

Princeton N.J.  
12. So. West

My dear Father -

I wrote a letter of twenty  
pages to Clarence this afternoon,  
the first I have written to  
him since coming <sup>back</sup>, so if I don't  
write you so long a one as  
usual you will know the  
reason why.

I have been alone as you know  
since yesterday, and from the  
way I have been staying <sup>in my</sup>  
room today I evidently must  
enjoy it, for I have not been



out at all today except to  
my meals and to Chapel  
twice, but I guess the day  
had a good bit to do with  
my staying to my room so closely  
as it has been raining and  
dreary all day.

Yesterday afternoon I took  
a bicycle ride over to  
Lawrenceville and was out  
most of the afternoon.

In the evening I went around  
to call on Prof. & Mrs. Harper  
but did not find them at  
home, so ended up by



going to see Prof. Orris.

He is still as odd as ever and entertained me most of the time by showing his precious stones, of which he has a very fine and costly collection.

It seems a pity that he don't spend his money for something more useful than buying old coins and precious stones.

but he says he get a great deal of pleasure looking at his precious stones.

Some of them are certainly



very pretty.

I saw by the Repository that you had given a "very instructive address" at the teachers institute in Dryden last week.

Rob Gordon was down at Philada for the Peace Jubilee and he said he had seen several Fannettburg people there.

I suppose none of the family are thinking of coming down to Princeton for Yale game on November the twelfth.



As Dan has given it up I was  
thinking may be some of  
the other members of the  
family might come.

It is going to be a big time  
in Princeton and nearly every  
place in town is engaged for  
people to stay all night.

Some person was telling me  
that the rooms at the Inn  
had all been engaged  
in September.

If any of you are thinking  
of coming let me know by



right away, so that I may  
procure tickets and a place  
to stay.

I had written to Taffie to come  
for the game, but I received  
a letter from her last night  
<sup>saying</sup> that she could not come as  
they expected to remain in  
Hopkenville through November  
and I guess she thinks it  
is too far to come <sup>from Hopkenville</sup>, she had  
thought they might be in  
New Jersey by the time  
of the game.



I suppose from what you  
said ~~in your~~ in your letter  
that James Walker is still  
in Hannettsburg, and is going  
into the real estate business  
there.

We had a meeting of the  
Mercersburg Club a few  
evenings ago in my room  
and I was elected President.  
The club has not amounted  
to much heretofore, but as we  
have a fine new members from  
the freshman class this  
year we hope to have a more  
flourishing club now.



I wish I could be home for  
the C.E. social tomorrow  
night.

I guess we will celebrate  
Halloween by having the  
annual Soph - Freshman  
Cane dance tomorrow night.

The initiations into the Halls  
two places about ten days  
ago and Whig as usual  
~~got~~ took in the most members.  
We got about fifteen more  
than Elia this year.

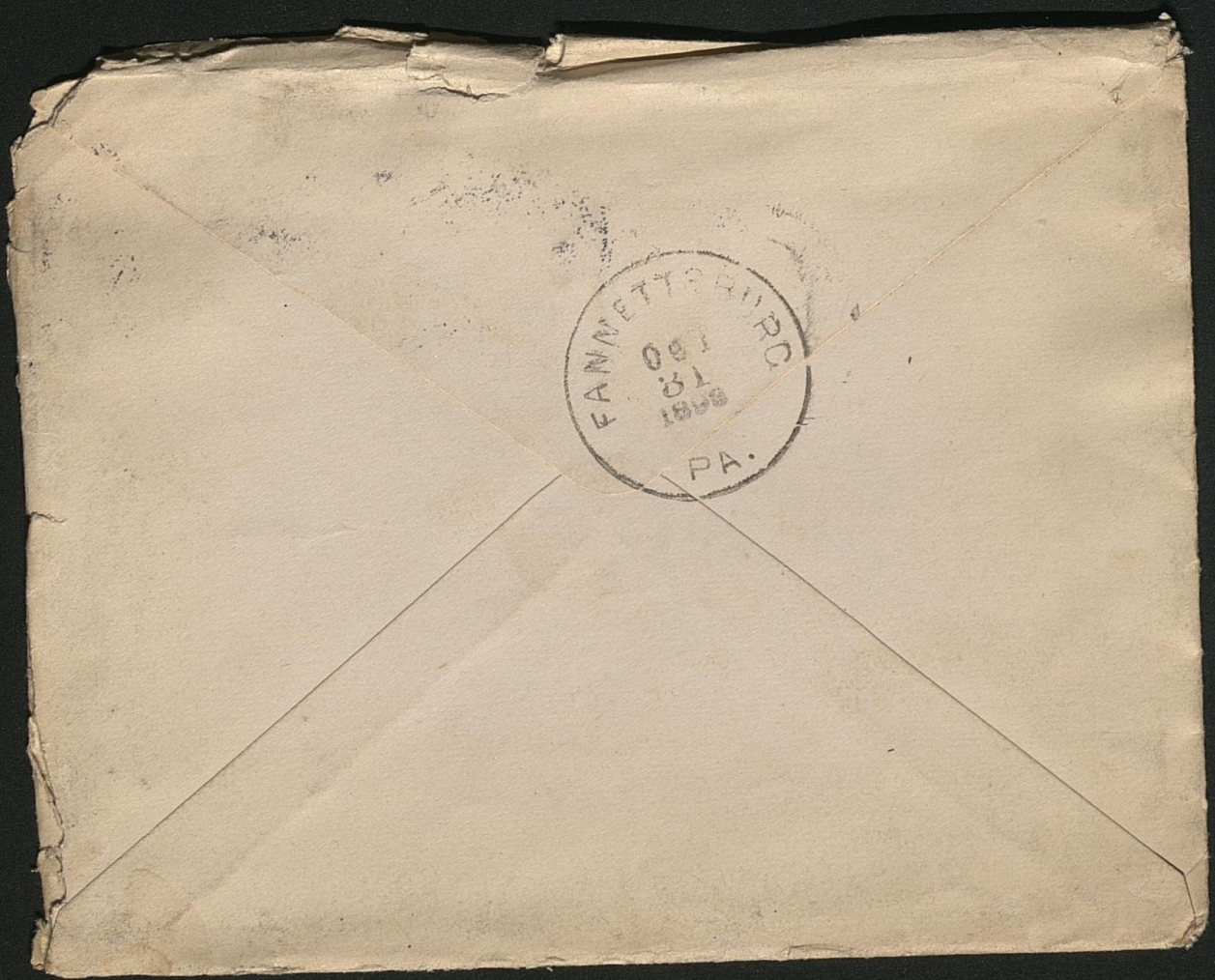
Will close for this time  
with much love to all  
Yours affectionate son Joe,  
Oct 30-98.





Rev. J. Smith Gordon  
Fannettsburg  
Franklin Co. Pennsylvania







I had written to Mr Cowan and  
he had my name sent in to  
the Republican headquarters, and  
wrote to me that it would be  
all right, whenever I should  
apply for it.

I wrote at once for it last Wednesday,  
and when Friday evening came  
and no Pass, Rob Gordon who  
was also waiting for me, and  
I decided to go down to Philad.

My

Princeton N. J.  
Nov 7-98.

My dear Father -

This time last week I  
had thought I would be at home  
talking to you instead of writing  
to you today, for I thought I  
was pretty sure of getting a Pass  
home for the election, but I  
did not get it and consequently  
I did not get home.



and see why it did not <sup>come</sup> or what the matter was, and when we got down there we found out that our applications had come in too late.

We then went out to the Univ. of Penn. and hunted up some of our friends for the night, I stayed with Vic Miller an old Mercersburg fellow.

In the morning Rob. decided to go ~~out~~ on home without the Pass as he had some

things he wanted to attend to at home, and

I hunted up Allan and we went to see Horace Henderson to see if he could help me out any.

I thought he might be able to get me a Pass by this morning, but I concluded if I could not get home on Saturday evening, my stay would be so short, that it would be best to give up going home.

He said he was pretty sure, he could get



divided my visit as I did before  
between Frank Alex. and Allan.  
and as I said I stayed on Friday  
night with the Miller.

Rob and I made a little call  
at the Henderson on Friday night  
the Aunt of Allen, but did  
not find him there.

We saw the two Henderson girls  
and May Pludean for a short  
time.

May said to tell Mary that  
she was going to answer her letter

me a Pass if I should vote for  
Lenke as he knew several of the  
Democratic leaders very well, but  
I could not go that. Although I  
don't think there is much danger  
of Lenke being elected.

As I was in Philad. I concluded I  
might as well stay over Sunday  
even if I did not go home, so  
did not get back here until  
one o'clock today.

I had a very nice little visit,



soon, she likes Drexel very much but  
says she has to work very hard.

I watched the report of the Harvard - Penn.  
foot-ball game from the Press bulletin  
board on Saturday afternoon in Philad.  
and was very much pleased to see  
Harvard win.

Our team did not show up very well  
on Saturday and the prospects are not  
the brightest for a victory for us over

Gale next Saturday, but we are hopeful  
and have not given up the idea of  
winning yet by any means.

Allan is coming up to see the game and  
is bringing <sup>with him</sup> a Miss Airley, a Hagerstown  
girl, but who is now going to school  
in Philad.

I guess I wrote to you that when I  
heard that Toffie could not come I wrote



One of the courses which I want to get on my medical certificate when I leave here, I have to work up myself.

They give the examinations in June but you have to work up the subject yourself.

I left my order with Allan for the book when I was down there and he will get it for me and bring it up next Saturday.

It costs about \$6.00, but fortunately

to Clem McAllen asking here to come for the game next Saturday but for two very good reasons, time and money, she can not come, so from a financial point of view I may be considered very fortunate, but still I am disappointed that nobody is coming to visit me for my East Yale-Princeton game, for it is one of the great things in each year of my college course.



I received part of my salary from Hall last week, so I will be on a good basis for a while again, but I was just about at the bottom of the pile before.

I made a few little purchases in Philad. among them a shirt, golf stockings, writing paper etc.

Was glad to hear that Mary and Clementine were at the wedding in Merensburg.

Have you heard that Newt. Alexander is married?

Fran ~~to~~ was telling me about it, and he had <sup>just received</sup> a letter from his sister.

I am rather disappointed that I am not at home this evening, but guess it will be for the best and I can help elect Voorhees tomorrow as I am registered and can vote here.

Suppose Mr. Cavan did not say any thing to you about my coming home, as I wanted to surprise you, and told him not to say any thing about it.

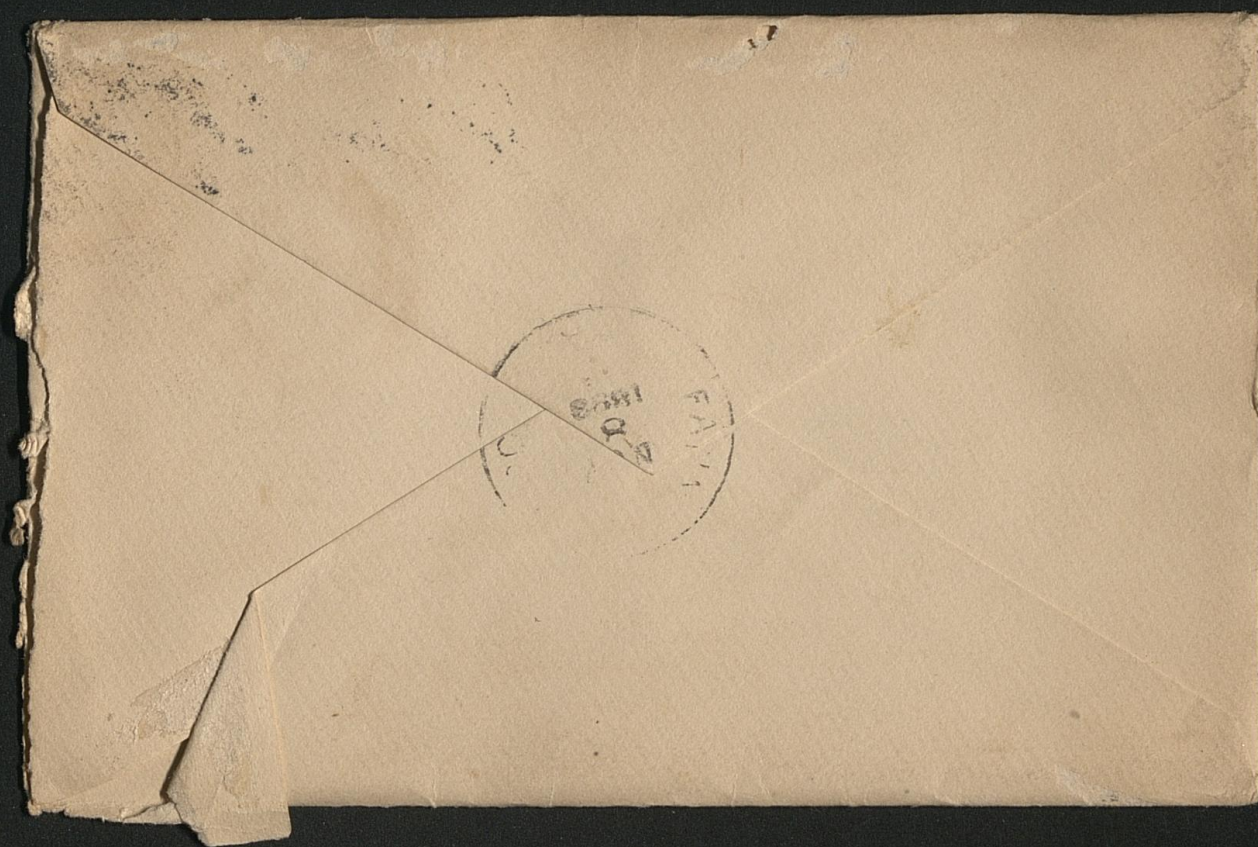
Must now close, with much love to all  
Your affectionate son John.





Rev. J. Smith Gordon  
Fannettsburg  
Franklin Co, Pa.







But as there is no possible way of holding it over until 1901, I will have to let it go in the drawings.

Will Gilmore would like to have the room very much next year, but of course I cannot sign it over to him and he will go in the drawings and run about one chance in fifty in getting it.

I thought I might sign it over to Rob, but it is the

Princeton N.J.  
Dewey Day

My dear Father;—

Your letter received on Friday evening and also one this evening, Clarence also came on Saturday morning (the age from ~~Gypsy~~) and I supposed from that, that you would not want me to keep the room although I got the Treas. to hold the room over until today.



rule to sign it over to your brother only.

Rob's father was here to spend Sabbath with him yesterday. He was in Trenton on business and can be here for Sunday. I saw him several times, and he seems very much pleased with Princeton.

I was very much pleased to get the arboreal last Wednesday which I would judge from the writing

was from Clementine. It was a little dry when it got here, but came out nicely when I put it in fresh water. It has been decorating my room ever since, but is now beginning to show its age.

Last Saturday we had a very exciting game of baseball with Cornell. The score was Princeton 3 Cornell 0.

You must have had a very pretty wedding at a Spring time.



from Honolulu but will begin  
to watch for the mails next  
week although it is not likely  
I will hear for 2 or 3 weeks  
at least, but I will have the  
fresh air work to fall back on  
for the summer, if the Honolulu  
position does not develop.

I am glad to hear that Mamma  
is going to take a trip to  
Chamby.

I have not been feeling very

We are having warm weather  
here during the day, but it  
get rather cool in the  
evening.

Who do you have to farm  
your lots for you this  
year or are you going  
to farm them yourself?

I am afraid I won't get much  
of that kind of work <sup>this summer</sup> unless  
I get the position in Honolulu.  
I have not heard anything yet



well for a couple of days, but  
am feeling better this evening.  
Guess I am a little  
bilious.

What is Clarence expecting  
to do this Summer?

He just wrote me a note  
about the room on Saturday  
but did not say any thing  
about his plans for Summer  
but did say it was very  
doubtful about his getting

here for my Commencement.  
Expect it is getting pretty  
warm for May down in  
the school house these  
warm afternoons.

Must now close

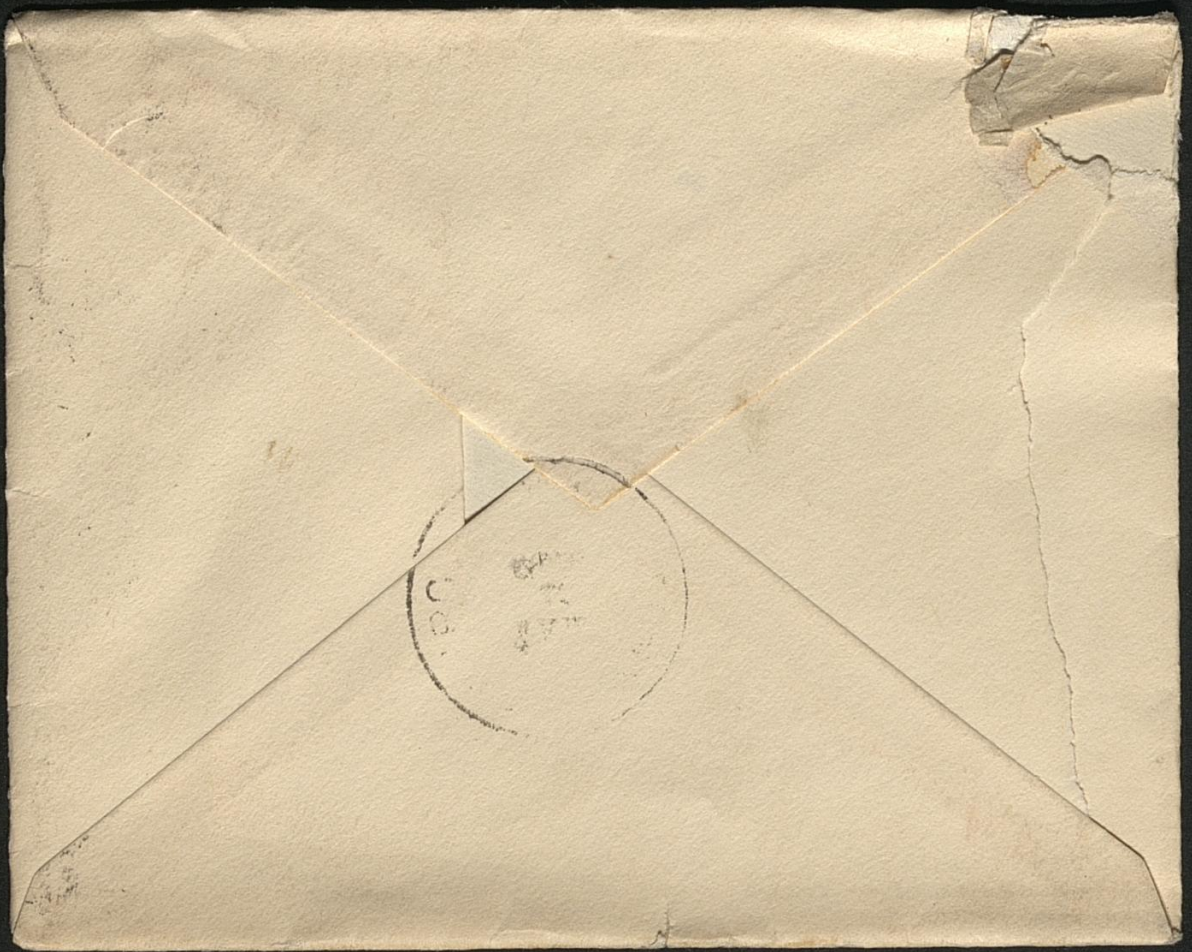
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a week from today, but  
intend to start in on them  
tomorrow.

I will have a couple of  
right hard ones and  
several rather easy ones,  
but the thing which will  
take a good bit of my  
time this week is a thesis  
which I have to write  
on the 'development of  
the eye'.

Princeton N.J.  
May 7-98.

My dear Father —  
I have just been  
reading "John Ward, Preacher"  
for most of this evening  
and will now write to  
you before going to bed.  
I guess I ~~would~~ ought to  
be begin looking for my  
exams. which begin



I was glad to get your letter on Saturday evening and heard of your doing at home.

I suppose Mamma is still in Chambersburg, she being away now will make quite a difference in the family.

I heard indirectly from Knoxville last week that the position which I applied for there had been filled, and

was filled before my application reached Knoxville. I was afraid that I ~~was~~ was a little late in sending in my application, for I did not hear of the position for some time after notice had been sent here of the position. But I expect to hear from the man likely this week for sure, although I have nearly given up hope of



from their room and I guess  
that will not be too  
far for Mamma to walk.  
I think we can get it  
for \$1.00 a day and that  
will be more reasonable  
than I had expected I  
could get it.

We had a crowd of  
Mercedino boys down  
here last Friday and  
Saturday for our track

getting to Honolulu next  
year and expect this  
Summer will find me  
up in New York state.  
Blair was just telling me  
of a very good & reasonable  
boarding place for  
Commencement for  
Mamma & Clementine and  
we intend going around  
to see about it tomorrow.  
It will be about two squares



games I had one of them  
staying with me on Friday  
night and sleeping on  
my divan.

We will have our first  
Harvard game of base ball  
next Saturday, and  
looking forward to it  
with more interest than  
usual as our base-ball  
team this year is rather  
an unknown quantity, but  
we have never been defeated  
by Harvard in Princeton yet

since I have been in College  
and we hope to pull in a  
victory on Saturday next.  
This is our last week for  
lectures & recitations and  
the time seems to be  
flying along very rapidly.

Must now close as it is  
nearly bed time and I  
have a lecture at 8.30 in  
the morning.

P.S.

With much love to all  
Yours affectionately  
son  
Have you ever found an odd cuff  
button of mine at home? I lost it at Bagley  
if you have found it send it to me

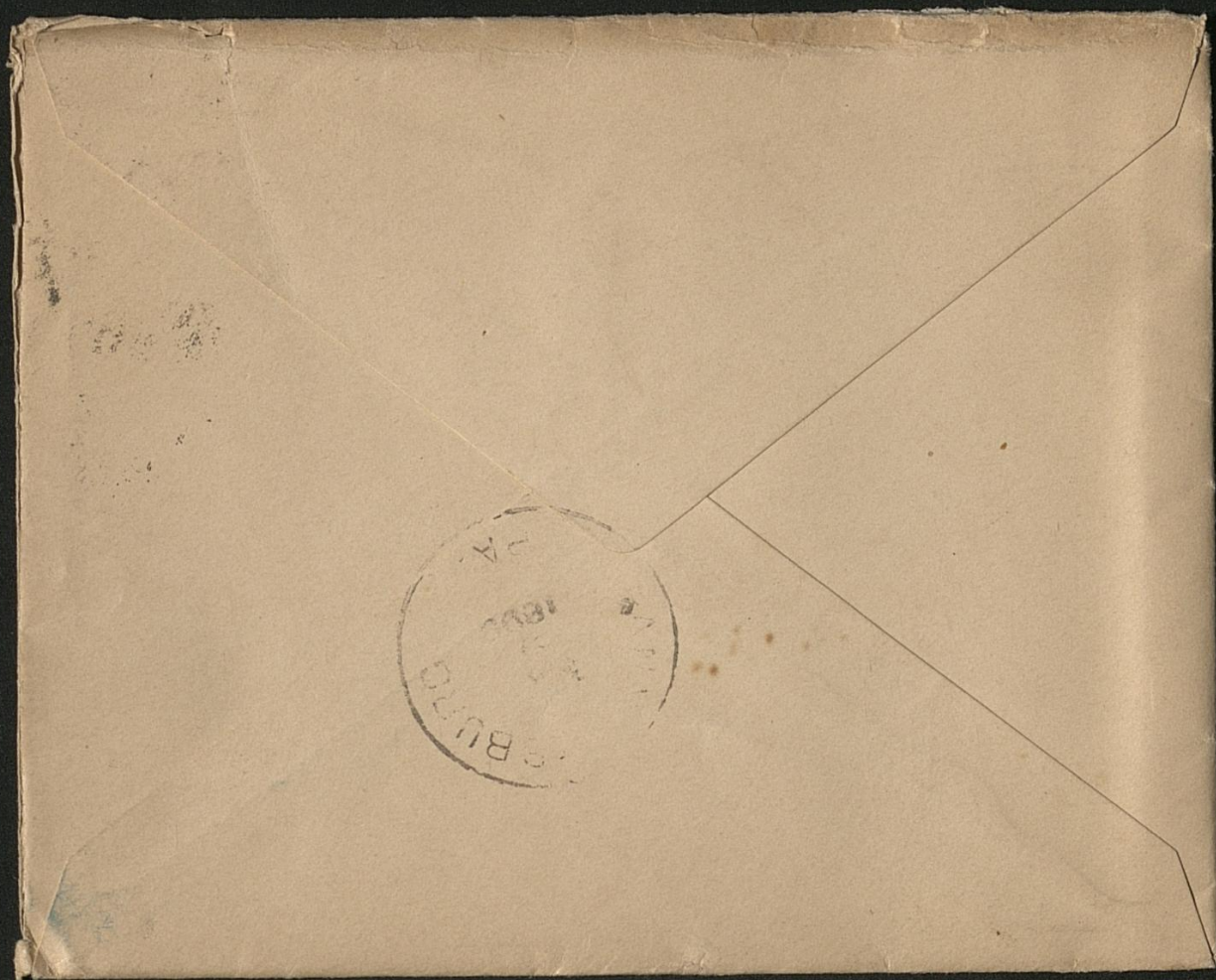
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PITTSBURG, PA.,

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1900

Philadelphia,

3336 Walnut St.

My dear Father and Mother;

Your letter was very welcome yesterday morning and now I have just come up to my room from dinner and think I will have a little talk with you. It is just half past two so I hope Papa is over at Burnt Cabins and the rest of you are just starting to Sunday School. I was glad to hear of your Pleasant Thanksgiving day and how you spent it. I



I have enjoyed the later part of this week more than usual, although I did work part of my vacation.

On Thursday we had the Cornell-Penn game, and I neglected to get a ticket until Thursday morning, when I found that all the cheap ones were sold. I did not want to miss the game so the only thing I had to do was to take an ershere ticket or pay more than I cared to do for a seat.

I decided to miss my Thanksgiving dinner which I was to go to with John Park, and take the ershere



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ticket, thereby missing a dinner  
but saving. Ocl.

I had to get to the grounds  
at 11.30 on the morning ticket  
and that dinner was to be  
at one o'clock.

But I went to the game and  
had a good dinner of turkey  
and cranberries here at my  
boarding house at six  
in the evening.

Then at seven thirty I went  
out to Wayne with Allan  
Mame Henderson and Harry  
Douglas, where we spent the



very pleasant evening.  
The party was given by a  
Miss Marrow who lives out  
there and who knew the  
"Camp Cousins" several years  
ago.

Going out on the train  
Allen & I both were rather  
sorry that we had accepted  
the invitation, but afterwards  
were very glad, for we  
both had a very pleasant  
time.

There were about twenty  
people there altogether, some  
from the city, but mostly  
from Waynes. We got back  
to the city just about  
midnight.



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On Friday I spent most of the day over in the Chemical Laboratory and yesterday I spent a little time there in the morning and then just before lunch went down town to see Clara Flickinger to get him to go along to the West Pt. - Amherst game.

We get tickets to that, or our Matriculation cards and I happened to get an extra one from a fellow that went home, so I was glad



that Chane could go along.  
The Army - Navy game is a  
great thing here in a society  
way, and it is a privilege  
for any body not connected  
with the University West Point  
or Annapolis to get a ticket.  
None of the tickets are sold  
but all are <sup>given</sup> by the members  
and alumni of the three  
institutions.

The crowd was very large  
and very interesting in itself  
without the game.

The Navy won, and although  
Chane & I both decided to  
yell for West Point before  
the game started, I was  
rather glad to see Annapolis



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win because they had  
beyond doubt the stronger  
team.

Cham told me he had been  
out at Cheltenham on  
Thanksgiving and that he  
had an invitation to go again  
for dinner some Sunday soon,  
and also one for me to go  
along.

We will <sup>go</sup> either next Sunday  
or two weeks from today.  
He tells me that Mrs. Riet  
is still in Chicago, but  
expect to leave soon for Colorado.



where she will spend the  
holidays.

My invitation from Taffie came  
too late to accept, but I was  
rather glad it did as I could  
not have accepted it anyway.  
I am beginning to think now  
that my final vacation is  
not very far off.

It begins on Friday evening  
5 P.M. December 21<sup>st</sup>, and I  
don't suppose I <sup>can</sup> get away  
much before that time. My  
leave Thursday night.

Have not heard from Clarence  
for some time and have been  
wondering what time he  
will get home. Think I  
will have to write to him



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this afternoon.

They seem to be very slow about getting my business settled up in Pittsburg and I have been expecting a check from them for the last week, but it has not come so I guess I will have to a check from some other source, as I want to pay for my suit and my beard ~~shave~~ is a week behind now.

So if Papa can send me a check for \$50.00 as soon as convenient in the beginning



If this week if possible, I  
think I can come home  
at Xmas without any bills  
unpaid, and in the mean  
time I think my Pittsburg  
account will come in and I  
can pay it back for a while at  
least.

Am afraid I will not make much  
out of several notes I hold.

I have the promise that they  
will pay them, but have had  
that several times before, and  
they should have been paid long  
before this.

Am glad to hear that Mamma  
is going to make a visit at  
Chambersburg.

It will be wise for her to be



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there while Mr. Silmore is  
away I think or while Aunt  
Hollie is alone.

I have been intending to write  
to Walter to see if he is not  
coming to the City before Xmas.  
You know he expected to  
come several weeks ago.  
Has everybody in the family given  
up coming to the city before  
Xmas.

It would suit me better  
either to come now, or not  
until after February the first  
as I will be very busy after



my Xmas vacation until the  
first of February when I will  
have several examinations.

The stores are beginning to fix  
up for Xmas now, and I  
will expect to do some Xmas  
shopping for you if nobody  
comes down to see me before  
Xmas.

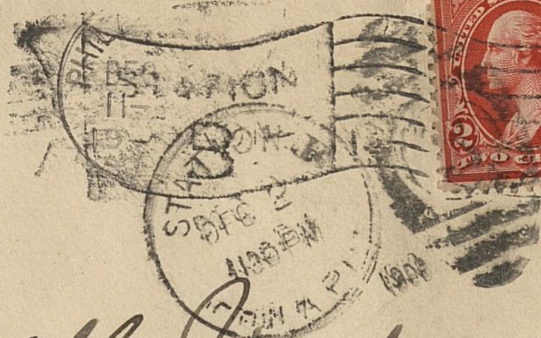
Suggestions for Xmas presents  
will soon be necessary for me  
for it is usually hard for me  
to think of anything myself.  
So many while you are at home  
this week you might think of  
some things.

With much love to all  
Your affectionate son  
John.



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and it still goes a little hard  
to come over and get at work  
every night instead of going out  
some place with her.

I hope she enjoyed the two weeks  
as much as I did, when she was here.

I want to thank Mamma for the  
towel and handkerchiefs.

The towel I have been using this  
week, and is a specially good one  
I find.

It is now nearly eleven and my  
bedtime, so will close, with  
much love to all.

Your affectionate son  
John.

Philadelphia Pa.

Feb 28 - 1881,

Univ. of Penn. Dar.

My dear Father:

Your letter with checks  
for \$40.00 & \$15.00 enclosed was  
received yesterday evening.

I intended writing last night but  
the time for the mail collection  
came around before I knew it  
and before I had letter written.

I was glad to get your letter  
and hear what was going on  
with you at home, also of



Clementine safe arrival at home.  
She will give you all the  
Philadelphia news, so I suppose  
there is not much use in me  
writing much.

Our weather still keeps bad  
and today we had a very heavy  
thunder shower, some thing unusual  
for this time of the year.

I have gotten back to work again  
after my relaxation of two weeks  
when Clementine was here  
and <sup>after</sup> my mid year examinations.

I think this term will be much  
easier than last term, and will  
give ~~up~~ a little more time to

absorb ~~the~~ what we do learn.

I suppose Clementine has told  
you of our boarding house and  
that I intend to stay on there.

It is a very great improvement over  
where I had been, and as a  
whole the best I have had I  
think since I have been here.

I hope nothing will go wrong, so  
that I will not have to change  
now that I have such a good place.

The people have asked me several  
times about Clementine and if  
she got home safely etc.

They say they miss her over there,  
and I miss her too very much.



Play hockey, but we did not see them play as several of the Princeton team were sick and the game was not played.

We took our skates along though and had a good skate ourselves.

Then last night we were invited to where a Miss Henderson <sup>from Huntington</sup> is boarding on 950 Clinton Street.

Phila deplia Pa  
344 2 Chestnut St,  
March 10-1901.

My dear Father:

Your welcome letter came last night. Chem Flickinger has been out with me most of the day. I met him at church this morning and he came out along with me. He has been working down at Millville New Jersey for



several weeks and came  
up to the city to spend  
Sunday. He has been telling  
me of some of his experiences,  
many of which remind me  
of my work last Winter, and  
they bring back some  
recollections which I am  
glad I do not have to have  
repeated this Winter.

The life of a canvasser have  
very many disagreeable things  
in it.

Cham is thinking very seriously  
of breaking off <sup>from</sup> the Century  
people, and I suppose she  
has stayed <sup>with</sup> them about as  
long this time as he usually  
sticks to one thing. I

I have been sticking pretty  
closely to work this last  
week, with the exception  
of Tuesday night when Allan  
and I went to the Ice  
Palace to see Princeton and Penn.



I almost forgot to tell you that I had a letter from Taffie a few days ago from the Presbyterian Hospital where she has been for a little over a week now. She says "it is fierce" but she intends to stay until she is accepted i.e. if she will be, and she has heard indirectly that she would be, but she does not know whether she will stay longer.

She had a friend from Bryn Mawr, and Miss Lulu Henderson and about six other fellows there, so there were nearly three boys to every girl, something which does not often occur at a party.

We had a very pleasant evening. Your praise service must have been quite a success from the receipts.

I saw by the paper you sent me early in the week.



something about a trolley,  
written evidently by Robt. Miller.  
Is there anything in it, or  
do you think it is all talk?  
I think you were very wise  
to send the cows to the  
farm for the rest of the  
winter and have no doubt  
it will be a relief both to  
you and Mamma to have  
them away <sup>especially</sup> as you got  
such a small quantity  
of milk.

You did not tell me what  
time the Gen. Assembly meets  
here this spring, or what the  
prospects are for seeing you  
and Mamma here at that  
time.

I have just about finished  
my dissection for this year,  
and will come up for  
examination on Thursday of  
this week on the arm, the  
part I have been dissecting  
since February.



time I will bring my  
letter to an end,

Cham wishes to be  
remember very kindly to  
you all,

With much love to all,

Your affectionate son  
John.

I am afraid it is not quite  
as pleasant and agreeable  
as she expected, and I  
have never thought she was  
very much cut out for a  
nurse.

I am going out to call on  
her tomorrow evening.  
She said not to tell any person  
but Clementine, but as  
I have not promised her  
I would not, and I don't  
think it will matter to  
tell you all at home.



I am telling you all about  
it.  
I had a letter from Clarence  
this last week, in which  
he tells me he expects  
to be at Princeton in June.  
I am beginning to think  
some thing of what I am  
going to do this summer  
but have done nothing more  
than think so far.

I believe I did answer

a letter from an agency which  
~~gives~~ gets employment for  
the summer for students,  
a few days ago, and told  
them I had been in the  
"Fresh air" work the last two  
summers and would probably  
go in it again this summer  
unless they had something  
better to offer.

As Chas and I want to  
go to church this evening  
and it is getting near that



It was a very pleasant affair.  
Dr. Wood himself was there and  
made a fine speech.

He is about the greatest man here  
in the Medical school, and has  
an international reputation, and  
you feel that he is a wonderful  
man to hear him talk.

He has been away sick for  
two years and our class feel  
fortunate that he is back to  
lecture to us, for his course  
in Therapeutics comes in the third year.

48 House P. Univ. of Penn.  
Philadelphia Pa.  
Jan. 11 - 1902.

My dear Father;

I have just come home  
from church and I suppose you  
at home have not been home very  
long. I hope it is not such a  
bad day in Park Valley as it is here  
today, for it will make your trip over  
the mountain a hard one for you.

I think you ought not to go  
over to Burnt Cabin on the rough days.



during the next three months, perhaps there may not be many, but I think you ought not to expose yourself when a rough one does come now and then.

Your welcome letter came last evening, the news of Marmah was the most startling and I am glad it was so favorable, if only a telegram.

It might seem strange, the telegram put, if it were not in the Wallen family, but that is almost as common for them to see as the rail. The parlor I should think will be

a much better place for Uncle Will to be, in every way.

I have been working this week as usual during the day and evening until yesterday, when I went for a skate out to the lake in the Park.

The skating was not very fine, and there were such crowds there, that it was hard to get along without running into some person.

Last night we had a banquet at the University Club on Walnut St. of the "H. C. Wood Medical Society."



I don't suppose it will make any difference but I would just like to know these things for my own satisfaction and if you have time, you might write in answer a little early than usual time this week.

It is hard to do business of most kinds thro the mail especially insurance, and I doubt if I write to Herbert at all about it but I am interested in the case and would like to know just how it stands. It is still raining, and looks like it would continue all afternoon.

With much love to all

Don't forget Henry <sup>your affectionate son,</sup> Robert  
I will order McQuinn's for Clementine this week. <sup>John</sup>

Dr. Wood's son was in Germany when Clarence was there, but according to Clarence is is not so smart as his father.

His son was at the banquet and said he remembre Clarence very well when I told him who I was.

I have been indulging in the January bargains this week to the extent of a Harris chair \$5.00 and a bath robe \$3.50

I guess I will call the Harris chair Grandma's and your Knas present and the bath-robe Clarence's birthday present.



The chair I got at Gimbel and I think  
a very nice one for the price.  
They said it had been reduced from  
\$20. It adds very much to the  
comfort of my noose, and will be  
a very much appreciated Kansas present  
in the months to come.

The news about the new post office  
for Mr. Park was interesting, and  
the marriage of Mrs. McCormick surprising.  
I did not quite understand where  
you saw Herbert Cowan's application  
for insurance, and who is Mr.  
Bollinger?

Herbert did promise to take some out  
with me, when he took it out, but  
I was in the business long enough to  
know that many men did not  
keep their word about insurance.

Still I am rather interested in the case  
and wish you would not say anything  
to Herbert one way or the other about  
me, but let me know "in what talk"  
you saw the application, what the  
letter from Dr. Shofe had to do with it,  
and who Mr. Bollinger is?, and if Herbert  
knows that you know he has  
made application for insurance?



Jan 22 - 1902.  
48, House P.  
U. of V. Darn.

My dear Father:-

Was glad to hear from  
you last evening.

It is getting late now but  
will write a few lines  
before the U. P. M. collection.  
Cham. Flickinger was out  
for a while this evening  
so I have not accomplished



as much as I had planned,  
In reply to your letter as to  
money I think I will need  
about \$15.00 now.

I have not time to look  
about a suit at present  
so will put off getting  
that until the end of  
the month. but will need  
\$15.00 or \$20.00 for other  
expenses.

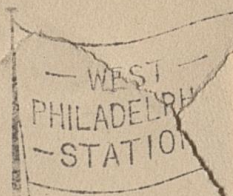
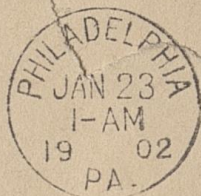
Had an invitation to go out  
to Wayne this evening but

declined, because did not  
have time to take from my  
work.

With much love to all

John.





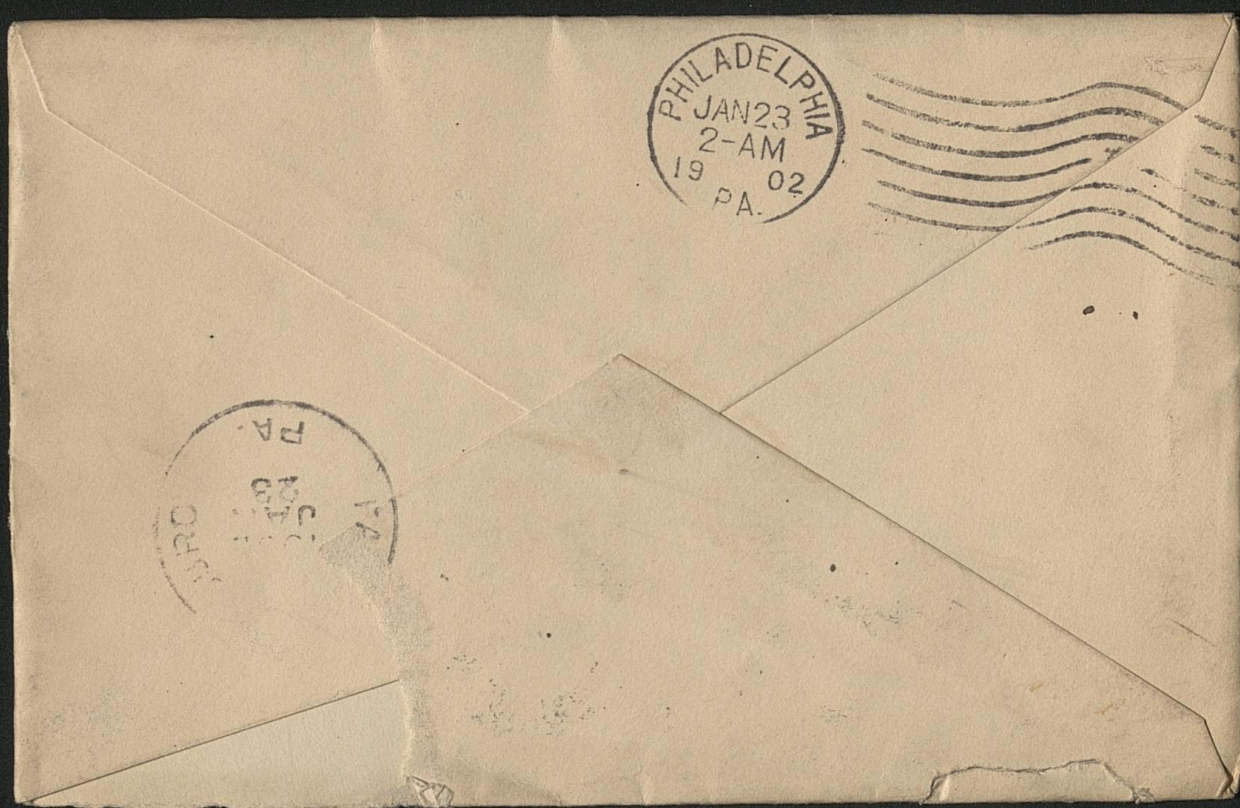
Rev. J. Smith Gordon,

Faunettburg

Pennsylvania,

Franklin Co.







Larm, 48, P. H. of P.  
Philadelphia Pa.  
Feb 16 - 1882.

My Dear Father;

I intended writing a note  
in Clementine's letter but was  
so sleeping last night that I  
did not get it done.

I have nearly caught up in  
sleep now for what I lost last  
week.

I think I got through my  
exams. all night last week  
and feel relieved that they



over.

I suppose Clementine told you what we did on Saturday and yesterday.

I like my new boarding place and I think Clementine likes it, and of course we both enjoy being together.

I work this morning but am going to take this afternoon off and go down town with Clementine. One of the things I want to do this afternoon also is to buy a suit.

I have let it go now about as long as I can, and of course

will need some money for it, I also will need some for books & instruments this term and society fees & current expenses. Altogether I will need \$50.00.

If you cannot send \$50.00 just now I can get along for a week or two with \$30.00, but will have to have \$30.00 or borrow from some body here.

I hope it will not put you to ~~inconvenience~~ to send this much now, as:

As it is lunch time will not write more this love to all

Your affectionate son,  
John,



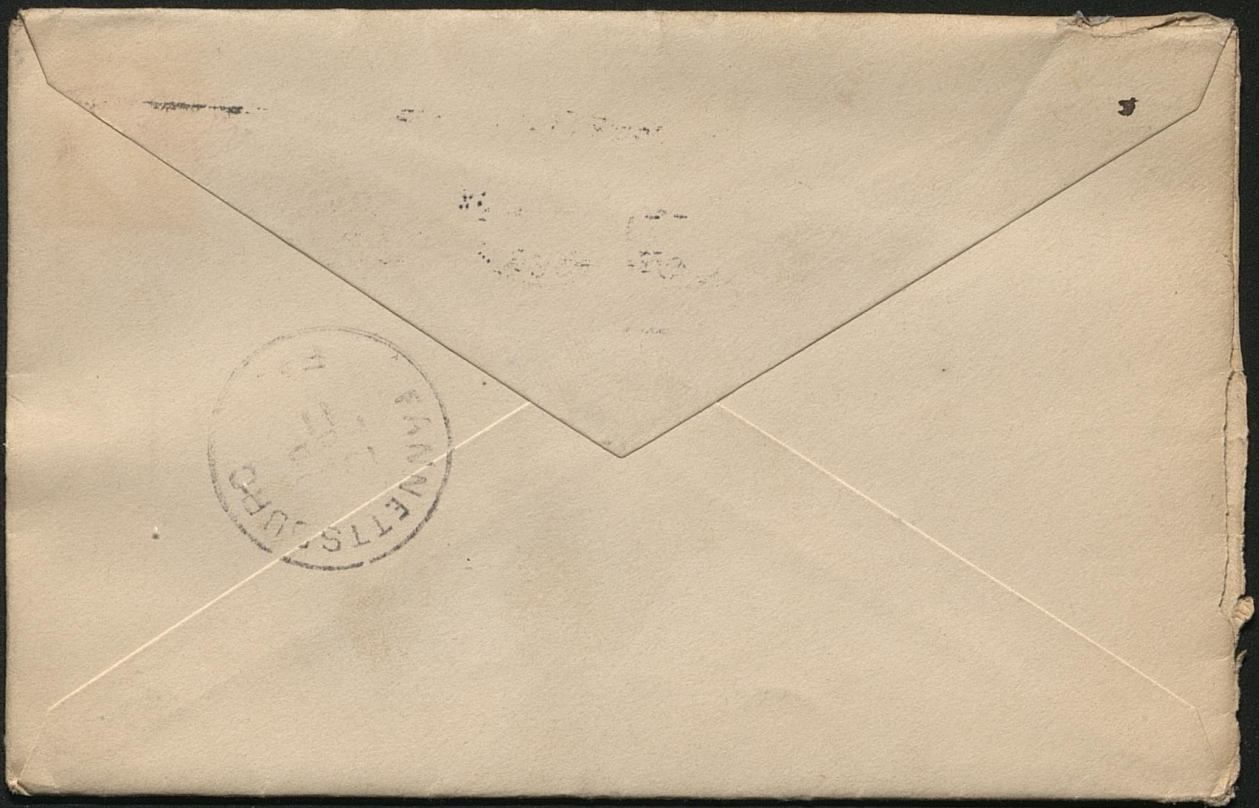


Rev. J. Smith Gordon  
Fannettsburg.

Franklin Co.

Pennsylvania.







4 what I would write, although I told him in respect to loaning money would rest entirely with you, as I had nothing as he well knew to offer as security. (And under the circumstances I would not offer it if I had, this I did not tell him, however.) I also told him that from what I knew of your business that it somewhat tied up in investments at present and I felt sure you did not have that amount of cash on hand at present.

Philadelphia, Pa.

March 6-1902.

My dear Father:

I was somewhat surprised this morning by a call from John McAllen, and still more so when he told me why especially he had come East this morning. I suppose by the time this reaches you, he will have written to you also telling you that he received a cable from



<sup>2</sup> from Norman asking him to  
send by cablegram \$500.00.  
There were no explanations or  
anything else telling for  
what or why he wanted it.  
John is naturally much  
worried and he says he has  
been trying hard to secure  
a salaried position, by which  
he would be enabled to  
borrow the money. That is  
have the people take his  
salaried position as security  
and pledge to pay so much

each month in canceling the debt.  
<sup>3</sup> There are a number of firms in  
the city here that loan money  
in that way.  
So far he has not been able to  
secure such a position although  
he thinks he has good chances  
for such a one in the near  
future.  
But in the mean time he  
came to me and asked me  
to write to you in reference  
to borrowing it from you.  
I told him I would write  
to you about it, but did not say



8. I have now given you the facts, in some what different way from what John Deallen will give them to you, <sup>I suppose</sup> and I do not have much doubt about what your answer will be to John even if you are in position to get \$100.00 in cash on short notice.

But knowing John & Harold as we do I suppose we should not be surprised at this unreasonable request.

I hope you will not worry about it at all, and if I had it to do over I would have

5. The whole thing took me somewhat by surprise and since thinking over it, I wish now that I had advised John not to write to you at all, for there is no sense in bothering you with it, but as he asked me to write I could not well refuse, as I thought it best to say I would.

It is true that we do not know ~~the~~ just what the money is for, and I suggested to John that it might be a business venture or something of that kind



but he seems to think that there is some trouble on Norm's end. would not have cable, but that always has been Norm's way of sending for money, and he has often telegraphed before for money, to more than one person from whom he did not get a reply.

I felt like telling John a few hard cold facts this morning but, thought it best not to cause any trouble as he did seem to be greatly troubled

and especially because of Norman being so far from home. However I think he will find some way out of his trouble if he is in it, and I think it will be better if ~~the~~ John does not get the \$500.00 to send him (if which there is not much chance at present I do not believe) until he at least get more specific information as to what it is to be used for.

Simply to draw a conclusion that he is in serious trouble because he cabled, as John has done, is not altogether logical, knowing Norman's character in former years.



Don't be alarmed, no trouble,  
 he will explain when he has  
 read it, the reason it is so marked.  
 it may it is so marked.

Private

For Father:

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Private

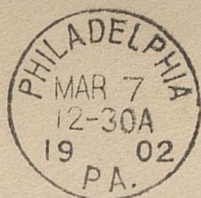
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 read it, the reason it is so marked.

tried to persuade John<sup>not</sup> to write  
 to you at all.  
 He asked me<sup>not</sup> to mention it to  
 anybody else in the family but  
 you, so I will so marked  
 this letter.

You of course have made him  
 so much promise and can tell  
 the rest if you wish, or show  
 them this letter, and I do not see why<sup>you should not</sup>.

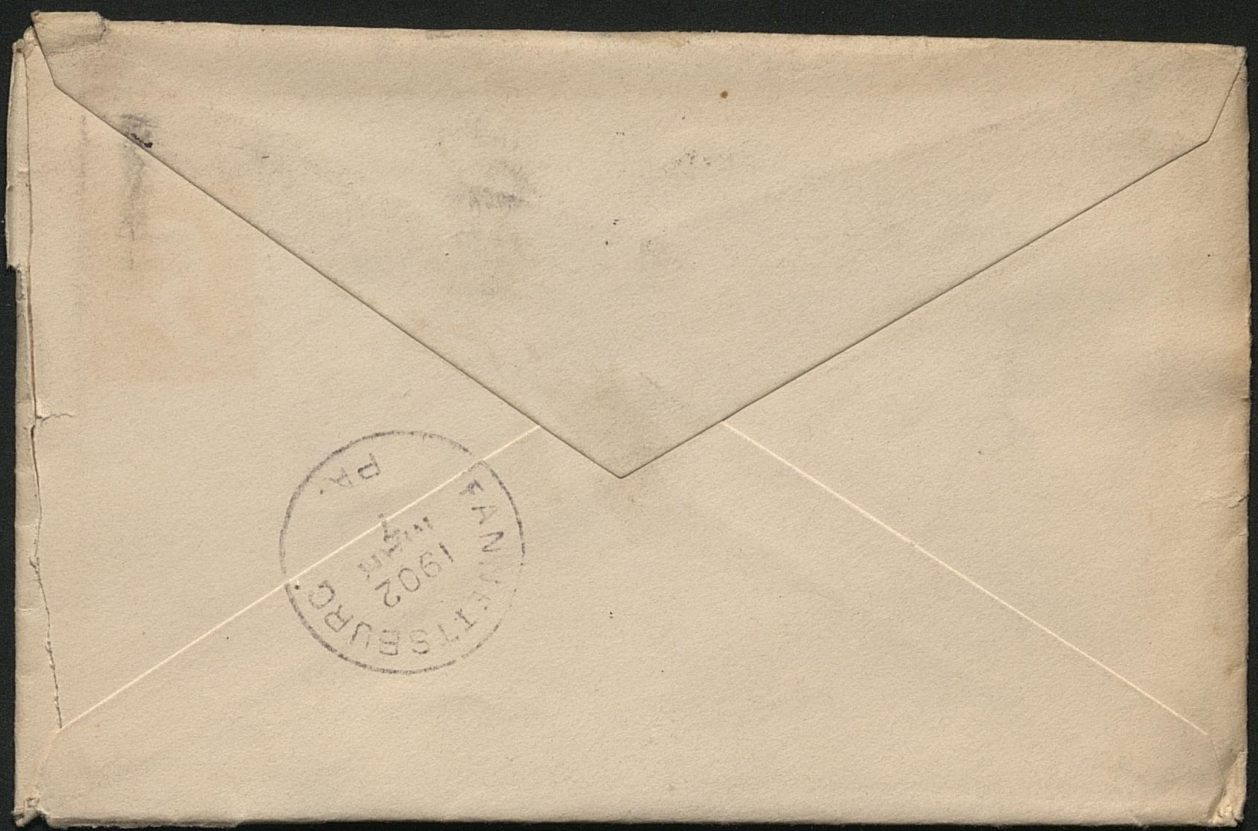
I hope you are all well.  
 I received Clementine letter  
 a few days ago & will answer  
 it soon. With much love to all  
 your affectionate son  
 John.





Rev. J. Smith Gordon,  
Fannettsburg  
Franklin Co. Pennsylvania.







time I had better look around.  
I am thinking a little of  
giving up my work here for  
two weeks and take  
charge of a patient (nervous case)  
for Dr. Mills.

Dr. Mills is one of our professors  
in nervous diseases and  
wants some one to look  
after ~~me~~ one of his patients  
for several weeks.

He wanted a man for a  
month or two, but I told  
him I would not feel  
justified in leaving my  
work here for more than  
two weeks.

Easter afternoon 1902.  
Philadelphia Pa.

My dear Father:

I have just come in  
from dinner and now will  
write to you at home.

Your welcome letter with check  
enclosed was received yesterday  
morning.

This is a delightful Easter Sabbath.

It is so nice to have such  
a fine day for Easter.

The city has had its Easter  
decoration (principally flowers)  
on for several days and  
today the pretty gowns and bonnets



not to mention the pretty girls  
and women that wear  
them, make a very pretty  
sight.

This morning Jim Park and I  
went to an Episcopal church  
on 38th St, and the music  
was very pretty.

The church was very crowded  
and I suppose there were  
1000 + 1200 people there.

Several people fainted (and had  
to be carried out), as the ventilation  
was very poor for such a  
crowd.

I have been enjoying my  
vacation, have been doing

something most of the time  
but still ~~not~~ no studying.

Thursday night Charlie Walker and  
I went out to Berwyn to see  
Rose McQuinn, on Friday Allen  
and I were up at the Vendome  
and last night I was at  
the theatre, so you see that  
I had my evening all pretty well  
filled, and I spent most of  
the time during the two days down  
town.

Yesterday I was looking around  
after a summer suit but did  
not purchase anything.

I may need one very soon  
so I thought when I had



I hope I can be at home when  
Clarence and James are there.  
I wrote to Mr. Parsons but have not  
heard from him yet.

If I should get a case with  
Dr. Mills for the summer I would  
be very willing to give up <sup>Certainly</sup>  
this summer. But of course his  
cases are very uncertain as to time.  
I suppose Sarah Deellen is  
with you now. Remember me to her.  
I heard that John has a salaried  
position now with his company  
and I am very glad. I hope  
it will be large enough to  
enable him to save a little  
besides his expenses.

I have not seen him since he was  
out here several weeks ago.

With much love to all,  
Your affectionate son John

I was down to see him  
yesterday morning and he  
said he might still want  
me for a couple of weeks  
and I am to telephone  
in the morning and find  
out.

If I go at all, it will  
commence tomorrow  
The pay is \$2,000 a week  
and expenses.

If it were only the first  
of June instead of the first  
of April I would be very glad  
to take it for as long as he  
would want me, but



Although I do think I could make up my back work enough to get through in June if I should stay away for a month, still I do not think I would be doing myself justice to miss so much at this time.

The money is quite a temptation but I hope I have decided wisely in saying that I would take it only for two weeks.

Of course if he finds a man who suits him by tomorrow he will not want me at all

on this case as it is better not to change person with such a patient.

I don't know just what I shall be expected to do, but look after him in general I guess, perhaps read to him and play games go walking etc.

I have no doubt it will be somewhat confining.

He is a middle aged man and lives on 20th st. near Chestnut.

If I go however I will write to you ~~if~~ and give you my address.

Of course my going is very ~~hard~~ <sup>hardly</sup> felt. I wrote to Clarence a few days ago. We have not been writing to each other much since Kansas.



in the hospital this week.  
I think it will be a good thing to  
pick up and see the workings of  
the hospital as well as practice  
in message by my going over  
and practicing there. Although  
of course there is no financial  
benefit from my work there.  
I am glad to hear that the sick  
people at home are all getting well.  
I have fully made up my mind  
now that I cannot afford the  
Princeton, and have ~~not~~ not been  
thinking of it lately.  
I think \$15.00 <sup>more</sup> will settle all my bills  
for this year and get me home but  
I will not need it for the next few  
months. With love to all your affectionate son

U. of P. Down, 48 P.  
Phila. Pa.  
April 25-02.

My dear Father;  
Your welcome letter with  
check for \$30.00 was received  
yesterday evening.  
I intended writing last night but  
had a quizz until about eleven,  
and then knew it was too late  
for the last collection last night.  
It seems that our warm weather  
is passing off now and today  
it is much cooler, and wet



are having a little rain this evening here.

I hope the rain will reach Path Valley, for you likely need it more than we do here, at least just in the city. I went down to see Dr. Mills again this morning in reference to getting a patient for the summer.

He said it was too soon yet of course but told me to come to see him later.

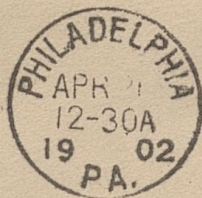
He said he had several patients now if I could come he could make use of me.

I think I will write to Mr. Parsons saying in I will go to Curtisville, and if anything turns up with Dr. Mills I have no doubt I can easily get a substitute for Curtisville.

I remember Mr. Parsons told me when I first went to see him three years ago, that he had a whole pile of applications for fresh air work, in his desk.

My Message is going along slowly and I have been working on several cases over

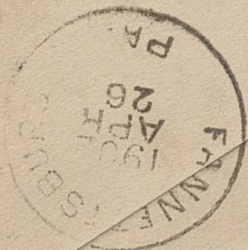




Rev. J. Smith Gordon,  
Hammetsburg,  
Franklin Co., Pa.



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*John*



from him soon.

I think I will surely know  
by the end of this week more  
definitely what I will do, ~~for~~  
I want to go to see Dr. Mills  
the latter part of the week.  
I am very busy now with  
my examinations.

I had my last lecture on  
Friday, and have my first  
examination tomorrow  
which will be easy, but  
my first hard examination  
will come on Friday.

Philadelphia Pa.

May 18 - 1882.

My dear Father:-

My home letter has  
not reach me this week  
however I will write  
to you tonight and trust  
I will hear from you  
in the morning.

This has been a fine  
Sabbath day, and I have  
not been in my room very



much of the time, but have  
been out enjoying the  
sunshine

This morning I heard Mr.  
Robt. Speer speak at Houston  
hall. He had a good audience  
and gave us a good address  
and I expect to go to hear  
him again tonight.

Before I forget Mary spoke  
about having Mary Speer  
visit her this summer and  
wanted to know if I would

rather <sup>she would</sup> wait until I had my  
first vacation of the summer over.  
It does not matter for my part.  
I always admired Mary Speer  
very much and hope  
Mary will invite her whenever  
it suits the best for you  
at home.

My plans for the summer  
are still doubtful.  
I have not heard another word  
from Mr. Jones, and ~~the~~ wrote  
to him again on Thursday.  
I think I will surely hear



I went to write will close  
this one to you, hoping I  
may hear from you in  
the morning.

With lots of love to all  
your affectionate son  
John.

Then I will have another  
one on Tuesday of next  
week and finish with  
me on Saturday the 31st,  
I am beginning to think  
about getting home and as  
the time draws near I am  
getting more anxious to go.  
I went down to see Carrie  
and Lillie Seibert for a  
little while this afternoon,  
and they both seem to  
be getting along nicely.  
They do not expect to get home



at least until late this  
summer if at all.

I will need some money  
this week if you can send  
it and I do not think I  
can get through and have  
left less than \$25.00.

Have a quig which costs  
\$10.00 and boarding for several  
weeks, did not have enough  
to pay this last week.

If possible I would like to  
have it before Friday in order  
to pay my quig which will

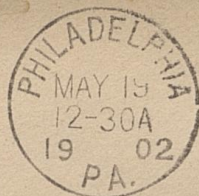
end on Thursday evening.  
I suppose you have been  
reading of the Gen. Assembly  
done in New York. From  
present outlooks it  
seems as if there will  
not be much disagreement.  
It is church time now so  
will finish this when I  
get back.

9.30.

Church is out and I am back  
in my room. Heard another  
good talk this evening.

As I have another letter or two





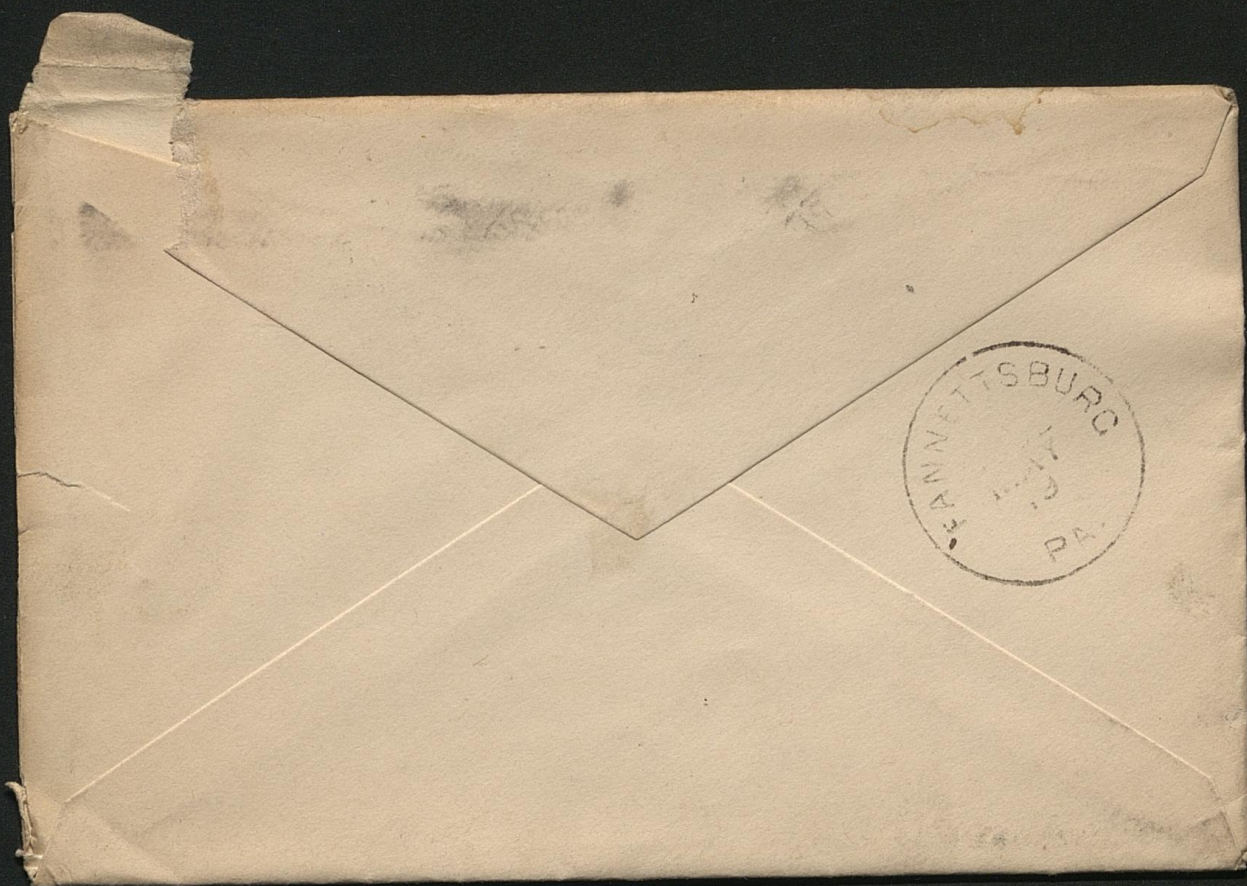
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Franklin Co.,







1.  
Interlaken Mass.  
August 31-1892.

My dear Father;

I was glad to hear from  
a Saturday evening, but very  
much surprised to hear of Mr.  
Brown's death.

I knew he had been sick  
but Allan thought he was  
much better, and I did not  
think he would die so  
suddenly from the trouble which  
he had.

This has been I expect my  
last Sabbath in the Berkshires  
at least for some years, ~~I~~  
~~expect~~ but I will hope to  
get back here some time



2.  
when not in the fresh air  
work. It has been warmer  
than usual, and I like it  
much better than the cooler  
weather we have been having.  
Tomorrow we expect to have  
a big day it being labor day  
you know.

We have been more or less  
busy this week in preparation  
for tomorrow and still have  
some fixing up to do in  
the morning.

Our exercises will not  
commence until three, and  
will consist of an old  
Colonial ball, plantation  
scenes and songs and a mother



3,

goose exercise for the smaller children.

The most startling news here today was the announcement of the marriage of Miss Shand and Mr. Jones.

They were married on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and came up here on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jones told me about it then and Mr. and Mrs. Heath, but none of the best knew it until today. I think the reason they didn't announce it right away was

because Miss Shand did not want to give up her position in the Brooklyn library until the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. and of course did not want to announce it while she was still there.



They expected to take a trip to<sup>4,</sup>  
Mr. Jones' home in Pottsville this  
week.

I suppose Clarence has left  
you and is now on his way to  
Kentucky, where his greeting will  
be sure what different and  
more pleasant than ever before.  
Has he decided when he will be  
married yet? but you can  
write and tell me all about it  
when I get home.

I did not know that you expected  
Taffie so soon. Remember me  
to her and tell her she must  
not leave before I get home.  
I still expect to leave here  
on the 4th, and get home  
Monday or Tuesday of next week.



5.  
Wish you would write to the  
"Banerft House 11st & Broadway"  
New York." and if I do not stop  
there I will go and get any mail  
that is Mr. Jones's stopping <sup>place</sup> and I  
expected him ~~still~~ to be there  
still but now as they have  
sent out their announcement  
I suppose they will start right  
to house keeping however I  
will likely stop there anyway  
I hope you will go to Va. to visit  
Will if you have not already  
gone when this reaches Fairbury  
Should think it would be a nice trip  
and especially if Uncle David is there.  
Hoping I will hear from you in  
New York With much love to all  
Your affectionate son John



The grounds and buildings here.  
I saw Elmer and Addie when they  
were here this ~~last~~ week several times  
and on last Tuesday night, went with  
Charlie & Elmer to the theatre.

Yesterday we had a game of football  
with Brown and it was a fine day  
to watch a game, although most too  
warm for the players. Penn was  
defeated much to the disappointment  
of her loyal supporters, but it did  
not worry me much, for although I  
have been here two years, I have  
never taken much interest in her  
athletics either <sup>way</sup>, but always enjoy  
seeing the games.

48 House P. U. of P. Dom.  
Phila. Pa.

Oct 19-1902.

My dear Father;

After supper this evening  
I came over to my room and have  
been reading until I nearly went to  
sleep and have not started to write  
this letter as soon as I expected to do so.  
Was glad to get your letter this week  
which told of the travels of the family.  
I suppose Mamma and Mary reached  
home last night.

Will Gilmore said he saw them yesterday  
in Chambersburg and they were going



set to Richmond on the evening train,  
I suppose Will told them of his changed  
plans. He had to make up his mind  
rather quickly but I expect it is the  
best thing for him to do.  
His few weeks here has not cost him  
very much and if he wants to come  
back, and gets tired of his work down  
in N. Va. in a year or so he will  
know better what he is coming to.  
He is to receive \$6.00 per month and his  
only expense will be his boarding and  
clothes. He is to have boarding up the  
camp for \$15.00 per month. Will live  
in a camp, with another young

man, and the rest of the camp will  
be composed of day laborers.  
I think it will be a fine place for him  
for a year or so at least, and if he  
thinks there are not many prospects  
ahead, he will still be young enough  
to study medicine if he wants to.  
He still says he does not think  
he has been here long enough to  
know whether or not he will like the place.  
I went to church this morning with  
Will and his mother and father.  
They have been here since Thursday.  
They came out along with us after  
church, and we went around to see



I wish you could come down and  
spend a few days with me, and  
go on to Princeton for the ~~dangerous~~  
darts you think you would enjoy it?  
I expect a great many of the Alumni  
will be back at this time.  
Will now close with much love.

Your affectionate son John.

Will G. had an athletic book which  
I bought from him the other day,  
so that now I will be sure of two  
good seats at least for the Army Navy  
game which this book will entitle  
me to, and Clementine will be  
sure of a good seat.

I have not heard anything more  
about my coming home at election  
time but still fully expect to do so,  
and will bring the paper which you  
wrote about.

I will write to Dr. MacLay some time  
soon and remind him that I still  
want to come home. Of course  
if they should not be able to furnish



transportation I will not care.  
Will let you know as soon as I hear  
definitely.

I will enclose bill for \$100.00 which  
as you will see must be paid not  
later than the 31st of October.

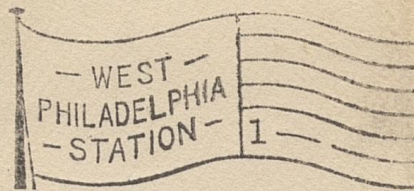
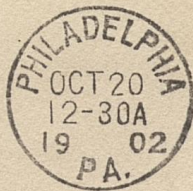
My room rent \$30.00 is also due at  
the same time and I wish you  
would make the check out for  
\$150.00 or better one check for \$130.00  
and one for \$20.00 which I will need  
for other expenses.

Perhaps you had better send them  
this week or very early next week.  
I was sorry to hear that you had  
lost the old cow, and I guess she

must be pretty near the last of the Jersey  
or do you have any young heifers  
out at the farm?

I will want to hear of Maime and  
Mary Washington trip and hope  
they will write to me about it,  
unless they would rather wait  
and tell me of it when I come  
home. I don't know whether  
they can remember it that day.  
I would like to go to Princeton for  
the inauguration of Pres. Wilson  
next Saturday, but want to go  
for the Yale-Princeton game on  
the 15th of Nov. so think that will  
be often enough to go back this fall.





Rev. J. Smith Gordon,  
Hannettburg,  
Franklin Co. Pennsylvania.







get too many of.

I wonder if John McAllen reached home on Saturday and how Uncle Will is by this time. I hope he is still improving.

Must close now, and go to a lecture.

I will return mileage book in this letter, nearly run out. I bought return ticket from Chambersburg to Greencastle, so that it did not take quite all.

With much love, and hoping to hear from you soon, John.

48 House P. Univ. of Penna.  
Phila. Pa.  
Jan. 6 '03.

My dear Father;

Here I am again back in my room and about ready to get back to my work, which I know will go much better after my very pleasant and happy vacation at home with you all. My two other vacations since I have been here, I did save studying, because I had stammering in February, but the one just past



I did not do any studying at all and I think I enjoyed more on that account, and now feel more like getting back to work.

I had a pleasant little visit with Walter and Allan and arrived here, via of the Reading at 4.35 P.M. yesterday.

Saw all the Greenearth people and was around at Uncle Humphrey's on Sunday afternoon. Saw Uncle H. at church also on Sunday night.

Mr. Bell did not have preaching, so we did not go to church Sunday

morning, and went to the Reformed church in the evening.

Mr. Bell was preaching at Churchville or some place like that on Sunday.

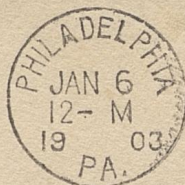
Last night I did not feel like studying, so Archie Alexander and

I went to the theatre, and saw the Rogers brothers. They were very amusing and funny.

I found another Kewer present here when I arrived, a Princeton fellow from "Miss Daisy".

It is a pretty one, and was something I wanted. They are something I never





Rev. J. Smith Gordon,  
Hannettobury  
Franklin Co., Pennsylvania,







would get a letter from home  
as it was my regular time, but  
thought I would not, as you  
had written earlier in the week.  
When I came in, I was agreeably  
surprised to find your letter with  
the check enclosed for underclothes.  
I still have a little over \$100 left  
of what what Maime gave me  
for my Fall underclothes, and  
I can buy three good suits. Now  
I think, I have not price them  
since coming back, but think I  
ought to get nearly the best they

48 House P, Univ of Penn,  
Philadelphia Pa.  
Jan, 18-1903.

My dear Father;  
Your letter written on  
Tuesday in answer to my inquiry  
about the insurance was  
received, and although I don't  
suppose it will make any  
difference, and the partial  
application blank in my room  
is useless and can be destroyed,  
I wanted to know how the  
matter stood, and thank you



answering so promptly.  
The news about James' good  
fortune I was glad to hear.  
It is certainly a nice kind of  
a present and I know he will  
appreciate it fully, especially as  
he was thinking and wanting  
to go. I hope he will think he  
can afford to go to Europe, for  
I think it will be a mistake  
if he does not at this time,  
he may not be so near very  
soon again, nor be able to  
take the time.

I intend writing to him tonight, &  
telling him I will expect him  
to stop a couple of days <sup>at least</sup> in  
Philadelphia on his way to New  
York.

It would be nice if you and  
Marion could go along, but  
I don't suppose you would  
want to undertake a trip as big  
as that at this time of the year,  
and Marion would not like  
the ocean voyage.

When I came up to my room  
last night I was wishing I



P.S. I think I left a little green backed  
note book in my room at home.  
It contains my accounts & expenses.  
I am not sure whether I left it  
there or not, but ~~to~~ cannot find  
it in my room here, and if you  
happen to run across it at home  
I wish you would send it to me.  
John.

have for \$2.00 a suit,  
I want to thank Mamma very  
very much for them, and when  
I get them, will be fixed in  
underclothes for four or five  
years, if they last as well as  
my former ones did.  
I don't know just how true the  
reports in the papers about our  
lack of coal here was, but guess  
they have plenty now. We have  
never suffered at all, here in the  
Acumtavis, and often keep my  
windows open a little through



the day and always at night,  
I fear other people in the city have  
not been so fortunate, and there  
is no doubt that many people here  
in the city suffered the early  
part of last week.

It is getting cold again today and  
if continuance will cause more trouble  
and suffering from it.

It makes one realize that while people  
in the country do not have many  
of the conveniences of the city, <sup>where</sup>  
it comes down to the actual necessities  
of life, they have a big advantage over  
the people in the cities.

I am sorry to hear that Knele Will ~~has~~  
not improve, but I really did not  
expect to hear that he would.  
His condition must cause them all much  
anxiety.

Your letter was received too late  
yesterday for me to look about  
"The Expositor's Bible", but I will  
go down town the first thing in the  
morning, and try to let you know  
about the print, by tomorrow evening  
mail.

The Digest came in the early part  
of the week, and I hope they will  
continue. With much love to all, John.



The Bingham Hotel  
Philadelphia Pa.  
Monday morning,

My dear Father;  
I have just been  
in at the Witherspoon Bldg. to  
see about your books.

The print is good sized I should  
say. I compared it with Dr. Cuyler's  
book which you got at Kuss  
and although it does not look  
quite as large when you have



the books together, when you look at them separately you would not notice much difference. Nothing new since I wrote to you yesterday.

If I can do anything else about the books for you, will be glad to do it.

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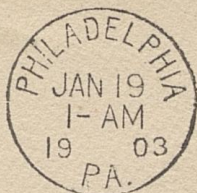
With love, John.

The binding of the books also seems to be good. John.

I see Wauwau's advertisement

his underwear reduced for the first time this winter, so I guess I will go up and make a raid now. John





Rev. J. Smith Gordon,  
Fauveretteburg,  
Franklin Co., Pennsylvania.







gone from \$60.00 to \$65.00. I did not catch it as hard as some others. Of course we need not rent them for next year if we do not want to, but I will sign the contract I think even at the advance price for next year, for I would not likely get me any cheaper out in the city, and they might have to move ~~\$~~ two or three times as I did my first year here.

48 House P. Univ. of Penn.  
Philadelphia Pa.  
March 1-1903

My dear Father:-

I was glad to get your letter with two checks enclosed on Friday evening, and to know what you all were doing at home. I hope your cold is all well by this time. There seems to be a slight epidemic going around here in the city at least. A number of the boys have had



it, but nothing serious, and so far I have escaped.

I went down to see John McAllen a little while this morning, and got the news about his father as well as other interesting home news.

John is looking well now I think and seems to be much encouraged about his father. He said he was trying to arrange about Dr. Alexander's transportation home with the authorities at Washington. He has been communicating with Penrose and ~~the~~ Mahon and

said possibly he would go down to Washington this week to see about it.

I am sorry to hear that Dr. Alexander is having such a serious time, and if it had happened a little later, say in June I might be able to help you out at home in the way of a physician, but I will have plenty to keep me busy here now in the next three months.

Yes the rooms in the dormitories have all been advanced in price for next year, mine has



With love to all  
Your affectionate son,  
John

I have heard indirectly, that I  
will likely know very soon  
whether or not I will get the  
hospital position at Atlantic City  
this summer.

Of course I am anxious to hear  
one way or the other, and if I  
don't get it, I will want to  
think of some other plans for  
the summer very soon.  
I feel sometimes that I would  
like very much to spend my whole



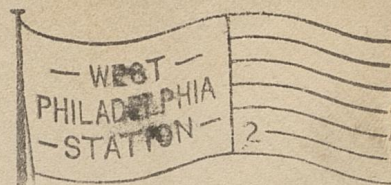
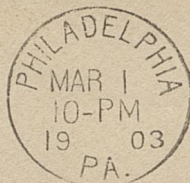
Summer at home if I do not go to Atlantic City, but then three months or four, seem to be a long time at my age to be doing nothing.

If Dr. Alexander was a little more energetic practitioner I might try to arrange to work some with him, and I may anyway if I should come home, but I would rather get with some one, at some place where I would have to move a

little faster than Dr. usually does. I have an invitation to go up to Henderson tomorrow night and guess I will go although I have not written in answer to it, either way. Perhaps I will see them up at the Northminster Church, where I expect to go tonight.

Has Clarence written anything about the wedding yet? I wrote to him several weeks ago but he has not answered yet.





Rev. J. Smith Gordon,  
Frankfortsburg,  
Franklin Co. Pennsylvania.







We have had the spell of warm weather here also and now cold again for the last two days, but I have not suffered from either much. I caught a little cold during those very warm days, but it has all gone now.

I went down to Vanamakers last Monday and bought my faja's. Saw his advertisement in the morning paper of same bargain.

Philadelphia Pa.  
May 3-1803.

My dear Father:

Your letter with check for \$2.00 was received on Friday evening this week and I was glad to get it one day earlier than usual.

The letter which you enclosed from James was also very interesting and I will send it on to Danville this afternoon.



And I think I really did get some bargains. They cost \$1.00 a suit, and were reduced from \$1.50. And are much nicer and better looking than the ones May and I saw for \$1.00. I have been doing nothing special this week except work until yesterday I went to the Yale-Penn. base ball game.

It was a good game, Yale won but as I am not yet a very strong Penn supporter, it did not affect me much. I cared a good deal more to see Princeton defeated by Cornell yesterday.

Next Saturday Princeton & Penn. play base ball the first time they have played against each other for five or six years.

The game is at Princeton and a



And he thinks he ought  
to make some money. #  
From what I have heard it  
must be a good thing, and  
I hope Tom will be successful.  
I wish I were through  
and could go home until  
the first of June, but if  
I were going to Jefferson where  
they get out so early. I should  
not have my position at  
the Seashore, for only University  
men are appointed down  
there.

Good many of the Princeton  
boys here are going up.  
As I am not so sure of Princeton  
winning I do not care to go  
quite so much as I would  
if she was sure of it.  
I really do not have the  
time or money either to go now.  
I was glad to hear of the  
success of the social fest  
Tuesday.  
Tom Park told me before he  
left, he was planning to Ohio  
this summer to sell aluminum



Dr. Bennett has decided to appoint another man from my class, as he ~~things~~ thinks there will be too much work for me, so I will not be kept so busy now, as I might have otherwise been.

He has not made the appointment so I do not know who it will be. I will have several minor examinations this week, but my final ones

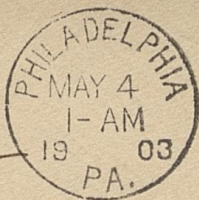
do not start until the 18th. I wish I could be here for the Sunday School convention.

It has been a long time since I have attended one in Frametown.

With much love to all,  
Your affectionate son,  
John.



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Rev. J Smith Gordon,  
Frederickburg,  
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with most of the weather during  
the last week.

Mamma will have to write  
and tell me of her Chamberburg  
trip before she forgets it.

The letters which you forwarded  
reached me all right, and  
three of them were invitations  
to the weddings of three of  
my Princeton Classmates.

It is time for church now -  
so will close, with much  
love to all your affectionate son  
John.

Mauro of Penna.

May 24 - 1903.

My dear Father;

I want to go to church  
this evening, but think I  
will write you a short  
letter before going.

Your letter with check  
enclosed and Clarence's letter,  
I received as usual yesterday  
and all three I was glad to get.



From the tone of Clarence's it does not look much like he is thinking much about getting married, this summer at least.

I hope you will consider seriously his suggestion about all coming to Atlantic this summer.

I had a note from Annie Alexander also a few days ago, and was glad to hear she got her position. I hope she will get to Carterville,

Everything has been moving along as usual here this last week every body very busy. Two of my hardest examinations are over but have four more to come.

I expect I will go down to Atlantic about the 7<sup>th</sup> of June and then come back on the 5<sup>th</sup> for my last examinations. The weather has made quite a change today, and almost seems cold & disagreeable.



forced to loan me.  
I have not started to read  
it yet and am afraid  
I will not do much at it  
tonight as it is getting near  
bed time now.

I have had a patient the last  
few days in the room  
above me, a student in the  
dental school.

He has had a cold and  
came down to see me.  
on Thursday evening to find  
out what to do for it.

Philadelphia Pa.  
3702 Locust St.  
Oct 25-'03.

My dear Father;

Was glad to receive your  
letter with checks enclosed  
for \$140.00 and thank you  
for it. I will not read  
more at present.

I suppose this has been a  
busy time for you with  
your extra services and I  
guess you will feel somewhat



relieved now that part of  
them are over.

I heard two quite noted men  
preach today Dr. Van Dyke  
and Commander Booth-Tucker  
of the Salvation Army.

One this morning and one  
this afternoon, and they are  
very different types of speakers.  
But both do a great deal  
of good I guess.

Dr. Van Dyke was especially  
good this morning I thought  
and the Commander was very

earnest, and good in his way  
which is very different from  
most speakers we hear.

This evening I have been up  
in Miss Sargent's room for part  
of the evening. She rooms at  
the place we board, and is  
a teacher at Penn. Charter <sup>primary</sup> school. Is between 30 and 40  
and about the size of  
Mrs. Rankin.

She is very intelligent however  
and pleasant, and I went  
up to borrow a book  
from her this evening, which



I thought I might as well  
try some of the things I have  
been studying, so wrote him  
a couple of prescriptions, and  
have been treating him.  
He says now he is nearly  
well, don't know whether  
what I did helped him or not.  
The boy who rooms next me  
is going to move upstairs  
and I am not especially  
sorry, as he has been learning  
to play a violin lately and  
is in the habit of



doing several other things,  
which like a brass band  
are better at a distance.  
Am sorry that Uncle Tommy  
and Mudge are sick.

If it is really Malaria that  
Mudge has, she ought not  
to suffer long with that as  
long as she can get  
quinine. It is one of  
the few diseases in which  
we have a drug which  
directly cures the disease

and that drug is quinine.  
I intended to go to see Archie  
Alexander today but entirely  
forgot it. I saw Tom Park on  
Thursday night, and he told me  
Archie was in the hospital, but  
was much better, and expected  
to be out in a few days.

It is time for the collection  
of mail so with love  
written much love to all  
Yours affectionately  
John.



stay until after Xmas when  
he got able to get out again.  
I think it will likely be his  
best plan although he  
will be losing a good bit  
of time.

Raphael and I went out  
to St Christopher's hospital  
last evening to ~~see~~ see  
Miss Jeffry who is superintendent  
out there and who also  
was superintendent down  
at the Children's Seashore House  
at Atlantic City this summer.

Philadelphia Pa.

3702 Locust St

11-16-'03.

My dear Father:-

I did not get my letter  
written to you yesterday  
so this one will be a day  
behind time.

<sup>for \$5.00</sup>  
Your letter with the check  
enclosed was received on  
Saturday evening. I trust you  
are all well again, and  
wish I had some of your  
cider just now, perhaps



it might not agree with me  
any better than it did with  
you, and if that case it  
is well I don't have any.

I was very much please  
on Saturday to hear that Princeton  
defeated Yale in foot-ball  
thus winning the championship  
for this year.

I went to the Penn. Indian  
game here on Saturday afternoon  
and they had a bulletin  
board there which also

reproduced the Yale-Princeton  
game, and I found that it  
was of much more interest to me  
than the actual game which  
was being played on the field.  
I went down to see Archie  
Alexander yesterday afternoon  
and found him in the hospital.  
He seems better now and will  
I think be out in a week or  
so, but is of course weak  
& looks pale from being in  
bed. He told me he thought  
he would go home and



were not very satisfactory. I think it would be a good plan to come just before I go home at Kinas time, and then I could go home with her if she cannot find anyone to come along.

You will miss Midge when she finally goes, but I am glad they are really getting things in shape to close up the house, for it would be an unnecessary expense as well as very painful for Midge to stay on at Wayside this winter.

Must do some work yet tonight so with love with much love,  
Your affectionate son John

One of my Princeton Classmates who graduated here last June is a resident physician out there so that altogether we had a very pleasant evening, and had many things to talk about. I saw <sup>some</sup> of the pictures we had taken down there and they were very interesting to me.

A number of the children which they have up there are the same ones we had down at the shore.



## Saturday night I went to a meeting of our Medical Fraternity and had a very good time, and on Thursday night we had a meeting of our Medical Society, so that the last week seemed to be a busy one for me. I want to do more work this week in the evenings if I can, but when I work from nine in the morning to six at night with only an hour

off for lunch, I often do not feel much like studying in the evening, but I must train myself to do it.

Miss Baxter said that she had dreamed that Mamma was here a few nights ago, and I told her I hoped that her dream would come true.

I have been wondering if it would not be a good plan for Mamma to come down here when she gets her new glasses. I think she said her old ones



and everybody men  
and women as well  
as the children  
enjoyed it.

We had a full house  
same. ~~It~~ could not get  
in. The village usually  
attend in a goodly  
number, but we  
had more than  
usual on Friday night.

We received a new  
party of children this  
week, and they are  
centrally new.

St. Helen's Home.

Sunday One Thirty.

My dear Father:-

As this is a half  
holiday for me I will  
start it by answering your  
letter which I received  
yesterday at noon.  
This promises to be a  
good warm afternoon  
and I think I will  
appreciate lying out  
under some shade



tree more than I would but somewhat on the  
going out with the school boy oration style.  
children and have eight The greatest thing that  
or ten of them hang on has gone on here out  
me during the walk. of the ordinary this week  
Fresh air work has surely was an entertainment  
make me appreciate given by Mrs. Persons.  
Sunday as a day of a Presidentator from  
rest, New York who she  
This morning at church we had up at their home  
had a sermon by a young in the afternoon and  
man who is just going then sent him down  
to start to the foreign here in the evening.  
mission field. He was very clever  
He gave a good sermon



house we had no boys  
here.

Miss Shand is coming up  
on Tuesday and Miss Daisy  
had a letter from Miss Barrie  
i.e. Miss Barrie who was  
on the staff in '98, saying  
she would like to come  
up to board for two weeks.  
So from a social standpoint  
we will no doubt be  
kept busy in the next  
two weeks.

Must now close  
with much love to all  
Your affectionate son  
John.

Only one in the entire  
party has ever been  
here before, so we have  
been kept on the go  
teaching them the  
ways of the place.  
But we have them  
fairly broken in now.  
We have a family boarding  
just near here from  
New Jersey who are  
great Princeton people.  
The father was a '76  
man, the son is going  
next year, and the



young man has a friend  
with him who is a Junior  
at Princeton now.

I am always glad to  
meet and know people  
from that old place  
which I think so much  
of.

Clarence's vacation will  
seem short this summer  
if he leaves on the 20th  
or 21st. How about the  
rest of the family, what  
are their plans about  
Buffalo.

I have no notion of

going now unless something  
very unexpected should  
turn up.

I am a year older than  
when I wrote to you  
last week. Aug. the  
6th was my 24th  
birthday. I almost  
forgot about it myself  
and did not indulge  
in any celebration on  
Tuesday, but some of  
us had a small  
picnic on Friday, which was  
change day and for a few



Wednesday Morning.  
Eight thirty.

My dear Father -

Just have time  
to write a few lines  
this morning before  
going to the laboratory.

Was very glad to receive  
Mamma's letter on Monday  
and also her's and  
Yours with checks  
enclosed last night.  
I have not decided for  
sure what room I will



get for Mary, but  
probably one in the  
next house if I think  
it will be <sup>kept</sup> warm.

She can her trunk sent  
out the next morning.

I will meet her Thursday  
evening at Broadstreet.

If anything should keep  
me from being there  
on time, but of course

I don't think I will be  
late. She can wait in  
the women's waiting room.

I hope your cold will  
have left you by this  
time. It is good and  
cold here this morning.  
Perhaps Mary had better  
put her skates in, as she  
possibly may have use  
for them.

With much love to all

Your affectionate son  
John.



Last night the J.M.C.A. of the University gave a reception which I enjoyed.

Dr. Kelly of Johns Hopkins who is a very noted man in the Medical profession, gave the principle talk.

He is a very busy man, is writing several books, is a professor at Johns Hopkins, and also has a large practice outside, but says he makes a rule of this, not to read or study any other book, but the bible after supper.

48 House P. Univ of Penn.  
Philadelphia Pa.  
Sunday 12,30

My dear Father:  
Your letter did not reach me until this morning, and I have just finished the pleasure of reading it, and the one, from very interesting one, from James which you enclosed.

I will send it on to Clarence today with instructions for him to return it to you.



I had hoped that the spell of  
rainy Sundays was broken when  
we had such a nice one last  
week, but today it is raining  
as hard here as ever. I  
appreciate it more keenly  
I guess today also, because  
I either lost, or some body  
made a mistake in taking  
my umbrella, so that I have  
to depend on my friends for  
protection in going to meals  
and church this morning.

If it does not turn up in a day  
or so I will have to get a  
new one.

It is a very common experience  
to lose an umbrella, but it is  
my first one.

My work has been going along  
as usual here this last week.  
On Friday night Chas. <sup>Thickinger</sup>  
was out to see me, and John  
McAllen also was in for a  
little in the later part of the  
evening.



or dinner in the evening.

He is a very easy man to talk to, and I think does a person good to run up against such men.

Mamma's package came out last week from Simbel and I will keep it until Mary comes.

I have been wondering when Mary would make her visit whether before or after Easter. I think she might as well come a little before and end up with the Easter holidays.



as Easter came rather late this year, however it will not make much difference to me, only I ~~may~~ will likely be getting pretty busy after the Easter vacation, which ~~is~~ is from Thursday April the 9th until Monday morning, April 13th.

Dr. Patton is preaching down at the Calvary Presbyterian Church this morning and evening and I want to go down and hear him tonight if possible.

I was up at the Hendersons on Monday night at a little party. Charlie and Jim Walker were also there, and a number of other people I have met there before.

Must close now with much love to all. Your affectionate,  
Don John.