son says that I must tell you that she is going to begin her "black cake" for Xmas tomorrow - wishes you + Mary were going to eat some with us - there is no doubt you will have just as good things + in true "country abundance". Son, having heard this sentence says I must add a word for Mary's jelly which is the best she has ever eaten + which she carries you this winter. Son + Anna went to the matinee yesterday afternoon to see Nat Goodwin - a very fine comedian.

Bromfield, Jan 10 by Mansfield.

I wrote to you a few days ago & hope to have a letter from you soon. Much concerned to hear of the ~~news~~ affliction - His marriage was certainly most disastrous. I had a nice letter from Dabney Price a day or so ago - His post office address is Union Mills, I suppose he is practicing there.

The church require a larger income, for which they have asked the congregation so we have agreed to raise our pew rent about 30 per cent over what it now is - from \$4 to \$6 5 yearly. Miss Maud Woodson, the lady who lives at Mr. Allen's & who called on Susie, had a very pretty gold pin in the shape of a ~~rose~~ sword + set with pearls brought ^{from Italy} her a year or two ago, ~~by a friend~~ ^{a present from} a friend who was supposed at that time to be on the eve of marrying Miss Maud's uncle, However she has lately married another man & Miss Maud was trying to sell the pin for \$2 - so Lon has bought it. Lon says this is "tackling" + I ought not to tell about it - but I tell first because I think she got a bargain + secondly because of the amusing story of its purchase + disposal.

- Well, I have written up my paper & so will close - Much love to Mary & the children & to Mrs. W. when you see them. How is Mrs. King, or? Hope she is better.
Yours affectionate Son
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Louisville, Ky. October 19 1880

My Dear Mother:

Your letter & card received today along with a letter from May, saying your trunks had arrived. I hope you found their contents all right. Of course if they had been lost (this very rarely happens) the R.R. would have been responsible & paid for them. Trust you were not overfatigued by your journey & that you had some comfortable sleep on the cars. After you & Susie had gone I drove out to see a patient and then took Lou out driving. She has been every day since and seems to have gotten over her nervousness about it. The Jylers and their 2 children spent the day here Friday. Mrs. J. gave Mary a very handsome silver cup marked "Mary Dabney from her intended God Mother". Lou asked them to dance for the baby at her christening but a pouring down shower prevented their reaching church in time. This was some 15 months or more ago. The baby talks about you & Susie a great deal & I need not say we all miss you very much & enjoyed your visit at least as much as you could do. I am sorry Susie missed the Prosser reception. We sent Paul to the Post office this morning (there is no mail delivery on Sunday) expecting a letter from you and we were not disappointed.

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We did not go to Church today. I was detained by some tedious cases in my office & son did not care to go. This afternoon we will perhaps take a drive.

Dinner bell has rung & I must close—

Love to all from son & myself

Your Affectionate Son

S. G. Dabney

We are much concerned to hear of little Walter's illness. Diphtheria tho sometimes a very small affair is always alarming.

We hope to hear favorable news about him tomorrow in a full letter from you.

S. G. D



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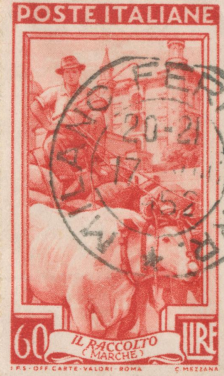
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up high! Don't know
nuthin' speshul, t'all.
Just livin', thez all!
Livin' high, that iz!
Gus's dady - Start
on this joint tomorry -
Love & Smaks - B-

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P.S. I'm so gumbound they
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