

until 11, stopping only  
for dinner. I have not done  
such a thing before since I was  
in college, unless it was at  
home in the summer time.

I am glad to learn that John  
is taking the medical course this  
year. Of course it is not  
medicine that he is studying  
yet, but the studying is simi-  
lar. I hope he may be able  
to decide what he wishes to  
do by the time he is through  
college. It is as you say  
a hard question to decide.

I find I have to decide again  
at to my course. Whether  
to remain here at starvation  
wages and try to learn some  
chemistry, or to stick to Physics

Cambridge Feb 20, 1898.

Sunday, 1 P.M.

meine liebe Mutter.

I received the good  
home letter yesterday as usual  
was glad to learn of your pleasant  
visit to Upper Path Valley.

It was sort of an unheard  
of thing to do - for you to  
stay away from home two  
days being no further away  
than Dry Run. - but I do not  
see why you should not  
do it oftener. Do not hurry  
about my sock I seem to  
have a fairly good supply

This morning I heard Dr. Patton  
of Princeton, preach in Boston.  
It was sort of pleasant to  
hear him again - to be led  
along by his clear cut presenta-  
tion. At the same time, I  
don't like his theology and  
do not trust him as a  
man. He may be a good Presby-  
terian theologian, but I am  
sorry there is not a better man  
at the head of Princeton Univers-  
ity. It always seems to  
me <sup>that</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>forgets</sup> that there are  
"hope and charity" as well  
as faith, and that the greatest  
of these is "charity"; not  
faith.

Friday evening I had great pleasure  
in heart <sup>ing</sup> ~~ing~~ Mr. Barrows, talk on  
Hinduism and afterwards  
a pleasant conversation  
with him. He is spending  
this month in New York  
delivering a course of lectures  
at Union Seminary, and came  
up here just for the one  
evening. He was going back  
again on the midnight train  
after his lecture.

These - and a German novel  
have been my disappoinments  
for this week.

I became so discouraged  
and took yesterday afternoon  
that I came home and  
read at a novel from 3 o'clock

all the words and understand  
the constructions, he should  
be able to read the rest of Caesar  
rapidly. It will be good for  
him if he takes up the  
Composition that is about  
the only way to learn the  
syntax

Today is an unpleasant  
disagreeable one. I think I  
shall stick to my room  
the rest of the time.

Mr Wilhelm must have  
been about the oldest man  
around.

With much love to you  
all

Affectionately

Clarence

proposals and take what comes.

One thing however is decided.  
I am not going to worry over it.  
Last ~~year~~ summer I worried  
over my prospects - and  
then suddenly had three  
positions offered me. If I  
can't get a position at the  
top, I can get a middle  
class one.

This reminds  
me of the fact that I am  
again about out of money.

I have a college bill due  
tomorrow - but I am  
going to make them wait until  
next week, when I get my  
second quarter's salary  
from the college. It will be

just enough to pay my bill  
and my quarters room rent.  
Beside that I want to pay  
my wash bill which will  
amount to about \$6, and  
I also want to put several  
dollars into a wedding present  
for Meyers. I had a letter from  
him a few days ago, want<sup>ing</sup> to  
know if I could not come to  
the wedding at Sommersville, N.J.  
on March 9<sup>th</sup> I should  
love to go, and if I had  
the money I should do so  
As it is I must be content  
to send him a present.

The wedding is to be  
a double one - the two sisters

being married at same time  
Jim's brother Alf, is to be  
his best man.

I am planning to make a trip  
to New Haven and New York  
during our ~~school~~ spring vacation  
in April, in the search of a  
position for next year - if I  
am not decided by that  
time on my next ~~year's~~ years  
work.

Drane is not back yet, will  
probably be here tomorrow, I  
am hoping that he may have  
heard of a position for himself  
and for me also ~~by the~~  
during his trip.

Am glad to hear that Don  
is rereading the 1<sup>st</sup> book of Caesar  
If he studies it until he knows

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Bois Cheefer  
\$26, received  
yesterday

Danville, Ky., April 9 1899

My dear Mamma-

We are just in from church where we had a good sermon by Dr Worral. It was a long one too so that I cannot write a great amount before dinner time.

To begin with our first subject- the weather- we are still having it cold and rainy. Slight amounts of snow have been coming down every day or so. This morning was our first bright morning in a long time, but it is now colder and cloudy.

Our big excitement this week was the inter-collegiate oratorical contest at Lexington. ~~on~~ A base-ball game between our college and the State College at Lexington was also scheduled but could not come off on account of the rain. I went over rather expecting to stay over until Saturday night, but when they had no game I got in

my visit to State College Friday afternoon  
and came back that night. Prof Johnson  
also went along, thinking he would come back  
too, but Dr. Fulton, pastor of the Presbyterian  
church persuaded him to stay over Sunday  
and preach for him. We had a special train  
from here leaving at ten o'clock in the  
morning, and getting back about 1.30 the  
next morning. The contest was between the  
five leading colleges of the State - Centre College,  
Central University, State College, Kentucky  
University and Georgetown College. We were  
all very much disappointed at the decision  
of the judges. We thought our man was the  
best. The decision was queer. The three judges  
each voted for a different man but all voted  
for the Kentucky University man for second  
place, and finally concluded to give ~~it~~  
him the first prize. About half the college  
was there, and so much noise as there was  
in the opera house I had never heard indoors  
before. It was a continuous shouting and  
blowing of tin horns except during the actual speaking.

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8 P.M.

Am just in from Miss Muesick. After supper I remained to talk to "Miss Belle" and Mr & Mrs Evans. Mr Evans was at Princeton and Mrs Evans at Wilson, so that we have a good many mutual acquaintances, this is about the first time I have talked them over. Miss Belle as usual made some queer remarks - among others - she told Mr Evans it must have been a good thing for him to associate with the Summary boys - He boarded at the Benam club although he was studying in the college, Miss Belle made the remark in the tone of voice that implied that Mr. E. was a pretty bad man. However he acknowledged it had done him good. Because he had always had a dislike for preachers before. He is by bringing up a Baptist and from some of the samples of Baptist ministers, <sup>I have seen</sup> I don't

blame him for his dislike.

I have been enjoying the "Digest" very much and hope it will continue to come regularly. I get to read the Atlantic Monthly from Prof. Fales - and am gradually learning where I can get hold of other magazines -

Am glad to know that Papa has a boy now. It ought to relieve him considerably. As to my money matters, I am now saving about \$50 a month but want to hold on to it to be equipped for any possible hitch about my place here for next year -

I fear that they may not want to raise me to full salary of \$1600 all at one bound. If I have a bank account I can talk in a more independent way about the matter. But I can talk the matter over better with Father when I see him and know what I am to do next year. Although I fully expect to come back to Danville, I am having a little of my spring restlessness and feel that I should like in some ways a new field. I believe I was built for a Methodist minister. I don't like to do the same thing two years in succession.

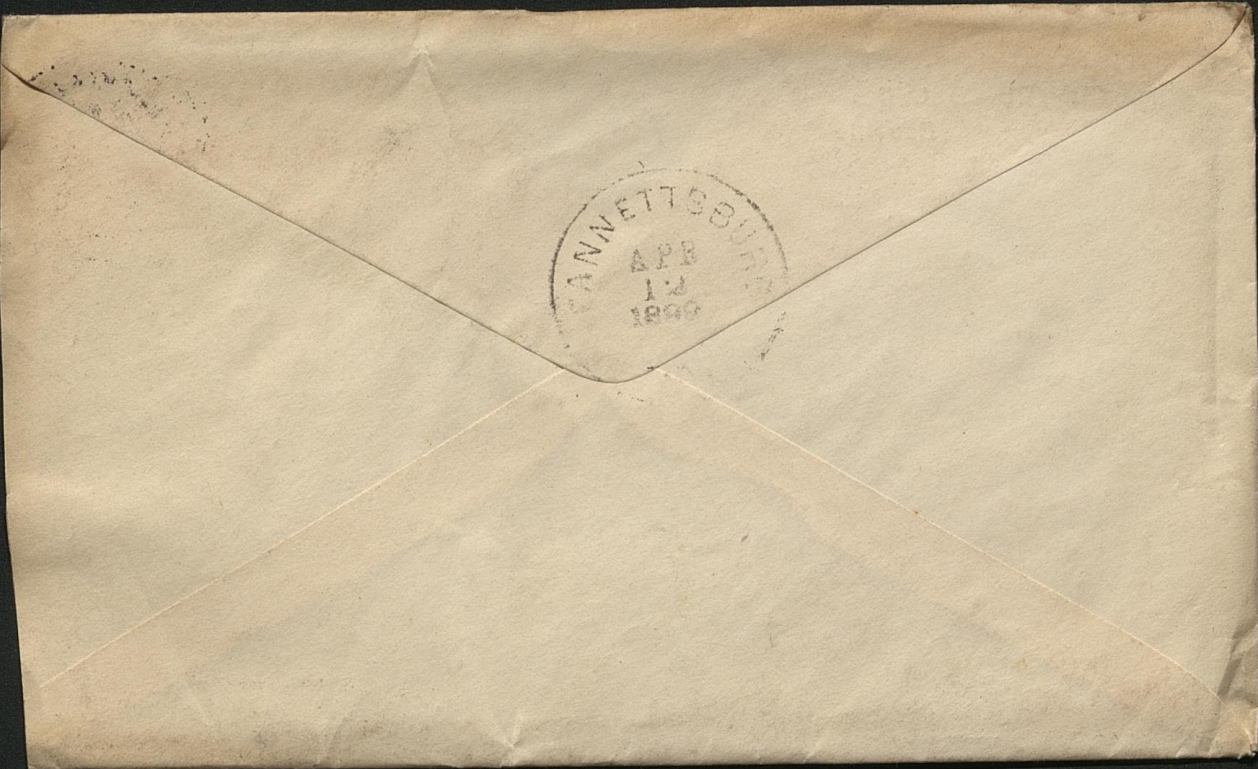
Don has already gone to bed at 8.30. I fear some times that he is almost too studious. Like me he often gets sleepy when studying at night and unlike me he often gets up and studies an hour before breakfast. I must stop for the present. With much love to all  
Clarence



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tomorrow evening Prof  
J. and I are to eat  
supper with them - a  
sort of a Princeton dinner.  
I find it hard to get down  
to work again after ~~many~~  
three weeks of travelling and  
visiting, I had not looked in  
a book scarcely since I left  
home.

The college opened Wednes-  
day with a larger number  
of new students than for  
a good many years - due  
I presume to the adver-  
tising by means of Dr  
Roberts and ~~the~~ a couple  
of agents who went around

Darwille Ky  
Sunday night.

My dear Mamma,

Your letter too,  
came at the usual time this  
week - Saturday noon, and  
of course I was glad to get  
the news of you all.

I am again in my old  
room and Mr Johnson  
is rooming with me.  
His furniture in addition  
to what we already had  
fills up our good-sized room  
so that it does not look  
so big as formerly.  
Mamma put in one single

bed in bed room so that it is not so crowded as last year. Prof J. arrived Tuesday night on midnight train and the next morning Prof Fales got hold of him and invited him to stay there until he got settled. So we both remained there until yesterday when we moved down here.

But we are still taking our meals at Mrs. Fales until tomorrow, when I don't know where we will go. Gov Knott is going to take us after another week. They are not going to take any

college boys this year but seemed to want us to be company for the Governor. I don't suppose the boarding will be quite so good as at Mrs Messers's but it will be much more convenient and in many ways Mrs Buchanan is to keep house but at the Knott's expense and not from what she could make off the table as she did last year.

The Fales have of course been very good to me. They have a charming home. Dr Roberts son is visiting them at present, the first time he has been here - and

I am glad John can be home for a while before beginning work. I think he ought to go to Pittsburg as he will find Lawrence Woods a nice man and I know he will help him along for my sake - although his success will depend mainly on himself. I shall be anxious to hear of their negotiation. Woods sent me some circulars but doubtless he will send them also to John or he will get them when he goes out so I shall not forward them. Indeed I think I left them in Van Wert.

during the summer. It is a good year however for schools and colleges. Caldwell is more than full, they have had to refuse some applicants and the Hozsett military academy is also fuller than for a number of years.

I have seen most of my best friends on the street or at church. I have not been making any calls yet but devoting myself so far as I have felt inclined to be social to the ladies.

Tuesday evening there is a college reception which I

presume I shall attend but do not expect to enjoy it as much as last year, when it was all so new to me.

We had a good sermon at 2<sup>o</sup> Church this morning by Mr Roberts followed by communion - I also went to Sunday School and have enjoyed to take a class of boys ten to twelve years old. I told the superintendent I did not want college boys - as I had enough of them during the week but would like to try a class of small boys. My new X-ray apparatus

has arrived and I can now show them very finely

Mr Hackley the student who wrote me such an entertaining letter during the summer is going to Harvard this winter to take the course in electrical engineering.

One of last years class besides Bruce is going to be back working in the laboratory and probably one or two of my last years advanced students will be in after Xmas.

The various visitors in Hamletts-  
burg must have livened things  
up considerably. I wonder if  
the girls enjoyed their trips  
to Mc Connellsburg as much  
as we did ~~during the~~ ours  
I hope so.

I should like to have been  
at home when Emma was  
there. What has become  
of Jessie Alexander's visit?  
It seems to have gone as  
her others without being  
realized.

This is a lovely moonlight  
night. After supper this  
evening we sat out in  
the Fall's yard until church

time and then when they  
all went to church here  
I & I came home.

The 1st Church people  
are worshipping with the  
2d now so that the congrega-  
tions are very large.

In a few weeks the Southern  
Kentucky Synod meets here  
in Danville. There are  
rumors that an effort will  
then be made to unite the two  
colleges Centre and Central  
University but I don't  
suppose it can be done at  
present. We of course are  
in favor of it as it would  
move them and not us,

Somebody of the Priests would  
probably suffer if they  
do unite but you know  
I don't feel very much  
settled here so am not  
worrying as to that - although  
I should of course like to  
remain as long as nothing  
better turns up.

I wish I might have  
been with you all today  
write to me often and  
much

With lots of love  
Clarence

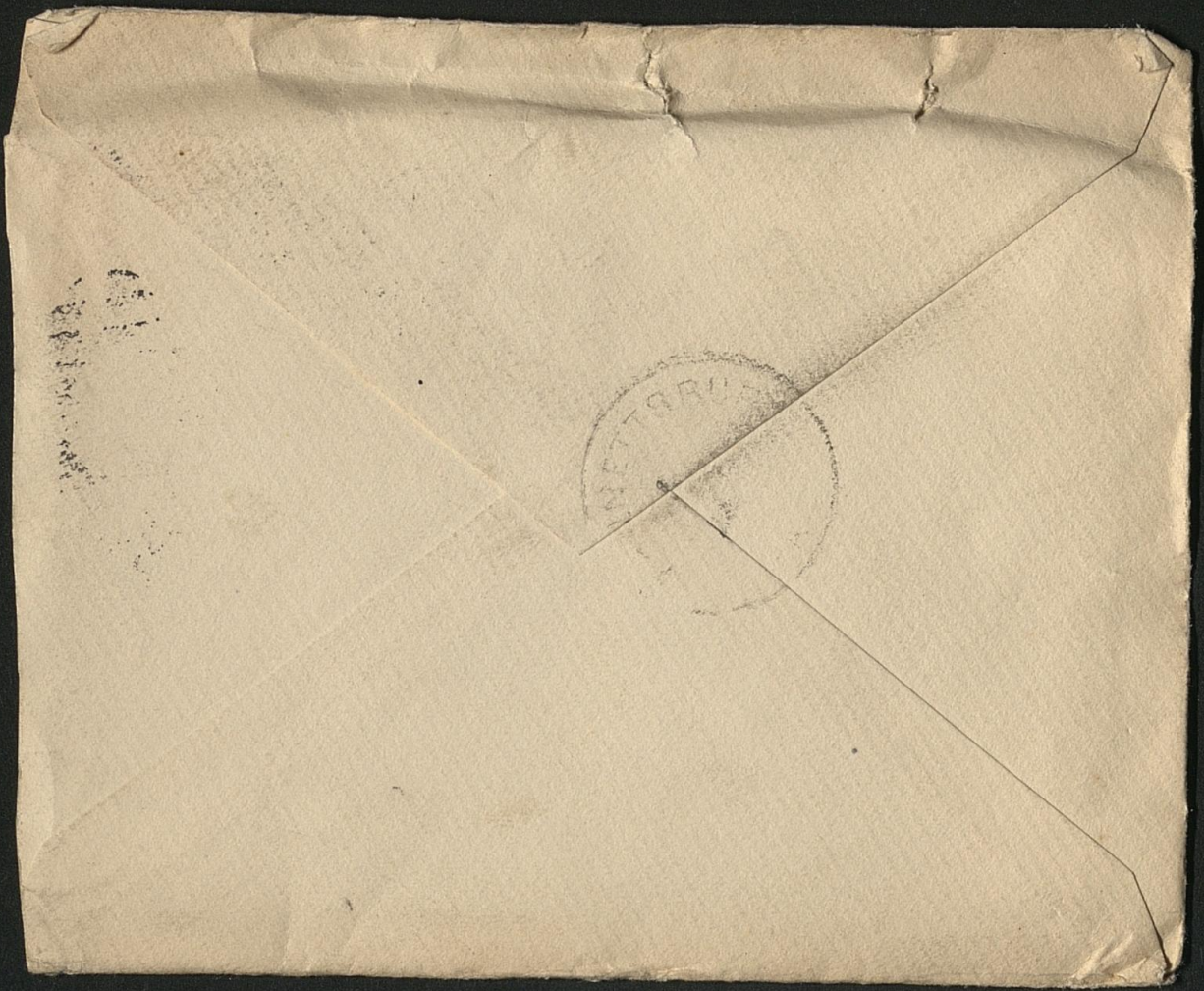




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Danville, Ky., April 8 1900

My dear Mamma -

As it is now ten o'clock Sunday night I expect you at Farmettsburg are ~~are~~ all in bed after the usual Sunday duties - but as I slept several hours this afternoon I am not so sleepy as usual tonight. Mr Johnson is at Lebanon today preaching for his friend Mr Noel. so I am all alone - and feel somewhat lonely.

I certainly is a very sad time for the Dobbin family and very remarkable that the two deaths should come so close together. I presume the Dobbins will go back to New York state to live.

I wonder if John McAllen is never going to do anything - I have been hoping all along to hear more favorable news in regard to them that they had sold their farm or something had happened which would stir John into doing something.

Our base ball ~~game~~ game came off according to schedule and the Faculty surprised every one by beating the Seniors. I  $\neq$  was somewhat sore as to my legs for several days afterwards. The running was quite hard on me. I find I

am not so supple in my movements as I used to be. In fact during the game my leg muscles were so sore that I thought I should have to stop because I could scarcely lift my feet.

Mrs Knott has gone to Lebanon to a Sanitarium - there. The Doctors think she is quite serious but neither the Gov. nor Mrs Knott seem to have much faith in the doctors diagnosis. But since Mrs Knott is away Gov. seems to be getting better. and things about the household take on a more cheerful appearance. Mrs Mason is expected back tomorrow and we shall all be glad to see her.

I had a letter from James in regard to Doc's picture ~~to~~ and from what he tells me I imagine it will be best to let his man there try the Chicago firm. Mr Fox has promised to have his picture finished today or tomorrow. but says he could make better from the negative if he had it. I saw them in an unframed state. They are fair but might be better. as soon as I get them I shall send them to James - and then he can decide about getting the others.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> P. M.

Mr Johnson ~~to~~ returned today noon - coming back as far as Lebanon Junction by train and from there on his wheel. He says Mrs Knott seems very much better.

Miss Nannie Barber whom Clementine heard give some negro stories at Mrs Hales is going to give a public performance in the Court House Thursday evening. She has

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been giving them at Lonsville and one or two other towns in the state with much success, so her friends are getting up this benefit for her.

I had a postal card from Prof Lefavour this morning from Italy. The last I heard of him he had decided to take a months rest but he has apparently made it more and gone to Europe, He expects to be back however by May 1st. He is fortunate now in having two assistants who can take charge of his work while he is gone. but of course unfortunate in having such poor health as to require him to rest in the middle of the year. Prof Richards of Harvard wrote me a few weeks ago announcing the birth of a son.

John will now have a hard ~~to~~ decision to make I suppose as to whether he shall stick to the Insurance Business or give it up for the Fresh Air Children this summer. I wrote him a few days ago, rather advising ~~the~~ him to keep on at the Insurance - but I am not very positive as to what it is best for him to do. He seems more fully determined to study medicine than ever.

I expect to attend a Sweden wedding - of Dr and Mrs ~~McC~~ McKee - Wednesday. It will be

my second Golden Wedding - the first being  
that of Mr and Mrs Wilson. That must have  
been about fifteen years ago.

I hope you soon succeed in finding a suitable  
horse and you get one that it will be some  
pleasure to drive. instead of a work that  
wore out one's patience as it was with Jack.

Maria Louie Booker is expected this week  
to visit Elizabeth Hale. Saturday next is my  
birthday and Mrs Hale has invited me for  
dinner ~~and~~ with the privilege of choosing the  
dessert. Good by for the present. With  
much love  
Your Son Clarence

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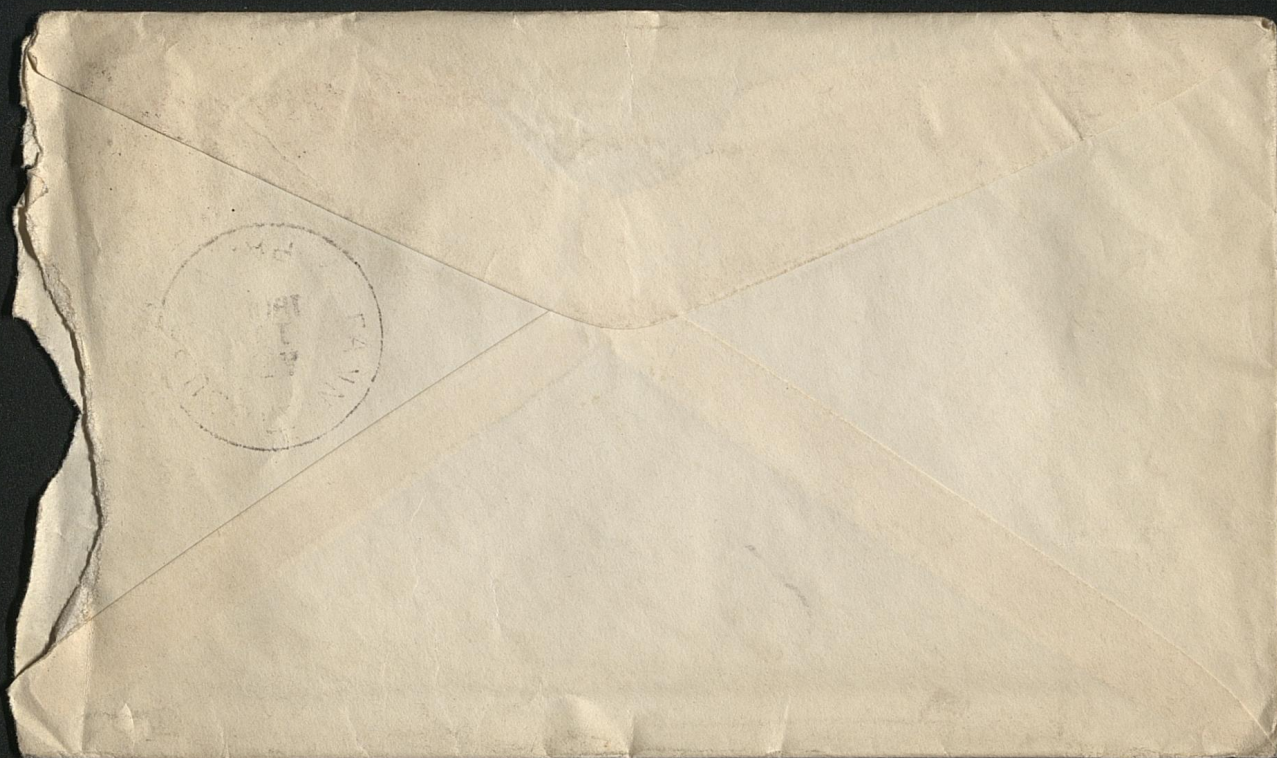


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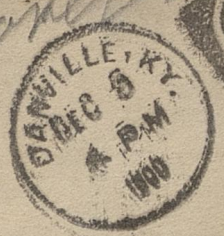




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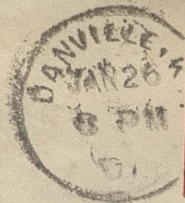
My dear Mamama;-

I guess I have ~~ms~~ enough in your name to satisfy Father now , but what is written on a type-writer is written, so I let it go. I hope you are not worrying because my letter has missed this week. I should have taken time for it , but have been until this morning as busy as I have ever been. Have not seemed to have a minute that something ~~th&~~ was not pressing me . Am still pressed but not quite so much. I had two pieces of extra work on hands that kept me hustling ~~forr~~ the last few days . In the beginning of the week Mr. Rodes asked me to take his place in the discussion at the club on the Responsibility of the Insane. and as I tho ght I had time to prepare for it ,said I would . Then just when I was beginning to work on it a man came along wanting me to take charge of the business end of a lecture on Liquid air and I spent most of my time for a couple of ~~day~~ with him trying to sell tickets and get the people interested in the wonders of the liquid air. He left yesterday noon and I had the afternoon only to read and get up my speech for the Anaconda club. However I t ought I got along pretty well. I wrote out enough to read for about fifteen minutes and then spent about ~~th&~~ as much more time in arguing & against what Prof Crawford had already set forth. The club meeting was at Mr. Rodes , Boyle Rodes' Father and was quite a swell one of seven courses. Mrs. Rodes always inquires as to how my mother is, when she meets me ~~she meets me~~. She did not come to the table this time . She has the o other thimes we have had the club there.

I had hoped to get some liquid air and give a lecture myself, but found the manufactures had sold the air that manufactured for lecturing purposes to one man and he had lecturers of his own, about half a dozen of them travelling over the country and he was charging \$150, for a lecture. I did not think we could get enough of people to hear him hear to pay that much. So I went around town with him asking my friends to buy tickets at \$1.00 each. We had about 140 subscribed -and I ~~concluded~~ concluded to risk the other ten. If we get a crowded house I may make a little out of it, but I shall be glad if I ~~can~~ come out even. In the midst of my rush I had a concert to go to. It was given by ~~the~~ a male quartet called the Chicago Glee Club. It was very good and was a college affair as it was for the benefit of our base ball team. I went with Miss ~~Edna~~ Hollinshead, a sister of Mrs. Anderson Clementine can tell you who she is. Monday evening I was for supper at the Fales' and this evening I am invited to dinner at Mrs. Gore's So you see that the social pleasures are still abundant. Last Sunday I was at the Engleman's for dinner to meet Mr. Murray, a man I used to know quite well at Princeton He was Marshall Edgar's special friend and has been in the habit of coming down to see Miss. Engleman about once a year ever since. I am glad to hear that Mary's trip is so near at hand. It is too bad that she cannot go when John is entirely free I hope she stays as long as she feels like doing so. Am afraid I can not do much in the way of advising an ~~the~~ investments. I think in general there are many safe investments better than government bonds. James was saying one time that he thought a business block in Van Wert would be a good investment. Possibly he and father might go in together for a couple of thousand a piece. James is expected here in a couple of weeks. Must close now and get ready for dinner

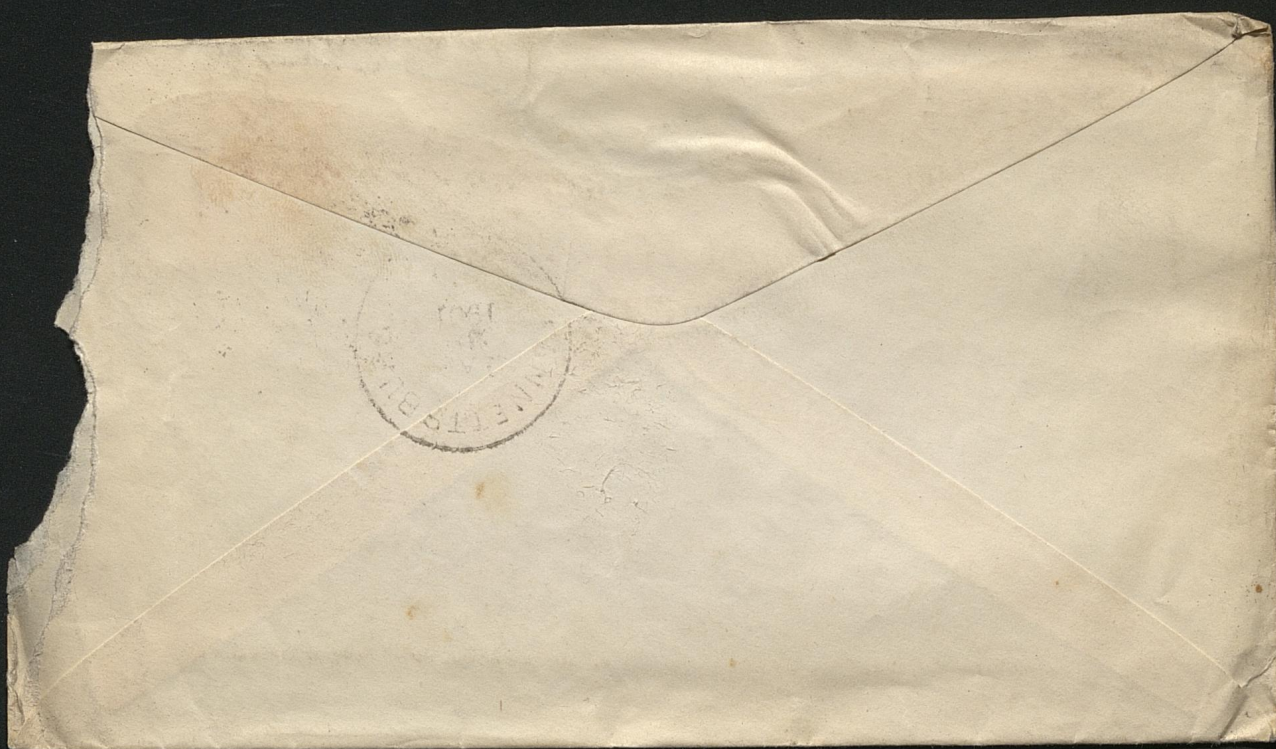
With much love  
Paul Clarence

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Danville, Ky., March, 28th, 1901

My dear Mamma:-

This is Thursday noon and I guess I have not written to any of you yet this week. Every thing is going along with me in about the usual fashion. I work at teaching or getting ready for it until four or five o'clock every day and then take a walk or a bicycle ride unless there is something else which it seems needs to be done. And that is rather often as I generally leave all my odd chores and errands until that time. Then in the evenings, about half the time I spend them calling on some of the numerous nice people in Danville and the rest of them I read or write in my room. Occasionally I both call and study in the same evening but generally I try not to begin any work which takes any particular amount of thought after nine o'clock at night. If I do so I generally have trouble in going to sleep. Last Sunday was the day for special services in the interests of the State Y.M.C.A. Had a union service at night at which about four men spoke and kept us in for about two hours, which was rather tiresome after having been to three services before that day.

Mrs. Fales has gone on a little visit to ST. Louis where she has an Aunt not much older than herself who has always been her great friend - Mrs. Tutt. She is coming in the beginning of the week to Cincinnati where Miss Helm will meet her and they will do their spring shopping. Among other things she is going to look out for good things to eat for my Anaconda club dinner which is to come off about the first of May.

Do you remember the Rev. Mr. King whom we met at Chautauqua? When I went into chapel this morning I saw him in the pulpit. Dr Roberts said he discovered him on the campus and brought him in. He is a queer fellow struck me as queerer here than when I saw him at Chautauqua. He is down in this neighborhood to preach at the church at Lexington I wish they would conclude to ask James to come and preach for them but I have not heard whether or not they will. This man and another one whom they are talking about are rather an ordinary set in my opinion

Tonight Mr. Johnson, Mr. Quisenberry and myself are going to supper at the Fales ~~and~~. Tomorrow Mr. J. and I are planning to take Miss Booker and Miss Bessie to Hustonville where the college boys are going to give their minstrel performance. If should be cold I guess we will not go. Mr. J. says he still has the grip and cannot go out at night unless it is to something that he really wishes to go to. Tuesday evening they had at the Fales Charley Caldwell, Dr. Patterson and Mr. Mustaine and this evening they are having the old batchelors. The girls and society are always tempting me to neglect my duties. But I want to do all I can to help entertain Miss Maria Lewis Booker. Tomorrow another of my special friends comes to town for a visit - Miss Sandford. So that attending to the strangers and the ones who are here all the time as well will keep me busy all of my spare time for a week or two. Miss Kate Knott is at the Governors again and Miss Shuck expects to leave in the beginning of the week. Must close and go to dinner Hope you had a nice time at the wedding which you were attending when my last letter was written With much love to all,

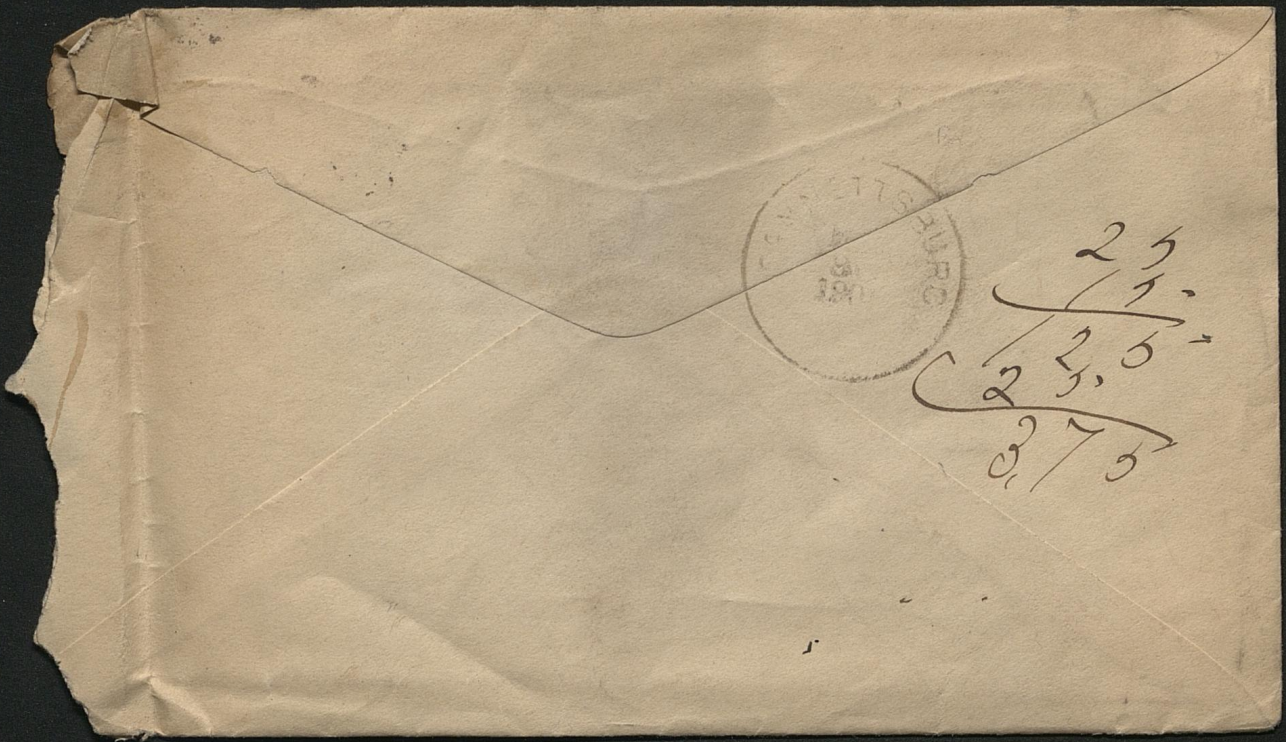
Yours affectionately  
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Danville, Ky., April 3rd 1901

My dearest Mamma:-

I started to write to you yesterday morning but did not get very far and so will now begin again. Am glad to hear of your going along with Fajer on his trips so much more than you used to. You are able to get off more now than when you had your children and the houetoo entirely on your shoulders. I was interested in what you said about the summer plans. It would be fine if we could have the families all meet some place. I should however rather try Chautauqua than Winona, for several reasons. I imagine there is more going on there in the way of good music and good speakers, then it is more central and probably cooler, and an especial advantage is that it is near the Exposition at Buffalo, which I should like very much to see and I should think the rest of you might too. From Cincinnati and I presume from other points they will ~~and~~ give special rates to the two places combined. I imagine we could go to both to stay about as long as we from home for about \$10 for the round trip. I had a circular from the Chautauqua offices a few days ago in which they said the cottages rented from \$75 to \$350 for the summer. If we could get one for a month it would be nice for us all to go during August. I have however no definite plans except that I want to get to Princeton. It may be that I cannot get off here. It seems most likely now that the two colleges will be united this spring and ~~duration of the connection~~ desirable to remain here in order to help on with ~~an~~ I may deem it advisable

It may be that I shall be out of a position too far as far as I

know the faculty of the combined institution will have to be re-elected by the new board. Still all indications point to my remaining, and I am counting on doing so. Mr Johnson is on a much more anxious seat than I. He may be offered a place in the Seminary at Louisville, he may be offered one here in the college or he may be left out altogether. He has good hopes however of getting the Seminary place.

The latter part of last week was busier than usual with me in a social way. I was not at home for supper for four evenings in succession. Thursday Mr J., Mr. Quisenberry and I were at the Fales for tea; Friday we took Miss Booker and Bessie Fales to Hustonville to see our college boys give a minstrel performance. It was a thirteen mile drive, but with our good Kentucky roads and horses it was not much longer than half that distance in Path Valley. It took us just one hour and twenty minutes to go and a little longer to come back. Hustonville is a town about the size of Fannettsburg and about as old fashioned. Unfortunately coming back it was raining some and we had to stand the rain in our faces. We put both the girls in the ~~front~~ back seat and they were all right. I caught a little cold from it which bothered me till Sunday when I remained in the house all day long and seemed to get rid of it completely. Saturday evening I took tea at Mrs. Breckinridge's, and Sunday I had our waiter bring me my dinner and my supper to my room, so that when I went to supper on Monday evening I felt almost like a stranger. I suppose Father was wise in keeping out of the

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Telephone stock, although Prof. Johnson and I think we have nearly doubled our money already and are thinking of taking some more at a more advanced figure. I don't think it such a thing that one would want to leave his money in for very many years so far off from the seat of operations but I think in the course of a year we can sell to good advantage. The Penna. bonds are of course safe but with the premium I presume you would have to pay the interest will be very low. Investments are a nuisance and yet I wish I had more of them to make.

It is a pity that Clementine did not have more time for her visit in Waynesboro where there are so many relatives. And now I suppose she is in Philadelphia having a nice time with John. I do not

know but I am afraid she has not kept up with her Phila. Friends as well as Mary has and so may not have so busy a time. I shall write to her or John sometime this week. Must close now. We have our day begin a little sooner now, having breakfast at a quarter before eight. With a great deal of love,

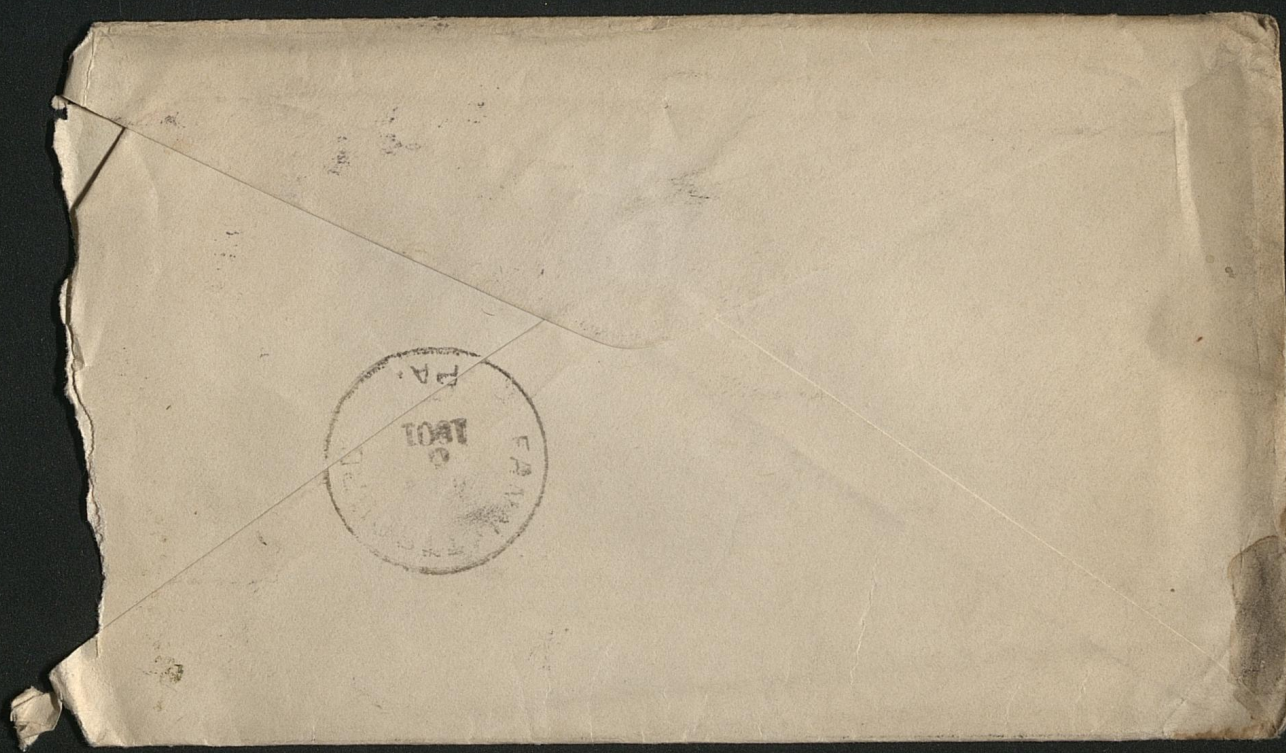
Your boy,

*Clarence*

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AUSTIN M. PATTERSON, Ph. D.

June, 20th, 1901.

My dear Mamma:-

I feel ashamed of myself that I ~~have~~  
 have neglected to write to you at home for so  
 long. I thought when college was over that I  
 would have nothing to do but I have been busy  
 every day and have not got my work finished up  
 yet. True I have not been hustling very much and  
 have been visiting my friends considerably. It is  
 the first time I was ever in Danville and did not  
 feel pushed for time. Now I may not get off for  
 Texas until July 2nd. I can get reduced rate  
 excursion ticket at that time which I think I shall  
 wait for and at the present rate of finishing  
 up things in the laboratory and my correspondence  
 I shall not be ready to leave before that time.  
 I have taken upon myself considerable work for the  
 college in the way of athletics, trying to run  
 the boys part of it as well as trying to get

*was married yesterday  
 Howard Burns had been there  
 for a couple of  
 weeks do still  
 in New York  
 business.*

*Mamma Larrier  
 from Cincinnati.*

*for Clementine  
 to a Mr. Warner*

a director for next year. This is voluntary work but I seem to be the one best suited to do it. I am also interested as a chemist in a projected lead and zinc mine. Am not going to try to get any money into it but if I can get any of the stock for my work as a chemist I shall try to do so. Then I have had some workin helping out with an electric plant for one of my farmer friends. I like all these things and enjoy being kept busy. Miss. Smith will not promise us that we can come back here in the fall although I think when the time comes we shall probably be in the same place. At present however we have to move out our things and store them in the college. Mr. Johnson went off in a hurry and left me to do his packing as well as my own, and I have not had time to do any of it yet. That will be a couple of days work when I get at it. Commencement passed off finely. I acted as master of ceremonies, or rather as marshall. Wore Mr. Johnson's Prince Albert coat to march down the aisle on commencement day. and was complimented many times on the smoothness.



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with which things went off. Consolidation of the colleges seems now likely to be put off for a year and if so, Johnson and Patterson will both be back, Patterson will in all probability be back anyhow Tomorrow I expect to go to Harrodsburg, ten miles away, to drum up a few students for next year.

Saturday I have a plan for a picnic to High Bridge with Dr. and Mrs. Crawford and Miss. Sandford, who is visiting them. You see that I am going to have a good many things on hand as long as I stay. In fact the longer I stay the busier I seem to be.

The ticket I expect to get for Texas is a three weeks excursion ticket, roundtrip for \$40. So that I shall probably be home by the first of August. I want to go to Buffalo for sure during the summer. If any of you will go along I shall come home first, if you do not think you will I shall maybe go there

on my way back from Texas. Write me here until you hear that I have gone to Texas.

I do not know how much longer it may be before all the underwriting of bonds is done but I think Campbell will give what time I want to make up my allotment of \$50,000.00 Just had a subscription yesterday from my Wall street classmate George Agnew for \$10,000.00 making total amount I have sold \$32,500.00 Commissions on these will more than pay expense of my trip to Texas, but I should like to finish up total amount before I go.

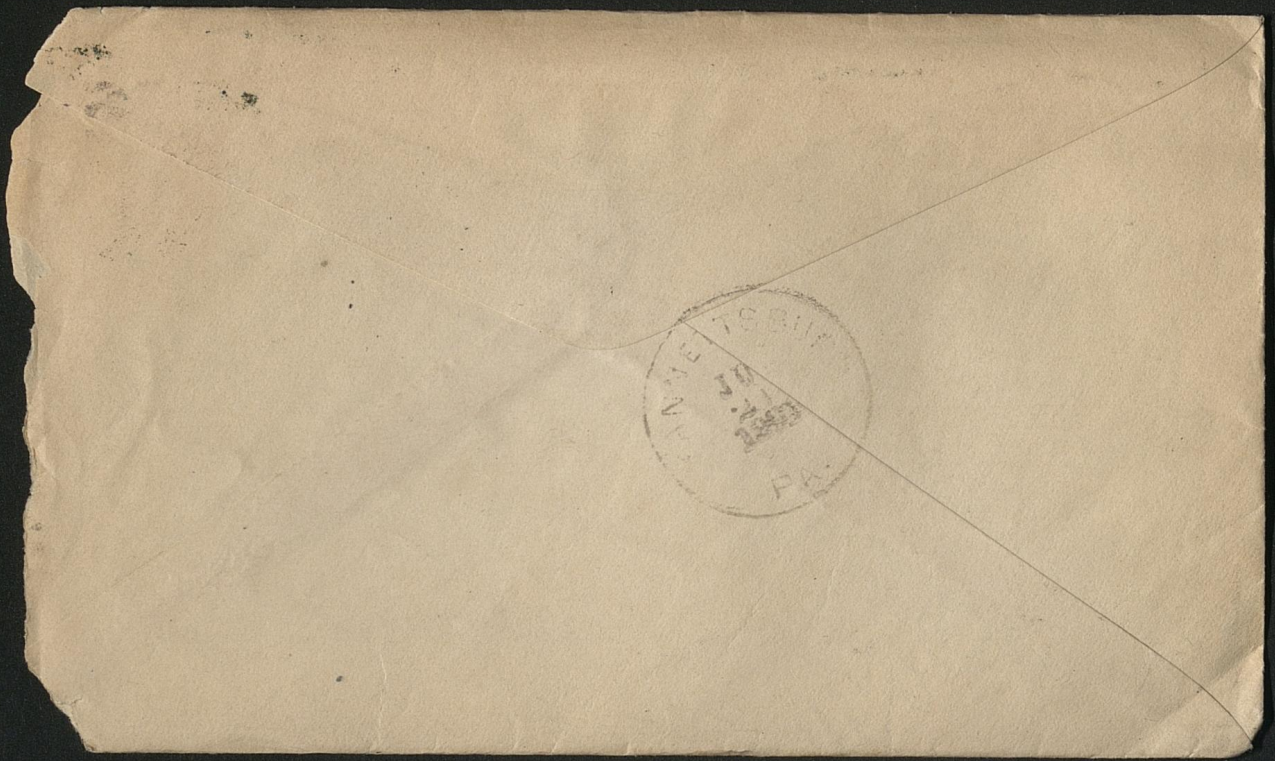
Tell John I do not expect anything so good as an offer of \$2000 a year myself. If he wants to underwrite \$20,000 Telephone bonds I will give him a \$50. Commission Commission in this are not so large as in surety. It is too easy to sell them. Hope I can get through tonight business soon. Tell father to telegraph me if he decides to take bonds - Campbell is now in Chicago and may want to close it up soon.

Corey Clancy

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I like our new colleagues - especially the one who is closest to me in work Prof Palmer - very much indeed.

We had an increased attendance owing to the consolidation although not so large an increase as the friends of consolidation had predicted.

For the present I have only one hour a day teaching.

But as always happens when I am at college there is plenty to occupy my time. The first couple of days it went very hard to work all forenoon and then not to be able to sleep

Danville Ky.

Sept. 9, 1901.

My dear Mamma -

Today I got into my old room and am consequently feeling a little more like settled although I have done no unpacking yet.

Saturday morning -

I was interrupted in the beginning of the week and since then the humor for writing and the opportunity have not both come at the same time.

To begin with the room question - Miss Smith was

not willing to rent me the front room without the other, so I engaged both, but this week I rented (or rather Miss S. did) the back one to Mr. Waterbury the new Professor of English - I am consequently in the big room alone - and Mr. W. in back room - I bought a folding bed of a neat pattern which looks like a set of bureau drawers - and when I get a screen in front of my wash stand it will not look much like a bed room.

I persuaded the Knotts to take me in to board for a while at least - They

still talk of going away and seem very unsettled - Mrs. Knott and the Gars are both better than they were last spring - but they are in the notion of going to North Carolina for the winter months. Until College opened I spent a large part of my time at the Fales home. Since then I have been so busy as not to be there very much.

I have not done any teaching of any account yet but have been busy trying to get the boys started in their studies and the laboratory in order

in the afternoon - at present  
however I am about down  
to my old schedule of going  
to bed at 12 o'clock and  
running through the whole  
day in an active way -

Have had a lot of bother  
with football but think  
the most of that is over  
for me. - unless it has the  
paying of some bills which  
I have guaranteed -

Your good boy letter  
was received yesterday. You  
certainly have been busy  
with visits and visitors  
during the summer  
and are not through  
with them yet by any

means - I wish I were  
going to be there for Laffie's  
visit. John's friend Hardin  
Craig is here for today on  
his way to Princeton - He  
was offered a place here this  
year but was not ready to  
leave Princeton ~~next~~ <sup>this</sup> year.  
He expects to come next  
year unless they offer him  
more inducements to remain  
at Princeton

We are having an abundance  
of peaches here although not  
so cheap or good as with  
you.

I shall send you the  
wound letter now  
and try to write soon

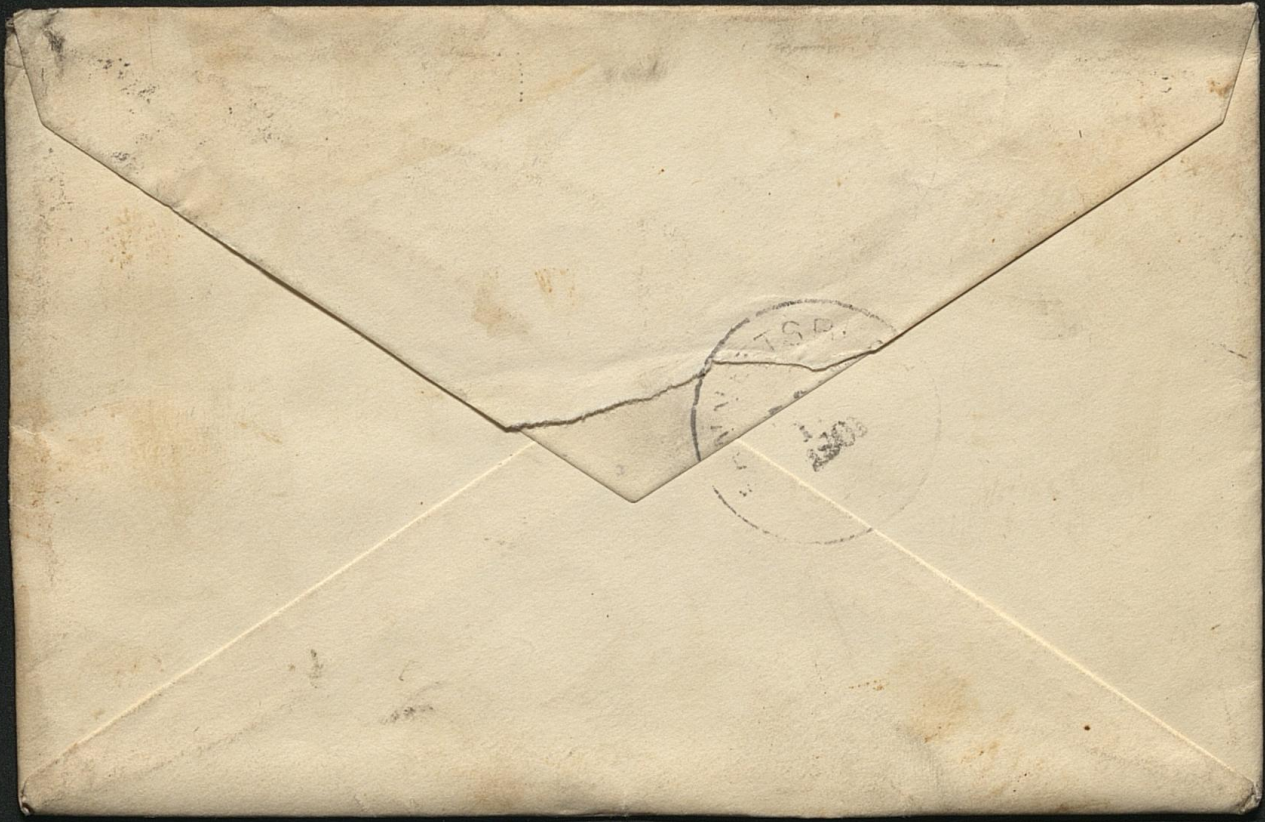
again -  
With much love  
Clarence



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Tuesday 12 Midnight

My dearest mama

Have not had time to write this  
week yet. We'll try to find time tomorrow

Everything goes about as usual

With Love

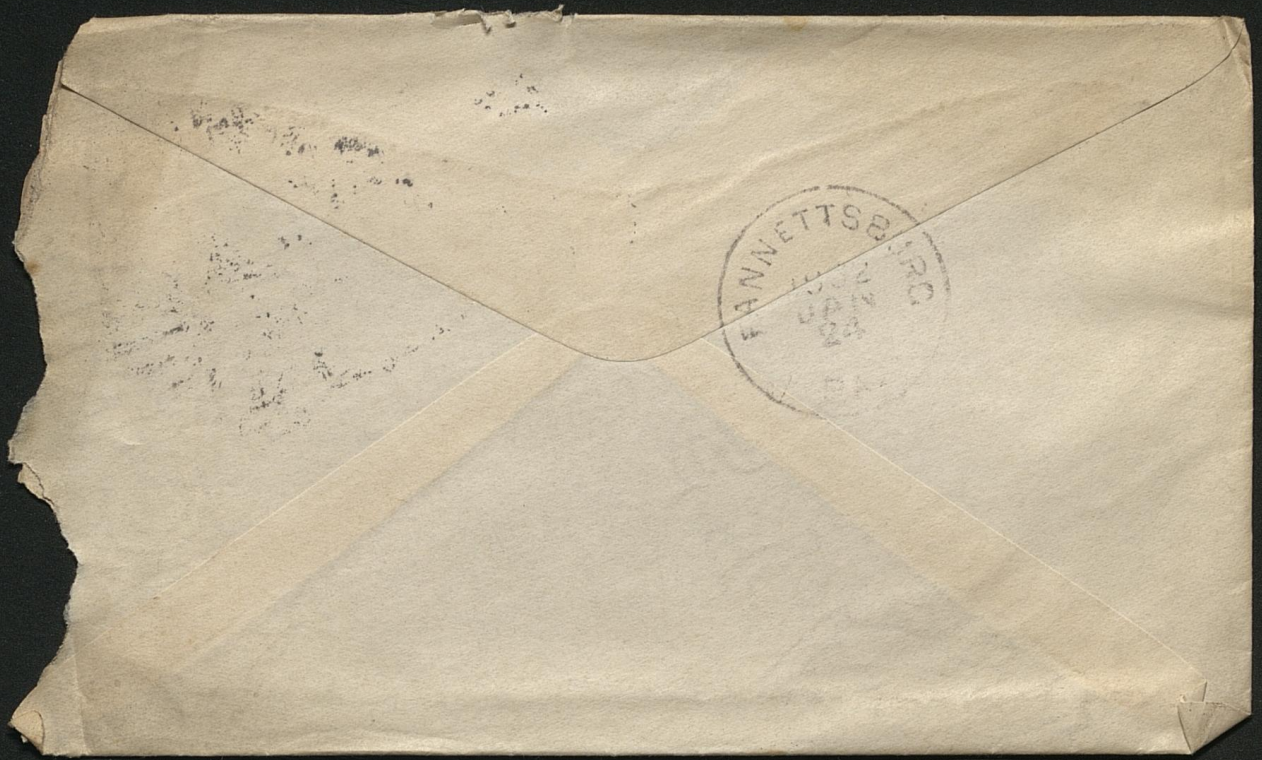
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Danville, Ky. Feb. 23, 1902.

My dear mamma.

You are perhaps still on the other side of the mountain, although I suppose you and Papa more probably came home this evening. I hope you had a pleasant time and did not have to eat too much ham and eggs. Clementine seems to have been having a very good time in the city. I am so glad you have John to visit there. When you go down and board you are so much more independent than even if you had a place to visit. I thought I should write to John and Clementine while the latter was in the city but like so many of my intended letters - ~~the~~ it was never written.

I send check for the organ subscription. When you mentioned it the last time I thought you meant that Papa had paid it for me, and thought I would pay him when I came home. I understood from Mr. Seibert that they would use the balance they would probably have for repairs on our home church. I hope they do not put that off too long - but that they raise money enough to do it well when they do it.

This is the "22<sup>nd</sup>" in Danville - a time  
when there is generally a good deal going on in  
the college and social world. It is unusually  
quiet however this year - as there has been but  
one party and no more in sight. And this  
one was given by people I did not know.  
Friday night we had an intersociety oratorical  
contest which was well attended and very  
good. Tomorrow night there is an ~~old fiddlers~~  
"Old Fiddlers Contest" in the Opera House  
and the night after a college minstrel show.  
These will be the amount of my gaiety. That  
is I am sure to go to the minstrel show  
and expect to go to the performance tomorrow  
night if I can get Cousin Eliza Hamilton Caldwell  
to go with me. Have not asked her yet  
so may not have that pleasure - I scarcely  
think I care to go just for the music.

I am going to entertain the Anacosta Club  
this coming Friday - will have them at the Gilber  
Hotel - Mrs Fales offered to give it for me again  
but I thought it was too much for her to do it  
the second time so close together so soon after  
the last time. It will cost me more to have  
it at the hotel but Mrs Fales has done so much  
for me that I do not wish to have her do  
this.

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Dr Palmer is talking of getting a summer session of the college started and if he does I expect I shall have to stay for it - for which I am not anxious I have not made any summer plans yet - but shall try to stay longer at home than I have done for the last few summers - It is so nice to be with you all and yet I never seem to be able to accomplish anything when in Frankfort - which is the only reason I do not say I shall be home all summer long. I am thinking I should like to spend a month at Chicago University. And then I should also like to spend several weeks at Pittsburg. The American Association for Advancement of Science meets there the last of June, and shall probably take that in on my way home.

Dr Palmer is at Johns Hopkins University this week attending their big celebration there - it being the 25 Anniversary of its founding. I went out to see Mrs Palmer this afternoon and found her as usual lamenting the fact that they lived so far on the edge of town.



I suppose you had something of the big sleet storm of a couple of days ago. I hope it was not as ruinous to your trees as it was to ours a couple of weeks ago. We have not had very full accounts of the eastern storm but it must have been very bad in Philadelphia.

Today was the first day it has been warm enough to go without an overcoat for six weeks. I felt as if I had crawled out from my winter's hole. When it gets just a little warmer I suppose I shall be getting the spring fever. I saw your friend Boyle Reder today. He is working in a Rail Road office in Cincinnati and does not get home often - and when he does it is but for a day at a time.

Will I hope thro' friends you all as well as when you last wrote and that Clementine will have gotten home again in good health. She must write to me about her trip -  
With much love from

your boy  
Clarence

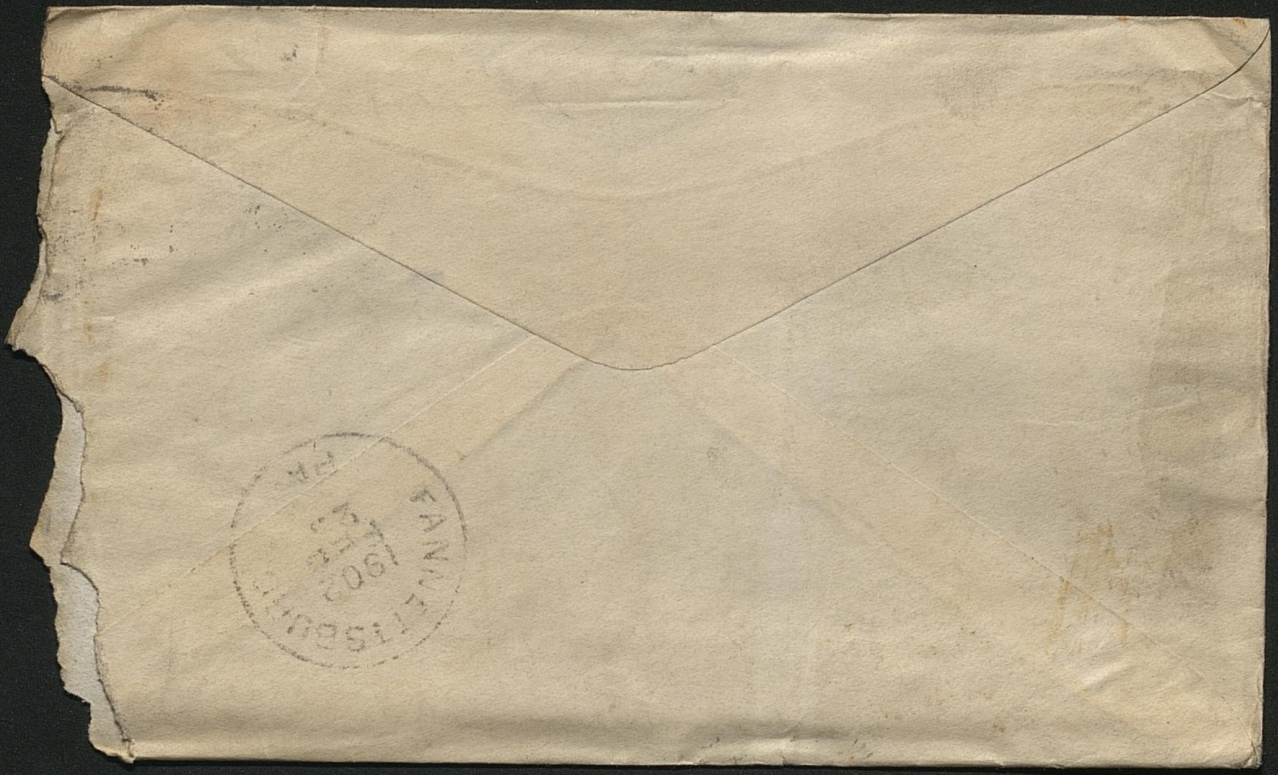
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Mar. 31, 1902,

My dear Mamma -

I did not get my home letter written yesterday and now I have so many things that ought to be done today that I shall not write a long letter. I was busy yesterday in a social way and with church duties. Lizzie Brown from Louisville arrived yesterday to visit Marguerite at Fales. and I was invited there for dinner.

In the afternoon I went with her to ~~the~~ make a call on Dr. Pentecost. He was entertained at the Brown's while in Louisville and they all fell very much in love with him.

Between times in the afternoon I took time to call on a visiting professor - the head of a collegiate institute connected with our University.

At night Dr. Pentecost had a farewell service which lasted until nearly 9, 45 - and after that I had to call on John Settle. And now Monday, although I have no classes at all - I seem to have more to do than on any day of the week. Had to entertain a man for a little while, go to faculty meeting for an hour - and attend to some athletic matters. This afternoon I am at present giving a boy an extra examination in my room. Then I have to get some copy ready for our weekly newspaper - and work on the scheme of establishing a teachers bureau for our Alumni. - I - rather like these outside things

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They relieve the monotony of class work very much indeed, but one can spend any quantity of time upon them.

The latest news in the Fales family is that Elizabeth has been sick in Louisville for the past week with the mumps. She was pretty sick for a few days and sent for her mother to come from St Louis. Mrs. F. was just about to ready to leave anyhow. Bessie had expected to come home the middle of this week but now I suppose she will not be able to come until next week. The Brown and Booker children were all having the mumps.

John wrote me that John has been was trying to get money to send to John - they are going to go on in the same way all that life, they are going to do not need around

and she took them from them.

Friday we had a very heavy rain and it has been cold and blowing hard ever since. I hope our nice weather will come soon.

I had a letter from John yesterday - the first I think since June. He seems to be getting along nicely. The Farmington colony in Philadelphia is quite large at present.

Mr Waterbury is still here - rather crazy still but we are teaching him some sense. Fortunately for me he has got in the habit of loafing with Miss Sue and Miss Bethe instead of with me. Still I cannot spend an evening in my room without his coming in to talk for most of the time. I shall try to write again before the end of the week -  
With much love - Clarence.

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April 7 1902

My dearest mama-

I have just finished writing six business letters and have as many more to be answered as soon as I find time. The executive work that I have taken upon myself makes a lazy man like me quite busy - for I am determined that I shall not work too hard on account of my health - I have taken more sleep and exercise this year than ever before and I find it pays in increased strength and activity.

Sunday afternoon I generally take as a lazy time. Yesterday afternoon I read until five o'clock and then went off to Prof Fales where I stayed for supper and went to church with Miss Helen. Sunday evening the Fales girls dry the dishes and set the table for breakfast and yesterday evening their two boarders and myself help Margaret with it.

Elizabeth Fales had quite a serious time with the measles - It affected her stomach so that she was extremely sick and could eat nothing



for about ten days. Yesterday however she was decidedly better. She has her mother with her and a trained nurse. They hope to be home next week.

Miss Salma Woodall has announced her engagement to a Dr Judson of Phila. He is here with her now and they seem to be very happy.

Saturday I went to Lexington to help select ~~the~~ judges for an intercollegiate basketball contest to be held here next week. My train was late and either on that account or on some other I failed to meet the committee and had the trip for nothing. I shall probably have to go again Wednesday.

Our baseball team is in a squabble and they look for me to decide and straighten out matters for them.

John wrote me of the possibility of his getting a position as nurse or companion I should advise him to take any chance like that.

I have sold my San Antonio bond for \$450, for which I paid ~~but~~ just a year ago \$425. I also had \$15. interest during that time and have \$500 of stock which cost me nothing and which I can now sell for \$250. I think however I shall keep it as I think it will ~~be~~ be worth par in another year. Must close and get to Faculty meeting.

With love  
Eleanor

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Danville, Ky. June 12th 1902.

My dearest Mama:-

I am late again this week in writing my home letter but think that this time I have a better excuse than usual. This has been our commencement week and as you know at this time I am supposed to make myself useful by trying to see that all the public performances go off well. I did not work as hard as I did last year. I rather let things go themselves and they went about as well. Still for two days I kept myself around and greased the wheels occasionally. Well we had a rather brilliant commencement. It was the first under the new regime and everybody was trying to show that the new arrangement was a success. I enjoy having the real Southerners with us. They are more enthusiastic than the northern people you know and give more enthusiasm to things. Monday night there was a contest, Tuesday morning Class Day and a ball game and Wednesday was commencement day proper. The commencement exercises were followed by an alumni dinner which to my mind was the most enjoyable and valuable part of the performance and the end was last night when Dr. and Mrs. Roberts gave a party. It is nominally given in honor of the Senior class but they practically have opened the house or rather open lawn for all the friends of the college. Last night the yard was beautifully decorated with many lanterns and a band of music was there. The occasion was also rendered more showy by having the Governor of the State, Gov. Beckham, present all day. He was given the degree of L.L.D. and made a speech at the dinner. He is not a brilliant man but is a graduate of the former Central University while his ancestors were graduates of old Centre, so that we feel that he is our Governor. Mr. Yerkes was also honored with the degree of L.L.D. also Dr. Pentecost who preached for us last winter.

Dr. Moore, Father's classmate was here as usual but did not have such a prominent place this time as the people here have nearly given up the idea of getting any money from him. He always is very friendly with me and always advising me to get married. He says now he is afraid that his friend Smith Gordon did not bring me up right. That I should have been married before this. I told him one time that if he would get our salaries raised in the college I would think of it. Had a letter from Bosserman this week in which he was telling me of the impossibility of living in Garrisburg on his salary. He said he was not a candidate for the Newville church although if it had been offered it would have been a temptation to go. Still even if I cannot afford to get married I rather like my position here and do not think I would want to be a business man at twice the salary.

The thermometer today is between 95 and 100 As I write this I am in my own room rolling in perspiration and very glad to think that I will soon be able to go further north and that we do not have any summer school here. Tuesday Prof Fales had a number of the Trustees - mostly new ones from the southern side - to dinner and me along with them.

Nellie McGoodwin was married Tuesday to Hickman Carter. I guess Clementine remembers them both. The wedding was small and I was not invited.

Elizabeth Fales was bridesmaid and a Miss Duke from Virginia Maid of honor. Gov. Knott was up for the wedding, staying at Prof. Fales for a couple of days.

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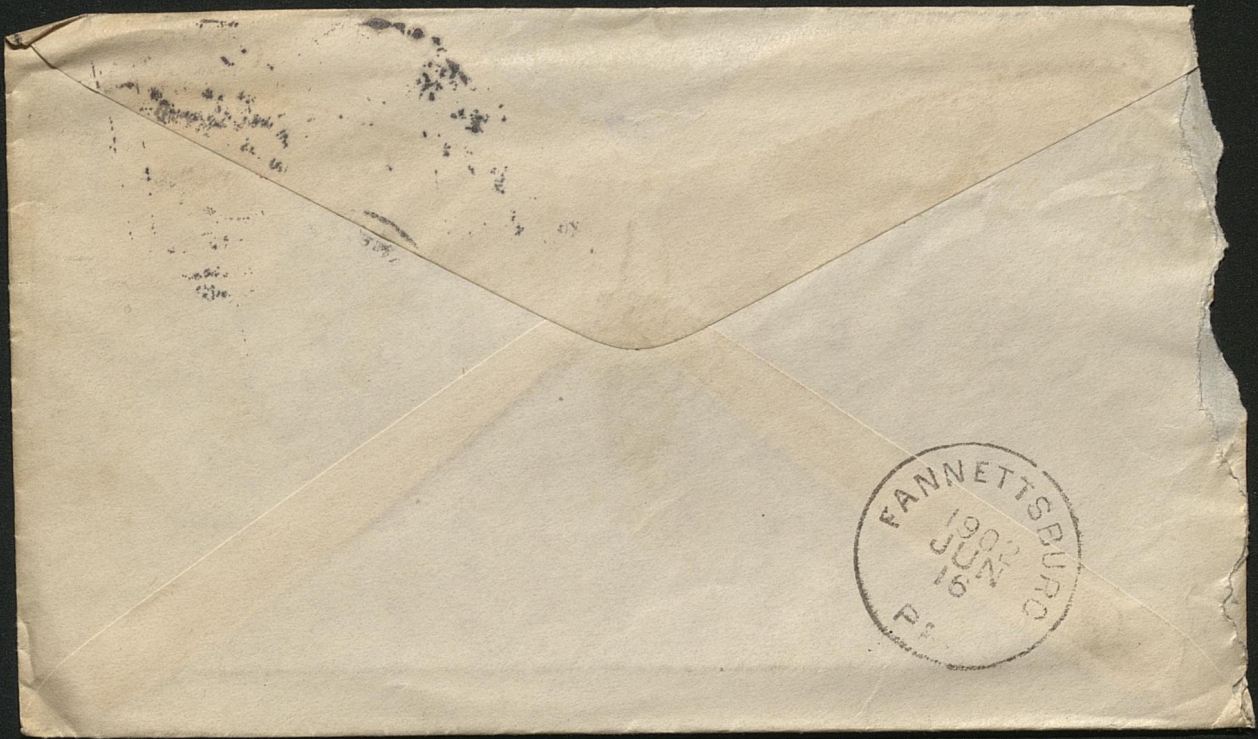
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Mr. Yerkes was also honored with the degree of D.D. also Dr. Postcast who presided for the last winter.

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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> P. M.

My dear Mamma -

Your good news letter was received this week. I think you are doing right not to get the stone for the grave until you know just what you want - that is if you can find out. I confess I did not altogether like any of the ones we saw a chamberlay but I hope you can get Mr. Fisher or some one to give you a design which will be nearer what is wanted. My idea is to have it broad and substantial looking - to avoid the high and narrow. and then it must be looked out for that the granite is such that it will not change with exposure to weather.

I suppose on next Sunday you will all be home except me - I wish I could be there also but there is not much use in wishing. I am surprised to hear that you



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evenings I generally put in at The Ales although I have managed or been compelled to spend part of several evenings elsewhere.

I suppose I wrote you that Margaret Hale was visiting at Lebanon when I came back. About two weeks ago she went to a private hospital there to have her nose treated and she is still there. It is nothing very serious but is slow. And Mrs. Hale has been with her for two weeks except two days she spent at home this week. She is also having treatment given to her (Mrs. H.) throat.

I began my teaching at Caldwell this week. Fortunately my class there is small only seven in it. So I expect to have a nice time with the girls. They did not get any laboratory fixed up and I am doing what I can without it. It is something of a nuisance to have apparatus hauled back and forth from our college but it can be done

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think none of the family is going to Washington  
along with James and Alice. I think especially  
of they are going after the I.A.R. reunion is  
over that it would be a fine time for all  
of you to see Washington. I am sorry that  
I have never been there. The American Association  
for the advancement of science meets there next January -  
and I have been thinking that possibly I shall  
stop over there on my way back at Xmas time.  
They are going to try having a winter  
meeting instead of a summer one. Thinking that  
the teaching people can probably attend at  
that time better than during their long vacation  
in the summer.

My last week has seemed to me to be  
about the busiest I have ever put ~~it~~ in  
with simply my ordinary work. I have  
been on the go constantly from eight  
in the morning until supper and then

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The new faculty at Caldwell seems to have made a good impression. All the new lady teachers are young and pretty. Whether that will interfere with their teaching I do not know, but guess it will help it. One evening this week three young bachelor college Professors went up and called on three of the new Caldwell teachers - and of course had a pleasant time. One of them was a friend of Mary Barrows at Smith - and another is fresh from Wellesly. They are digging the cellar for the new building at Caldwell and hope to have it completed by the middle of the year.

Dr Nelson gave a reception to the faculty and their wives last Tuesday evening from four to six, with a couple of dozen other people outside of the faculty. I managed to get there for about fifteen minutes - long enough to eat ice cream and other refreshments.

The people who are in the house now I like very much and the scientific Professor has

only got hold of ~~him~~ once for about fifteen minutes. They are much nicer people to get along with than the Smiths because they are not so terribly stuffy. They take more care about fixing up my room and keeping it nice than the Smiths did too.

The boarding house - Mrs. Muller. I am very tired of but guess I can stand it. The worst thing about it their tough meat and no oatmeal, porridge, fruit or hot cakes. That is they have hot basement corn bread &c but no pudding cake or waffles.

The new professor of English - Prof. Chase seems to be going to be a success. The boys have been trying to make some disturbances in his room but we suspended two of them for it the other day and I think we shall not be bothered much more. We did not feel that they had done much to mischief but in order to show them that the faculty would suspend any boys not behaving rightly we thought we must do

something.

Dr Palmer had a friend of his from  
Somerville of visiting him yesterday and  
today and I was around there most of  
the afternoon.

Must go to supper now shall  
try to write more regularly hereafter -  
With much love to all and hoping  
you are not gory to give up the Washington  
trip I am  
Your Affectionate Son  
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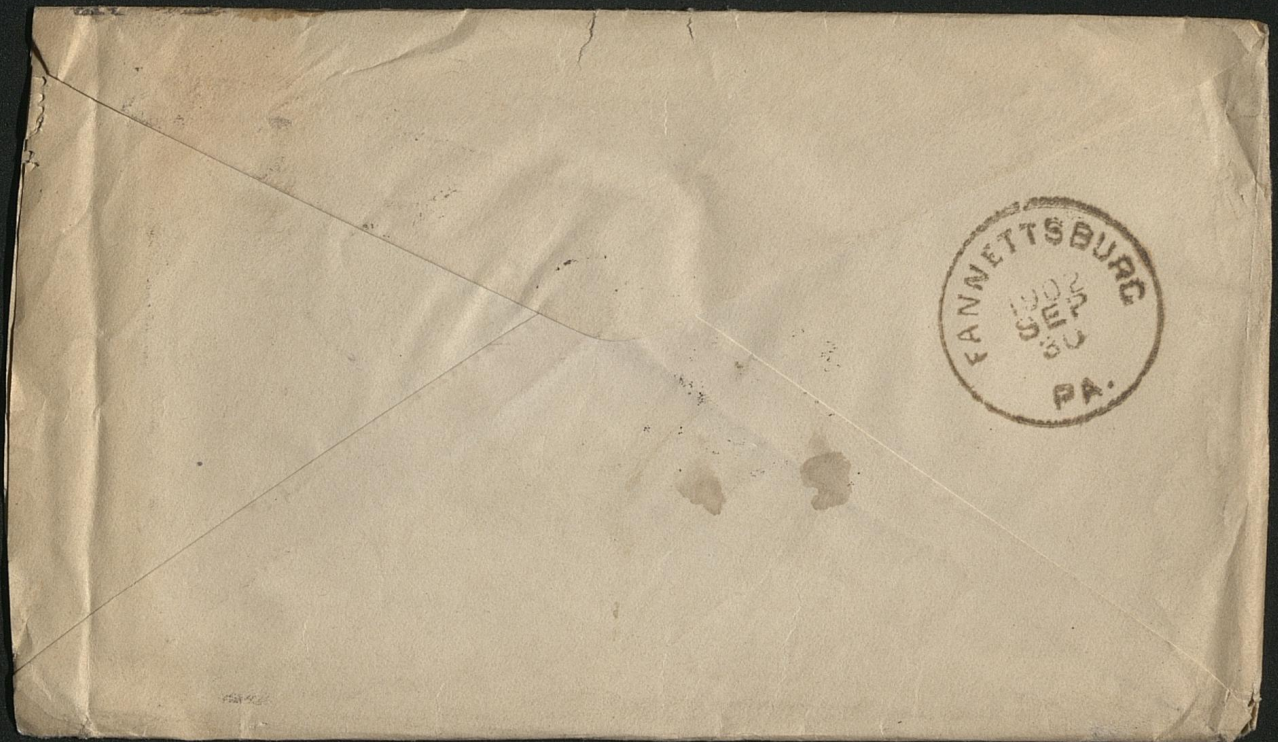
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Thursday Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

My dearest Mamma -

I am afraid it is  
a good while since I have  
written my letter home. I  
make resolves every day to  
be more particular in writing  
you, but there are always  
so many things that I want  
to get done that I put it off  
again and again. I do not think  
I ever was so busy in my  
life as since I returned after  
Xmas. I plan and promise  
to do more than I have time  
for. I suppose is my trouble  
One of the things which  
took a lot of my time



and caused me more or less  
worry in the last few  
weeks was the article I  
promised to write on Wireless  
Telegraphy for The World Today  
That is the magazine which  
Mr Waterbury is one of the editors  
of in Chicago. I finally sent  
it off to him in the beginning  
of the week. And naturally I  
am now on the anxious  
bench until I know whether  
the editors regard it fit to  
publish. I felt I was in  
the need of experience in  
writing, and if it never is  
published I shall not  
regret the many hours I  
gave to it.

I had Prof. Chase our English  
instructor go over the most  
of it with me and thereby

succeeded in <sup>3</sup>eraduating some  
of its worst blennishes. If it  
does come to print I shall send  
you a copy of it.

Sunday 6.30. P.M.

The above portion of this letter  
was laid aside and I have been  
"on the go" ever since. When  
yesterday and this morning I  
had not received any letter  
from any of you at home, I  
began to fear you were going to  
wait until I wrote. This after-  
noon however I received  
my weekly letter from Father  
and was glad to hear good  
news of you all. James sent  
me the circular giving me

the plan of their <sup>H</sup> trip, with  
dates and places of stopping  
so if Papa has not already  
forwarded your copy to me as  
he said he would do, he need  
not do so, I hope however  
you will send me their letters  
home, or else send them to  
John and let him send them  
to me. Their trip is certainly  
a fine one, I had no idea  
until I received the circular  
that they would get to stop  
at so many interesting  
places.

Last night I attended a reception  
given by one of the fraternities in  
their hall. Prof & Mrs Shoemaker,  
Mr Long, commander of the fraternity  
with Miss Hugely, whom John  
met in Philadelphia, Miss Beecher

Fales and myself "received" and then "entertained" after they got there. That is we took the boys from one girl to another. I think they all

thought it somewhat of a joke asking Bess and myself to receive together - but there were of course reasons for them asking both of us. She has always been loyal to the Kappa Alpha Fraternity and I am at present boarding at the same table with four of them, all of whom are very good friends of mine.

Friday night the Amosanda club met at Dr Worralls and discussed The Preservation of our Rural Life. It resolved itself into a discussion of the pleasures

and disadvantages<sup>b</sup> of country  
life. I ate so much dinner  
after a hard day's work that,  
instead of helping on with the  
discussion as I generally try to  
do, I went to sleep or at least  
dozed while the others were speaking.

Wednesday evening we had  
a lecture by Ex-Gov Bob Taylor  
of Tennessee. He was very amus-  
ing a funny pupup us in a  
roar of laughter most of the  
time. He is wonderful in  
his handling of words, in his  
ability to tell stories, paint  
word pictures and sing songs.

It seems scarcely possible  
that a man who spends  
his time lecturing in a light  
and humorous way was ever  
Governor of a state, but he was

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elected, 3 times I think. He was  
introduced by Robert Breckinridge  
- son of the former theologian  
and Professor - brother of  
the former Congressman of  
unsavory reputation - and  
himself a candidate for  
the gubernatorial nomination  
here in Kentucky. Taylor  
said that his experience  
was that a man who sought  
political office was seeking  
trouble and if that was  
what Breckinridge wanted  
he thought he ought to have  
it Breckinridge by the  
way was candidate for Attorney  
General on the memorable  
ticket with Gossett. He was  
seated by the courts but his  
opponent wanted until the  
supreme court of the state  
was a Republican and

then had him ousted. Consequently  
 the attorney general is today  
 the only Republican holding a  
 state office, and Breckinridge  
 is relying on what he calls the  
 robbery of his attorney generalship  
 (if course he was never elected)  
 to get him the nomination  
 for Governor next year.

Monday night of this week  
 we had the first meeting of our  
 newly organized Shakespeare Club.  
 We are to meet once in two weeks  
 to read Shakespeare. There  
 are sixteen in the club, com-  
 posed mostly of the members  
 of the Caldwell and Centre  
 Faculties.

Today the preachers all  
 over the state are preaching on

The wonderful prevalence of  
the crime of murder in the  
state of Kentucky and on the  
lack of enforcement of the laws  
as to its punishment.

Every one realizes that there is  
entirely too much shooting in  
Kentucky. As Dr Ramsey said  
we do not think there is much of  
it in Danville but in Louisville  
and in the mountains it  
is terribly prevalent, and the  
worst part of it is that the  
criminals generally get off with-  
out punishment or with very  
light sentences.

Our town preachers  
all preached on the  
subject this morning  
and tonight they exchange  
pulpits and give the  
same sermons to  
other congregations.



I guess I must close this  
 if I am to hear Brother  
 Sumrell - the Baptist  
 minister who is to be  
 at our church tonight.

I shall try to be more  
 careful in my writing  
 hereafter. I think of you  
 all often every day - but  
 do not like to sit down  
 to write when I have  
 time and energy for only a  
 few words - I am glad to  
 know Uncle Will is progress-  
 ing so well.

With much love to all

affectionately

Clarence

How can I address letters  
 to Jim that he may get them?

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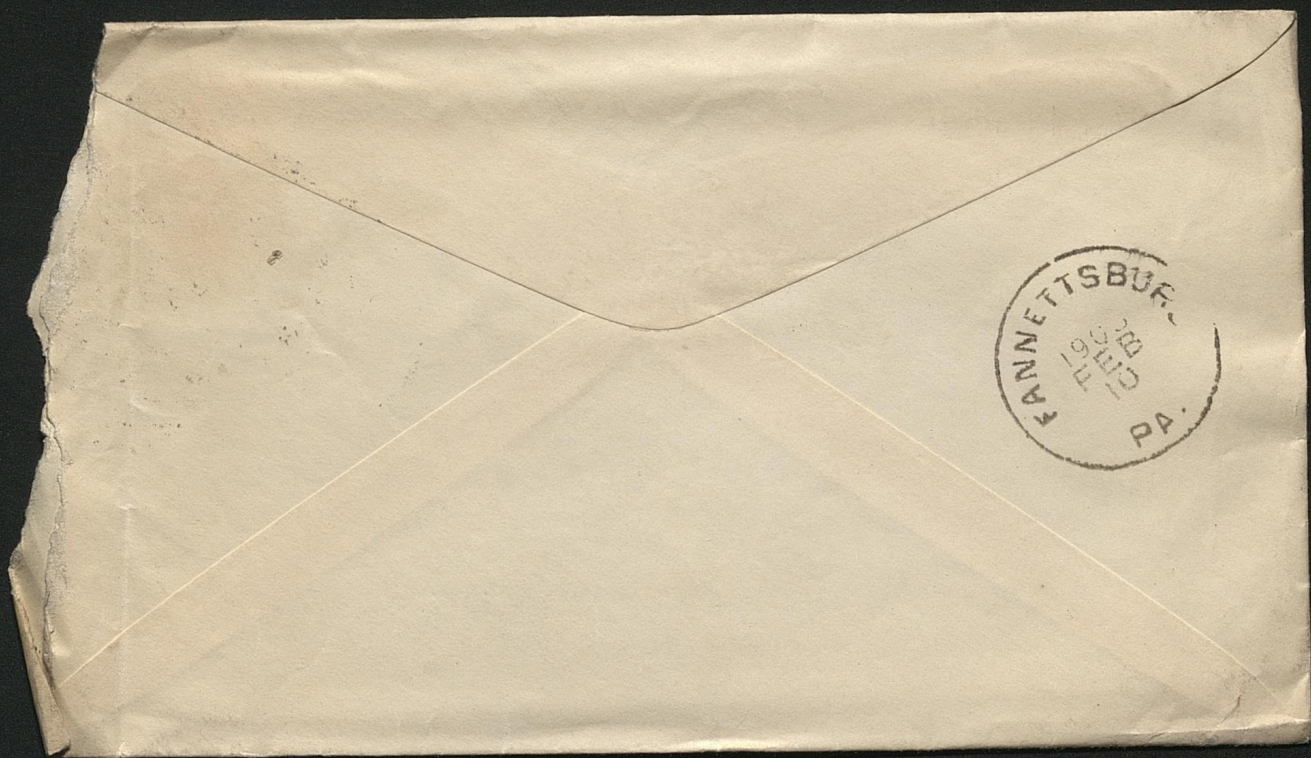


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Sunday 6.30. P.M.

My dearest Mamma-

Can you give me  
a cure for laziness or inertia  
in regard to letter writing. I  
seem to be getting worse than  
ever in the way of doing everything  
else before I can bring myself  
to writing a letter. I received  
your nice long one with  
John's enclosed this afternoon.

I'm glad to know that John  
finally succeeded in getting  
Eliaser Walker some Life  
Insurance. ~~and~~ as well as  
in getting himself ~~some~~ a dress

suit. As he<sup>2</sup> says he may  
perhaps not need the latter so  
very often but there are times when  
it is wanted very much - where  
every one is expected to appear  
in one.

I was quite surprised to  
hear of your dinner to the  
elders and their wives. I  
think it was a nice thing  
~~to~~ to do. Here where the  
people have more of such things  
than they do in ~~the~~ Pennsylvania  
I have learned to value them  
more. And the people in  
Farmington it seems to me  
do very little visiting and inviting  
I was glad to hear that you

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got along so well, even during the  
cold snap with the wood fires.  
I was afraid you might have  
a time of it.

We are having special preaching  
services in our church at present.  
They began last Thursday but  
I have only been there this morning  
and doubt if I shall go again  
as I do not like the preacher  
at all. I cannot understand  
how the elders and Dr. Ramsey  
could have decided to ask  
him to stay another week  
as I have not heard any one  
approve of him and I have  
heard quite a number dis-  
approve very strongly.

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Monday morning

I stopped at this point yesterday because I had an engagement to take Dr Chase to call to see Miss Julia Higgins. I went around to the Palmers for him and had quite a talk there before we called on the girls. Dr Chase came in afterwards to my room and as usual when he gets to talking he does not soon stop. and so he did not leave until eleven o'clock. He and I seemed to have a great many things to talk about yesterday, we met after church just as I was going to Mrs Sales for dinner, and he walked up along with me and then went in and staid for dinner too. He is advising with Mrs Sales as to his

boarding arrangements for next year and on her suggestion has engaged rooms at Mr Dunlop's for herself and Mrs. Chase who is to be.

I have been lonely for the last two weeks because Bess has been in St Louis. She and Margaret went for a two weeks visit to their cousin Miss Tutt. I guess they will be back Wednesday or Thursday, of this week.

I feel that I was quite successful in getting in a number of calls yesterday. In the afternoon I went away out to East main St to the Sawwills, but got no one to answer the door bell. Coming back I made quite a long call at the



Eddy's They had been gone a month and I had never been out to see them. The two calls in the evening made four during the day.

Did I tell you the latest news in regard to the Mercers Telegraphy article that I wrote? I thought they were going to publish it in March, but the latest news was that it would appear in April. When I got through with that article I thought I would never write another, but Mr Waterbury praised it so much that I felt inclined to try my hand again. The next time however I am not going to set such a short time limit for the finishing of it. But the consequence of that I presume will be that I shall never get any thing finished

I had been hoping that by this time you would have received some direct letters from the European travellers. It certainly seems time to have heard from the other side.

I have been working some on wireless telegraphy for the last two weeks and have been sending signals very successfully from one college building to another. Want to get it to work across to the town and then I shall be ready to stop I think.

My teaching since I gave up the Caldwell work has been rather light. But I have a number of boys doing extra work at the college and it takes a good deal of my time to see them going.

I have not made any plans for the summer - not even set

the day for the wedding. As soon as Bess comes back I guess we will set the time and begin to make our plans.

I think we shall take in Williams-town Cambridge and Princeton on our trip. These are places in all of which I have spent very pleasant years of my life and I should like Bess to know them and then

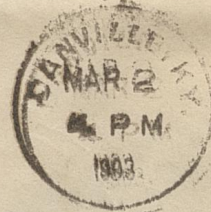
I presume we shall stop at Farmington quite a while and get back here ~~in~~ in time to get fixed up before college opens. I rather think now we will not go to housekeeping for the first year after we are married. It is much cheaper to board here where rents are so high

With a great deal of love  
to all

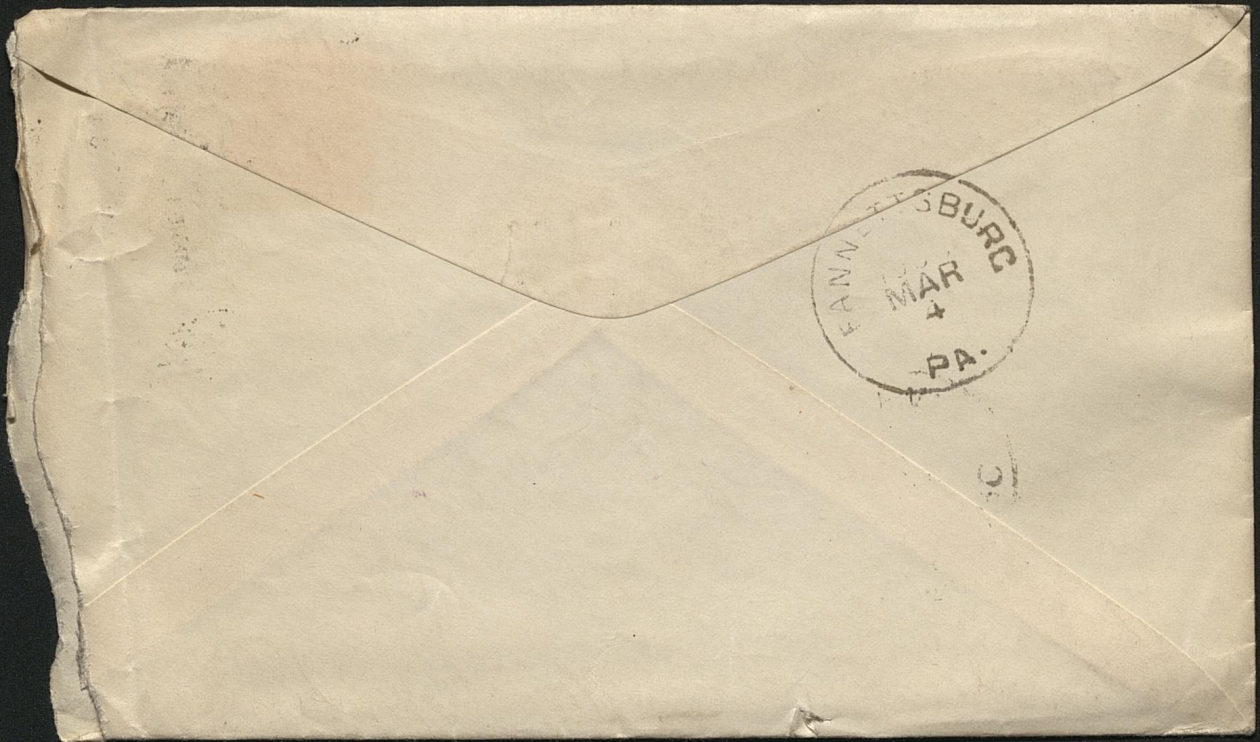
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the German's queer English and the portrayal of German character. I went with Miss Vaughan and as she spent a year in Germany, she too could appreciate fully the German part. When I was home you spoke of my appearing to go with Miss Vaughan a good deal. I do not think there is any danger there however - She is a very girlish sort of a young lady of 22. I enjoy being with her because she is generally bright laughing and jolly, and of such a childlike nature that you never know what she is going to do or say next. Now that I have stopped teaching at Caldwell

Laurieville Ky.  
Sunday night.

Central University  
of Kentucky

My dearest Mamma -

Your letter was received this morning - I was surprised to hear of Papa going to Chambersburg and sorry to learn that it was in regard to his health.

I do not think I mentioned it while home, but I noticed at Lanas that he was not so well as last summer - especially that he got out of breath with very little exertion. I hope the new medicines will do him good and that he will take care of himself. If he does

not improve soon, he had better ask the church for a vacation - and then come down to Danville to visit me and get a good rest.

And speaking of visiting me reminds me that I have never pressed any of you very strongly perhaps to come to Danville. But you know it is not because I am not anxious to have you know the town and be with me for a while. But I have always thought that if I remain here I would some day soon be keeping house and then I could entertain you so much better - My housekeeping

however seems further off than ever - and I am afraid if you wait for that you will never come. There are plenty of good boarding places however whenever any of you are ready to make me a visit.

I wrote Mary a short note some time last week in which I think I gave a list of my social engagements. I wonder if I told her of the play at the theatre I attended Tuesday night. I enjoyed it immensely. The star was Clay Clement, taking the character of a German Baron in this country studying Botany. It was of course a love story, but the fun was

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I presume I shall not see  
so much of her. I find that  
by reason of my engagement I  
have gotten out of <sup>the</sup> habit of calling  
on the girls of the town in  
general and I do not suppose  
I shall ever get back to it.

It is reported that Mary  
Egleman is engaged to a young  
lawyer of the town. I doubt  
it however. I have not been  
around to inquire of her as to  
the truth of it, but hope to be  
able to do so soon.

Margaret Hale starts for  
California next Tuesday. She



goes in company with Mary  
Garrison and Elizabeth Brown (and  
I think their father) but she stays  
in California for a couple of  
months visit with the brother  
of Prof. Hale's first wife. Margaret  
you know was called for her  
and her relatives have always  
taken a great interest in her for  
that reason.

Monday morning.

I have lots to do today  
but will add a little more  
to this before doing anything  
else. I have just been looking  
up Ashosh in the atlas.  
It seems to be one of the  
most important of Wisconsin

towns, although I had never  
heard of it until James mentioned  
it. I do not suppose it is  
so very cold. It is on a lake  
and ought to be a nice place  
in summer at least. I think  
James ought to get away from  
Van Wert. and I am hoping he  
gets the call.

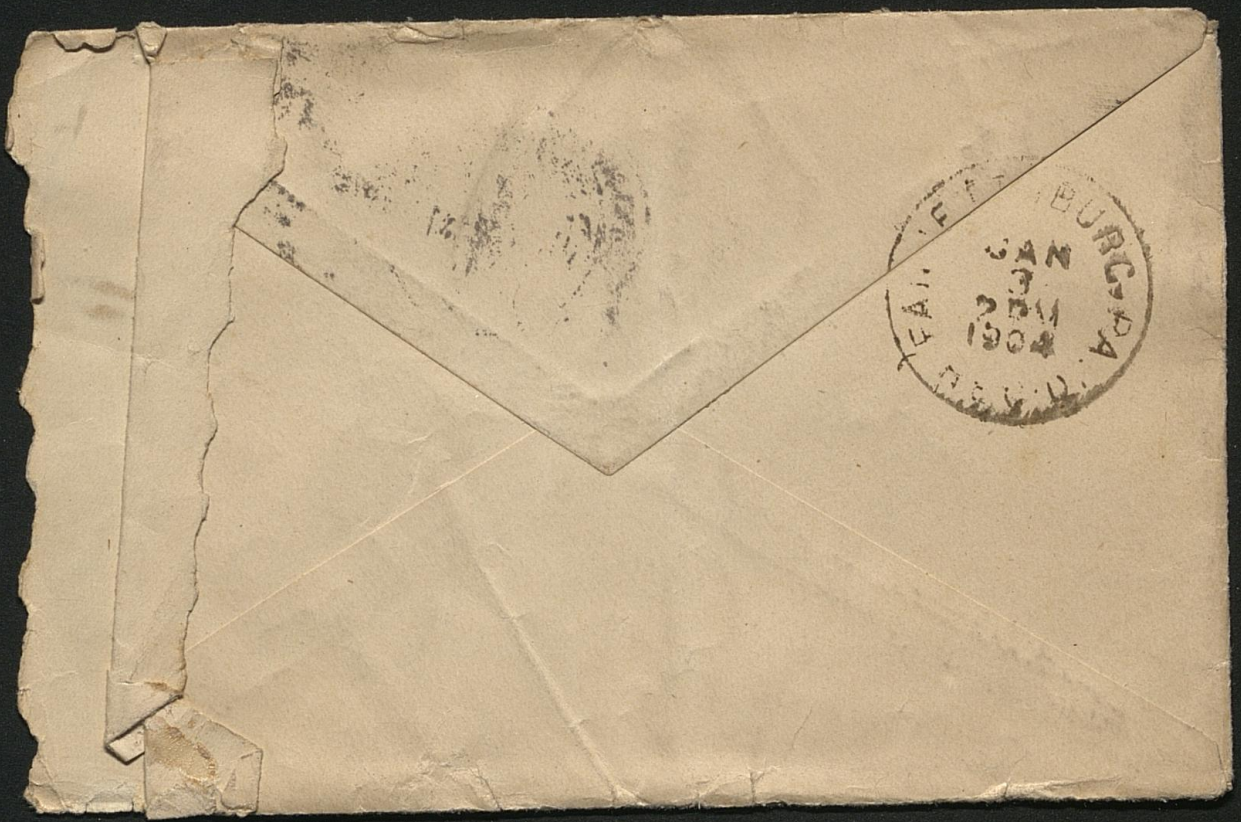
We had two fine sermons  
yesterday by Dr. Dasher of  
the Louisville Seminary. People  
are talking of calling him but  
I have no idea he would want  
to come.

Well I must stop for  
today - with love & love to  
all -  
your boy  
Clarence

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of the arm on which I caught myself. I never reached the bottom of the ~~hole~~ hole but caught myself on my arm.

I was badly scared for a little and lame for a day - It was just before our Shakespeare club and I did not feel very lively at it. In fact went to sleep once, which no one seemed to notice but myself.

Yesterday I had Miss Vaughan celebrate her birth day by coming to dinner at Miss Henrich's.

Later in the afternoon we went in to call at the Throckmoustons and found it so pleasant we remained for supper and a while longer. Clementine need not be worried in regard to Miss Vaughan as far as the ring is concerned.

Danville Ky.  
March 4<sup>th</sup> Monday night.

My dearest mamma -

It is a shame that I am so given to procrastination. I did not write home at all last week. I am really getting alarmed about myself - I neglect to do so many things I really want to do just because they are not the easiest. I am writing this in Dr. Palmer's sitting room, as for the last ~~couple~~ couple of nights I have been protecting Mrs. Palmer while the Dr. is in Louisville. He comes home

tonight at midnight but I guess  
I will stay tonight too. They  
have been teasing me the last two  
mornings because I have been  
to breakfast in time. Mrs Palmer  
has been warning me and telling  
me I must be ready to go with  
her. which I have found no  
difficulty in doing. I suppose  
after about a week I would be  
as bad as ever.

Your account of the Pennsylvania  
weather, agrees well with what  
we have been having here - and  
colds and grip are the most  
common thing. I have had one  
myself since Saturday

Somehow or other it is generally  
better towards evening. This  
morning I felt miserably - and  
after lunch had a big notion to give  
up and go to bed. Am very glad  
now I did not, for after I had  
~~to~~ labored with the boys for a  
while I began to feel pretty good -  
just before supper time I met  
Mary Engleman on the street and  
went for a walk with her, since  
when I am feeling top top.

The greatest escapade I have  
had since I last wrote you was  
just a week ago - when I fell  
into a cellar hole left open on  
the pavement. It is a wonder I  
did not break a leg or something,  
but I escaped with a scurfy  
on one hip and a slight sprain

I do not see any danger in that direction. She is jolly unaffected girl, full of all sorts of notions. ~~So~~ interesting mostly because one never knows what she is going to do or say next. I told her one time I took a "fatherly" interest in her which she thought was a great joke and told it to the Throckmartons where it soon spread. I am never surprised now to hear myself addressed as "Pa". We have a lot of fun out of it.

I had a letter from Mr. Brandon yesterday - the first I had had since Omar. He did not go to a Sanitarium but ~~was~~ went out to a mountain village near Carlisle - Pine Grove Furnace - where he is taking the latest treatment for consumptives - which is plenty of

of outdoors and lots of rousing  
food along with rest. He has gained  
fifteen pounds so far and weighs more  
than he ever did in Danville.

He seems very hopeful and I  
hope he is not encouraged more  
than he has a right to be. The  
man who is taking his place is  
a very nice sort of a boy and a  
good musician - but not in the  
same class with Mr. Brandon as  
an artistic player.

We have had a candidate in  
our pulpit for the last two Sundays  
a Mr. McDowell from Newcastle Pa.

Some of them are very much pleased  
with him, but others are not enthusiastic.  
I am among the latter class. Possibly  
my desire to have Mr. Harrington  
given a hearing - has something to do

with my feelings in regard to  
this man. This man is a descend-  
ant of the Franklin C. McDowells  
and a U. P. who wishes to drop  
the U. and become a P.

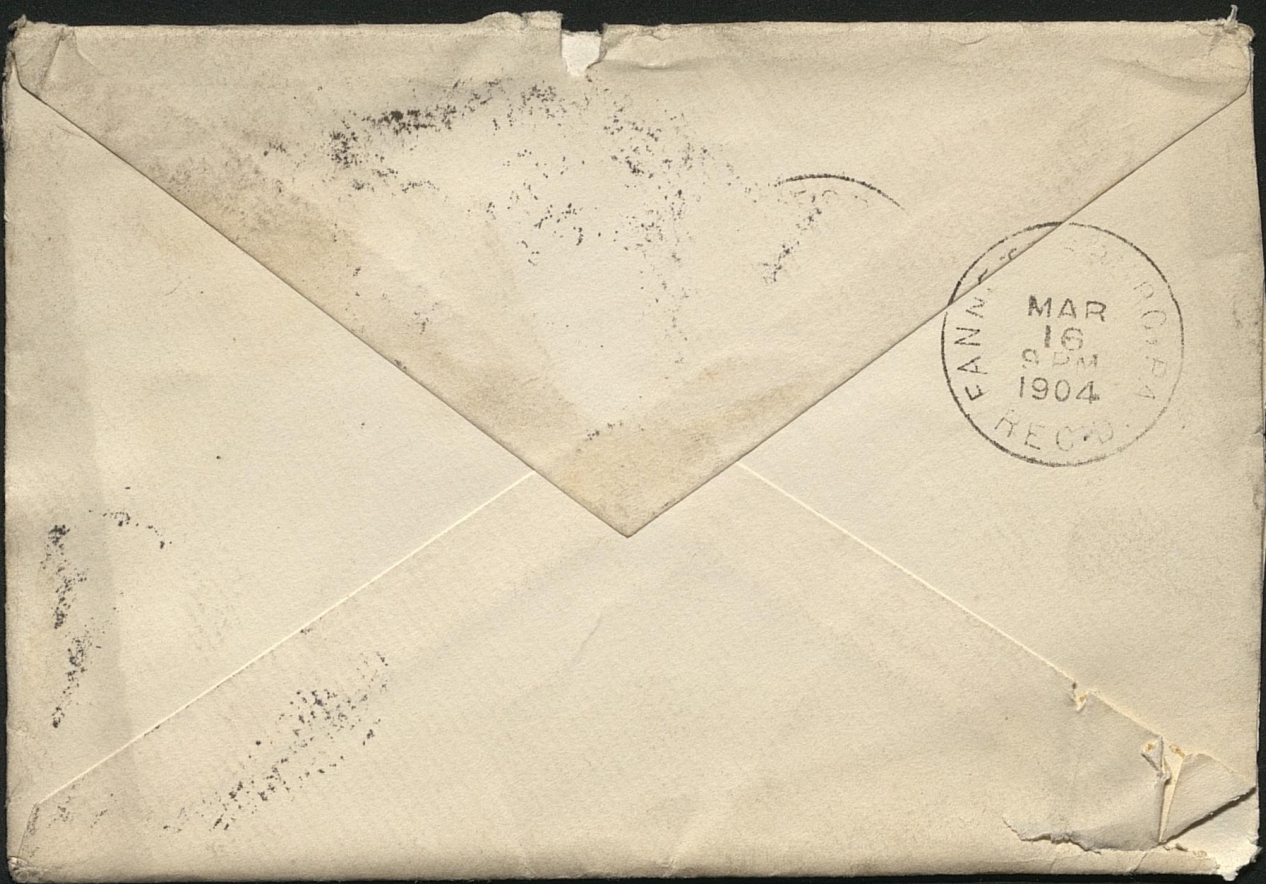
I am surprised to hear that  
the nose of yours has continued to  
give you trouble for so long. I hope  
it has finally stopped. It is good  
that Father still continues to improve.  
I hope he will be careful about  
exertion and thus gain his full  
strength back.

Well I must close for this  
time. I hope this ~~of~~ will find  
you suffering no more ills from  
the disagreeable weather. We have  
been having snow, rain and sleet  
for the last two days.  
With love to all  
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