

brought about by some fellow
who is picking against a
fine which has been justifiably
put upon him.

The Newports have returned
to St. Paul except Nick who is
still in New York City.

Mary Ross Edgerton received
New Year calls, in Mrs Newport's
absence, in St. Paul.

Mr Ross is feeling about as
usual and retires at 8 P.M.
he says the cold weather
is very inconvenient.

With much love to all
the family

Your affection

B. B. Means

[1883]

Marietta Jan 13

Dear Father

We have settled down
to work and are just entering
into the hardest studies of the
year. We are ^{beginning} reading "Minna
von Barnhelm" in German, having
finished "Maffie als Oukel" by Schiller
last term. We will also read
"Wilhelm Tell" by Schiller this term.

Our term bill amounts
to \$18. this term last term it
was \$21.50 and next will be
\$16. this bill is composed
of tuition, warming and care
of public building, library and
society. Those who room in
the dormitory have also room rent

and fuel.

The week of prayer has passed off quietly and we have heard of none who intend to proceed with a revival, although this city could stand a pretty large one, for it surely needs it.

There has been no mischief done since our return but as I remarked at home, there is a set of rascals in College, who can't keep quiet very long. Some of these spirits had a wine supper not long ago, and left several of these members under the tables, so to speak, and now the affair is known all over town but the faculty are still ignorant (?).

We ^{hardly} had some snow, enough to cover the ground but not making very good sleighing.

Last night at 9 P.M. the thermometer was at 20° Fahr but took a sudden change and went up to 35° when we were treated with a shower of sleet & snow, the wind is now S.W. and some snow falling.

Thursday night there ^{is} some coasting done but they could only go a square and a half.

Last Saturday an election was held ^{in Fair Lane} for the purpose of filling the office of Ohio editor. The secret societies cliqued together and put in a person who is entirely unfit for the office. The literary societies of today are of no account compared to what they used to be. The secret societies try to rule and the time which should be occupied in literary exercises is filled with unimportant business.

Marietta College.

Marietta, O., Jan. 13. 1883.

My dear Sir:

Your son, E. Cooke Means, wishes to be excused from the study of Latin this term. Changes of this kind are rarely made, and the desire, or consent, of the parent should accompany the request of the student. We, of course, advise that students should pursue all the studies of the course; but we do not wish to be over-rigid.

It has been stated, though your son has not spoken of it to me, that he designs to devote the next two years to some chemical or kindred work in some Scientific School, as perhaps the School of Mines at New York, where he could spend his time in the practical work of the laboratory and thus make himself an expert. Such a course has advantages for a young man who wishes to support himself as a chemist, or engineer. For one, however, who in the

natural course of things will be a proprietor rather than an employee, a broader training seems preferable. The studies of the last two years of the Colley course embrace general sciences and those higher English branches, political economy, civil polity, &c, &c, which tend to fit one to fill important business positions, as well as to perform well such public duties as are very likely to come upon men of wealth. A man who should be placed in charge of large business enterprises must employ experts to attend to certain operations, and these can be found. He cannot devote himself to them without sacrificing more important interests. While he can employ experts in chemistry, engineering &c, he must himself do the head work, the thinking, for his establishment. This he cannot devolve upon another. According to my observation the young man who is trained to do some one single thing is not fitted in the best way to control men and manage a large business.

Yours truly,

J. W. Andrews.

John Means, Esq.

Adelant Ky, 14th Janry 1883.

Dear Cooke

We have it pretty cold to day; have had Snow, Sleet and rain, a disagreeable week as far as the weather was concerned. You have no doubt seen in the newspapers, an account of the sudden death of Mr Gaylord. They buried his body in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati. I send you herewith a letter by Post Andross which may present some arguments you have not thought of in the matter. I shall answer him that "I prefer to leave you follow the prescribed course, unless there be danger to your eyes" — Of this you can advise with your Uncle George and be safely governed by what he recommends. This thing of beginning a study and dropping it as soon as it becomes distasteful, is too much like Lew Purvann coming away to see his mother, and I don't like to have you do so. If you can't keep up with the classes in the course of study at Marietta

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There is no use to think of trying the
School of Mines, when the requirements
are more exacting, and the course more
difficult. I don't like to think you can't
keep up with the other boys in the classes,
neither do I believe it. I want you
to try and stick it out, but take care of
your eyesight, I don't want you to injure
that. Don't read much more in the text book
than Harry read the papers to you or to tell
you what he has read.

All well. Affectionately
John Meany

Jan 20th 85 —

Dear Cooke

I send you Harry's last letter — There has been great excitement over Geo Hoople's disappearance — It is now thought he fell off the Cincinnati wharf boat, at 5 A.M. Monday a week ago, & was drowned — It was dark & raining & there was a man drowned then & it is now thought to have been George — I have had a very lame hand, from having written 73 notes to people asking them to subscribe to the Parson's salary for 1885 ^{Army took them} & I do that ^{with the salary book} must account for my not writing to you — Did Harry write there were but two in his class

now - Sisson has been spelled
Harry may take an honor yet -
Your father goes to the City of C.
tonight - Bess is going skating
today - Charlie Means has
Peila's place at the Norton
Peila gets \$100 a month in
a lumber firm at Catskill
love + kisses from
Mother

increased. With these
experiences of the years
before, on my return
I determined not to take
up the Latin, was supported
by Uncle George who said
I had better continue

I have been through
this year. So I gave our
decision to the faculty.

Pres A. theories about
a general education
being more advantageous
to man who will be
employed as I expect to be
are all foolishness, for
to be a Furnace man
a person must be a
chemist and metallurgist
and well versed in geology,
if he does not lay the
foundation for these in a
good scientific school

Waukegan Ohio
Jan 21 1883

Dear Father

Your letter enclosing
that of Pres. Andrews came
to hand.

The Pres had asked me
what I had intended to
do about Latin I told
him that I did not expect
to take it up again. He
asked for no reasons and
none were given.

On the receipt of your
letter I was surprized
to see his ~~to~~ enclosed
but after reading it came
to the conclusion that it

was written more to induce you to send me back here next year than to have me take up Latin, for Pres. A. knew that I was taking what French I could in place of the Latin and that in the first year of my studies here, ~~that~~ I was compelled to give up all work for about a month on account of my eyes and that time was about Feb 24.

From that time on to the end of the College year or until I returned home sick with the Measles I could not study at night the summer vacation I saw Dr. Williams and

was advised to give up all reading or study until fall, which I did.

Beginning that fall in the Freshman year, I took all the studies required and managed to pull through until February when my eyes again giving out was compelled to give up the German.

At the beginning of this School year I exchanged the German for the Latin dropping the Latin and taking short French lessons in place. Never using my eyes at night for study or reading. Experienced but little trouble except at the end of the term when my eyes became weaker I believe my near sightedness

night or not. The faculty
are supposed at least
to visit tell the boys in
the dormitory once a term
or year but there are boys
who have been here
4 or 5 years and never have
the faculty darkened their
doors. I suppose you
are tired out by this time
and need rest. so good
by with much love to
all & remain
Your affson

B. B. Means

P. P. My inability to keep up
with my class, has never been
shown by even a word
from the faculty, I was
admitted into college on my
standing in the Acad. without
examination.

Lizzy, Aunt Mag, and Jim
arrived yesterday noon.

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he must take a practical
course at great disadvan-
tages. In going through
a good scientific school
he learns all the modern
ideas and is not confined
to a local sphere, his
knowledge embraces some-
thing more than a smattering
of geology and few experiments
in poorly equipped laboratory.
The ideas of the Constitution
by Andrews can be easily
picked up outside, political
economy will never be of
benefit unless you have
good common sense
After going through a

good scientific course
a person has ~~is~~ what
might be styled a trade
and on which he might
fall back if necessity
compells. While a college
course such as Marietta
presents is only a drill
and of no business value.

It was originally intended
for a school to prepare
students for the Seminary
and a person who in-
tends to be a business
man has still to ~~be~~
prepare even a foundation
for business.

The spirit of the College
itself is enough to disgust
one coming here from
a half decent college
Students are allowed

to come and go when
they please, cut ves.
and chapel services
The faculty make no
efforts to protect the
students property from
another, have no voice
in the literary ~~societies~~ ^{societies}

Allow wine suppers to
be given. and some of
the students are seen
drunk on the campus
but the faculty remain
in blissfull ignorance
of all such proceedings.

Literature containing profane
and obscene language is
spread through the college
and town and pasted in
public places yet the
faculty don't even so much
as try to find out whether
all the students were in that

Marietta O
Jan 25 1883

Dear Father,

Please send us
Fifty Dollars (\$50) to pay our
months board. We have enough
to pay tuition.

Thermometer. This morning
registered -11- with a clear
cold day and will probably
go pretty low tonight.

Please send us a few
copies of the "^{picture}City of Ashland"
without ~~a~~ frames, if you
can spare any.

Saw notice of purchase of
mill in Portsmouth. Were you
not a stockholder?

Mrs Winnie Pontius is
suffering from the effect of
a fall, being thrown from
her horse.

Mr. W. R. Rathbone, who
lives just above town, seems
to be sick with the same
trouble. Mr Smith has but
worse, he has great internal
pains and the Drs are unable
to give relief. He will probably
die before long.

The new Greek Prof has
arrived, - a young man
from Princeton '81, been abroad
two years, recommended by Prof
Orvis, We have not seen him
yet but hear that he
resembles a dude. The
boy anticipate much pleasure
from him and to be inflicted
upon him.

Last Saturday night the
 folks thought to do the
 elegant so they gave a
 leap-year party and took
 us up in the country in
 a big sleigh. The affair
 was novel and amusing,
 so well did they behave
 that we are willing they
 should try it again. We had
 19 in our sleigh. See notice
 in Tuesday's ⁽¹²⁾ Register.

We have been having some
 very interesting experiments in
 Electricity with Prof Bissol
 and enjoy it very much.

Coasting is very good but
 too cold for comfort.

This is the night our dancing
school meets for the last time.
We have had lots of fun but
not much instruction.

Some talk of another term
of 6 lessons. I hope they will
have it for I have no recitation
Saturday and it will not
interfere with my studies.

Love to all. Both well.

Yours truly

E. C. Meads

Atlanta Ky, 28th Jan'y 1883

Dear Cooke

Your of 21st came to hand
Sunday, is quite lengthy, has
some good argument in it
and some very poor -

It is hardly fair to say the
Faculty permit infractions
of the college rules, because
every lawbreaker is not
detected and punished.

I was in Co. this week
and met Aunt Maggie, Jim
and Lizzie.

Maggie and Jim left
Wednesday evening in the
Sherlock for New Orleans
They had found no one

when I saw at the boat shortly
before she left, with whom
they were acquainted,
Had expected Mrs W.W. Culbertson
to go down with them, but
at the last she concluded
she could not leave
home. Lizzie came down
with me in the Bertram.
The river was filled with running
ice most of the trip, and
Lizzie, ^{was} fearful of accidents,
she hardly slept on the
way - I don't think she has
enjoyed her trip very much,
I expect Mr. Winslow in the
morning, and will go with him
to Lowmoo. She made 788 + tons
week ending 20th inst. It is raining
all day, dark and disagreeable.

Affectionately

John Kemp

You go & see Mrs. Maria Hastings
& tell her the fund for Sparks the
bright of Snow, for one, came to
hand all right & I am much
obliged to her for her trouble.

Ashland Jan 1883.

My Dear Cooke & Harry -

Your
father has gone to the City & we
feel quite lonely - We have so much
bad weather this winter - the streets
are so muddy, that I have not been
out in a carriage for weeks - & as I
cant walk much, I have been very
much kept at home - I have finished
getting up Mr. Condit's Salary for 1883 -
& feel quite relieved - I have paid up five \$5.
pieces for each of you boys - I wrote
about sixty notes to people asking them
to renew their subscriptions on the book -
& sent them around by Harry Gilbert, &
as he would not ride, it took him
five days, to get around - Hannah

did most of his work. He will come
out about \$300 - ahead of last year - Thanks
to Grandpa's family. It is kind dull here
this winter for married people - only one
tea party (a bird supper at Dr. Mont's)
The terrible times last fall cast such
a gloom over the place that it will
take months, to recover from it -

I am sorry that Cooke & his father
& Pres. Audleins can't agree on the Latin
question - For my part, I am willing
he should not study it, but his
father, thinks, he takes up German &
Latin & drops them again, too often
that he does not stick to a thing
long enough, & he don't want him
to get in such habits. Which
uncle has the Carbuncle? I am
sorry to hear of the ^{Covfey} toothache -

Don't skate on the river, unless you are
sure it is perfectly safe - Mrs Russell
feels uneasy about John's skating on
the Muskegon

Love to Uncle George & Miss
Sarah & love & kisses to yourselves
from your aff Mother

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 2nd May, 1883.

Martin E. C. Means

Maritta Ohio,

Dear Louke

I have come from Loumoor this morning, and find your letter to your mother. Herewith find A.N. Bank draft on First Nat Centre = fifty (\$50+) dollars as requested. Am sorry to hear that you have been so troubled by that tooth, and that George has a carbuncle. Hope the work is over for both of you.

Loumoor matters are going very well. Ice made in two weeks ending 27th all 1575 tons, and in the month of January 3364 " the last being the biggest month work she has done.

All pretty well, nearly every one having a cold.

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John Means

Book	50			170
AD-	1'50			105
Ado	'95	65		90
Collars	85	38		45
Ad	1'25			100
	'38			5.10
	'65			
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	6.10			
	1.03			
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	5.07			

[6 Feb 1883]

Present -	1'25
23 B.P.C.	50
New	
linen -	57
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	1'32

Row 2 of No 2
 Also persons for
 tracks and equipment for
 same road -

Trip South 1883 -

Left Ashland for Lexington
Tuesday Feb 6th 1883 - in company
with Rose Means for Florida &c
Left at 10.4 A.M. Reached Lexington
2.50 P.M. Had a pleasant ride
in a nice Pullman, almost to
ourselves - The day very rainy
at Morehead passed Neal & Craft
on Special train guarded with
500 soldiers in 5 coaches & with
2 cannon - on their way to their
trial at Grayson - Had to
go about a mile after reaching
Lexington to the Depot & Office
of the Cincinnati Southern
to buy through tickets to Florida
got them for \$32.85 & will leave
on the 12 train tomorrow morning
on a through train to Savannah
with a dining car attached -

by blacks - All through the South
there seems a great absence of
glass windows. ~~most~~ of the houses
have shutters & no glass - when
they want light & air they leave
the door open - ~~most~~ of the
population in the Country are
blacks & very ragged particularly
the children - yet they are a happy
looking set - Saw waggons with
one old ox harnessed up in them
& a good many goats - the cows
look very poor & small ^{low set} -
Milk must be scarce - We came
to the famous Charleston Hotel -
considered the best at the South
next to the St Charles at New Orleans
it resembles the Burnside House & has
a dining room much like it - The
table is very good - It is cool enough
for a fire in one room - We walked
out to King Street & did some shopping -
was rather disappointed in their stores -
not as fine as I expected though we
may not have found the best
King Street is their best street -

Ashland to Lexington	3.75
Sleeping car daytime -	.75
tickets to Jacksonville	
Florida + back -	32.85-
Sleeping car to Savannah	5.00
Pulaski #4 a day	5.00
Savannah to Charleston	4.00
Charleston Hotel a day	4.00
Charleston to Savannah	5.00
to Simplex Hotel	1.00
Charleston Jacksonville	4.00
Fare to St Augustine	2.25
Magnolia Hotel St Augustine	4.00
Beach Road to Seaside	1.25
Boat to Palatka from Seaside	.50
Fare to Silver Springs up	7.00
Ocklawaha River	
Putnam House Palatka	\$12 round trip
Fare Palatka to Jacksonville	4.00
Green Cove to Magnolia	1.50
Cleaveland Hotel Green Cove Springs	4.00

Checked 25.

4th 9th Reached Savannah Thursday afternoon
 at 5 P.M. Cars due at 3 P.M. Enjoyed the
 trip more than any Southern trip I ever
 made. The cars were very comfortable
 just about the right heat & the ^{Road} ~~condition~~
 smooth - & the tables were set in each
 section & the cooking very good - Jensen
 steak - Spring Chicken &c. - very pleasant
 conductor & porter - We were on about
 30 hours - and I was not much
 fatigued - Today we are at the
 Pulaski house & this morning have
 been taking a drive to the beautiful
 cemetery of Bonaventure 4 miles
 from the city - it has immense
 live oaks over 110 years old all
 draped in the Southern moss
 some of it a yard in length - the
 finest I have seen anywhere - the
 trees meet overhead & you feel like
 you were in some grand old
 Cathedral looking down through
 arches draped with funeral banners
 the avenues are all planted lined
 with these grand old live oaks
 hundreds of them & very nice &

Shrub is covered with the lovely
 moss hanging from its branches -
 there were many japonica trees
 in full bloom - the largest red
 blossoms I have ever seen - for
 natural beauty I have never seen
 any cemetery equal Bonaventure -
 The roads were very dry & no dust
 & we saw peas in bloom - daffodils
 jonquils hyacinths & other flowers -
 we came back by Thunderbolt where
 there are boat houses & shops &
 houses where in summer you
 can get ice cream & in winter you
 spent the evening in the parlor &
 made the acquaintance of several
 pleasant ladies - Feb 10th left this
 morning at 7 1/2 a.m. for Charleston
 S.C. & reached here at 1 1/2 P.M. - The
 road lay most of it through
 swamps - saw some forests com-
 pletely covered with long southern
 moss & some magnificent live
 oaks - the country all flat with
 the usual southern vegetation
 many poor houses uninhabited

Ashland to Lexington	7'50
Sleeping car	1'50
Omnibus -	1'00
tickets to Jacksonville	65'70
& back -	
trunk transfer	25
Phenix Hotel Lexington	5'50
Bus	65
Hotel Car (breakfast)	25
Dinner	1'70
Sleeping	10-
dinner on car	1'35
Bar porter	50
Provisions to Savannah	1'00
Pulaski Hotel	
Book & presents	5'07
lace & collar & gloves	1'28
Pulaski Hotel	21'50
Bus	1'00
tickets to Charleston	10'00
Bus to Charleston	1'00
dinner in Charleston	1'50
Charleston Hotel	36'05
tickets to Savannah	10' -

Sleeper	2'00
Boarding	1'00
to Savannah	1'00
Jacksonville Store	2'32
Hotel Carleton Jacksonville -	13'50
Boat Sylvester + H. C. Cars to St. Augustine -	4'50
Bus - St. Augustine -	1'00
State Fair Jacksonville	3'00
Ride + Guide to St. Augustine	3'25
Magnolia Hotel St. Augustine	24'35
Boat to Palatka	1'00
	(15)
Hotel Putnam Palatka	8'50
Shoe buttons -	25
Porters	25
	1'00
Sandwich -	70
Ocklawaha wire boat trip	24'00
Porters -	75
Breakpin	1'25-
Fare Palatka to Jacksonville (8'00)	8'00
Fare from Green Cove to Magnolia	50
Porter	25
Clarendon Hotel Green Cove	8'00
Ship ride to Governors Creek	1'00
Tickets to Fernandina Beach	6'00
present	75
Hair pin	30
Lunch -	1'05-
Duval Jacksonville	24'50
Sleeper to Tyngton	17
Meals on Sleeper -	5'10
Ride + porters on car + bus -	3'15-

Saxington Feb. 7th 83 -

Dear Harry + Cooke

Rose + I are here today. Thus far on our road to the Sunny South. The land of Sunshine + Flowers - Florida - Molly Russell got home from Florida on Saturday + gave such a glowing description of her travels through that country that it made me feel like I would like to go myself - So Monday I got your fathers consent to let us go. He was afraid Rose would get sick + he would be lonesome - but as I am not going to Cedar Keys. Key West or Havana, I hope I will not go into any very sickly places - + we are both in good health to start on - We could not get round trip tickets to start on from Ashland, but have got them here + will leave today for Savannah on a Pullman with a dining car + will not have to change cars till we get to Savannah - which I think will be very nice - We met Neal + Craft + 500 Soldiers on a special train. + 2 Cannon. going to the

trial at Grayson - which begins
today + I hope the matter will
be settled before long - for I am
tired as I can be hearing of it -
The soldiers will have to camp
out if it rained hard yesterday +
half of them will be sick after it
Sam Ireland is ticket agent now
+ I bought my ticket to Lexington
from him - Maggie Cotes has
got home from Washington where
she has had a splendid time -
Mollie Russell looks well after
her trip South - Bert Warner
looks perfectly happy since her
return - There is nothing new in
Ashland - it is duller this winter
than I ever knew it - Minnie Hildner
is to come next week to help Bess
keep house - Bess anticipates such
a good time she was anxious to
have ~~the~~ start - I hope Lily will
come out in the Spring in time to see
you - What time is your Spring
vacation? Tell George I am very sorry
to hear of his carbuncle & that a
poultice of bridled carrots is the Ashland
remedy - but I hope he is now better -
Love to Uncle George Ross + Sarah
Love + kisses to both of you from your aff -
mother -

Kubaski House Savannah Ga.
Fri, Feb. 9th 1883.

My Dear Father

We reached here last night about 5 and found it much warmer and pleasanter than it was in Lexington. Sunday night, it rained there and was quite cold, and here it was very comfortable and we did not need any fire.

This morning we took a long drive out to Bonaventure Cemetery and enjoyed it very much, and since our return we have had a little wood fire in our room.

We saw a few peach trees in bloom and quite a number of flowers, camellias, daffodils, jonquills and hyacinths, and a good many shrubs are ready out

from Lexington and did not have to change cars
any where and we can go through from Jacksonville
to Lexington in 24 hours without changing when we
come home,

Practically every one on the train was going to
Jacksonville and from there to Ch. Augustin and
other places, and only a few were coming entirely for
their health. They were just wanting to get away from
home on a trip and there were some quite nice
people. There even to be a good many here at this
Hotel and they say all the hotels are full this
season as so many are travelling in the South,

Hoping that your school is better and that you are
all well. I remain with much love to everyone

Your loving daughter
Pess, Nevada,

in Honor.

The train we were on was
nearly two hours late and
did not make connections with
the Jacksonville train and the
people all had to wait over till
11 at night and a good many came
to our hotel and waited over till
today, and some are going from
here by boat.

We will leave here in the
morning and go to Charleston
and spend Sunday and Monday
and then go to Jacksonville, and
I wrote to Aunt Mag at N-C, thinking
she and Cousin Jim might like
to come there and we could
visit some places together and
perhaps go home together.

Have you heard from them
that they have set a time to go
home? and where have they
visited besides N-C?

We were on a the Hotel car

[11 Feb 1883]

Charleston ^{the} 24/1/1883. The
ladies at this Charleston
Hotel are not dressed as
much as at Savannah at the
Pulaski Hotel. Today went
to the ^{Cephal} Presbyterian Church near
the Hotel Dr. Jenkins
preaching nothing extra. Con-
gregation not very large. Church
finished in white & stained with
<sup>Communion table with
Pulpit</sup> a gallery for the
blacks. Old fashioned but
very clean & neat. Very
few ladies wore any wraps
as the day is quite warm

it is quite windy & dusty -
The ladies are not as
handsomely dressed as
at New Orleans or Memphis.
Many of them in black.
We have a nice room on
the Parlor floor. The
ceiling is high & the grate
holds about ^{the} a gallon full
of coal - but as they burn
Anthracite it warmed the
room very well. These small
baby grates are a curiosity to
a Northerner - We took a
trip to Magnolia Cemetery -
a very beautiful Cemetery
3 miles from the City. It has

Several lakes with bridges
& has ~~one~~ the largest
live oak tree I have ever seen
there are many large live
oaks scattered through the
grounds & magnolias - Camellias
in bloom & many other trees
& nearly all are covered
with the Southern moss
It is very long & grows
more luxuriantly on the
trees than any place we
have seen except Bonaventure
Many of the live oaks over
hang the little lakes & draped
in the moss the reflection in

the water is beautiful -
There are some handsome
monuments - one of Sims the
novelist & of old Mr Washington
Mrs Langdon with her bust
made in Italy - The first tomb
went also in the Catholic cemetery
Saturday we went shopping but I
was disappointed in their stores
not as fine as I expected -

Monday Feb 11th - This morning we
took a L'houm side through
the City - Rode through the
grounds of the German Consul
there was a very pretty
many & in a cage some marmosets
who resemble monkeys & are about
as big as squirrels - real cute
little creatures, I never saw any

before - some very pretty painted
& parquets - Also a handsome
gilted with statuary - The residence
was quite handsome - we rode
to the Battery which is quite
a promenade & saw the sea
wall - saw the Citadel - & rode
through the Arsenal - now a
Catholic school - Saw a nice
mill - nearly all the churches
St Michaels 100 years old
Most of the houses opposite
the Battery have 2 porches &
some have four porches or more
another - every dwelling house
in Charleston seems to have
one or two porches - Many of the
houses are of wood & most of

them are square houses very
plain & you see very few
towers or bay windows or
fancy porches - there were
many japonicas in bloom
the single red make the
largest shrub - Saw a few
rangers on trees - the wild
ranger - Willows just coming
into leaf - The population is
near 5000 - more than half
colored - There are a great
many old looking houses
& but few new ones -
heavy thunder storm this
afternoon - Feb 12th Tuesday
this morning walked through
the market & houses - saw

all the fish & vegetables +
some very large oranges +
white grapes 25¢ lb - at the
foot of the street found the ferry
took the boat Pocahontas a small
steamer for Fort Sumpter
made the whole trip in from 10
1 A.M. Stopped at Sullivan Island
the Long Branch of the South
& saw Fort Moultrie & Castle
Pinckney ^{aka Fort Mifflin} & Fort Sumpter is
well worth a visit - it has
a good many cannon in
position - it is built of brick
& is underground most of it
one of the guns takes 450 lb of
shot + 75 lbs of powder + shot
16 miles - there were a good
many arches underground

& paths but it is very damp
& mouldy + the guns rusty -
the ocean was quite rough -
there were a good many ships
but not near as many as N. York -
they had a ship load of crabs at
the ferry - Feb 15 - Left Charleston
for Savannah at 3 P.M. reached
Savannah at 8 P.M. - went to the
Pulaski - Left the city was
very crowded with the Bi centennial
celebration - Having had a
big procession with tableaux of
trades on floats & military the
day before - Feb 14th - Left Savannah
for Jacksonville at 11 A.M. reached
Jacksonville at 6.40 P.M. went
to the Carleton House - air
very pleasant + windows

open - the city very crowded
on account of ^{the State} Fair going
on - got a room high up as
a great favor - Elevator out
of order - Hotel nothing extra
nothing to be compared with the
Charleston Hotel - Everett House
is very large - Went shopping
found things very cheap -
Jan 15 ~~Monday~~ Thursday went to
the State Fair. The Floral
Hall looked natural - bread-
cakes - Jellies &c as usual
Fig preserves - orange wine &
in the center - a most
magnificent display of
oranges - lemons & shaddocks

of immense size - particu-
larly the lemons - The shaddocks
are a lemon color - shaped like
an orange & large as three common
oranges - To see a display of
oranges was something new
at a Fair for me - also
saw arrow root - it is white
& in joints & as long as a
common carrot - Canby root
& ~~fajina~~ roots of which
fajina is made - Cotton
plants - Cotton bales - peas
pea nuts - beans - corn - alligator
teeth in jewelry - a good many
paintings - in oil-water colors &
on satin. Some very pretty

Embroidery in Amisene &c &
quilts - a ^{crappy} quilt or Japanese
rather pretty - & others - in patch
Crochet & knit - a good many
Southern flowers & orange
Hossoms - ^{tag water were} there were
many well dressed people
& a tournament - which we
did not see - We went out
& came in in the Hotel Bar
a ride of 2 miles -

Feb 16th Friday - Left on the
John Sigbee at 9. a. m. for
St Augustine - Thermometer at
Jacksonville yesterday was at
82 - too warm at night for
even a blanket - Had a very
pleasant ride up to Lechi

2 boats came in at the same
time made the little cases that
run 18 miles from ^{Lechi} to S. A. ^{very}
crowded - Came to the Magdalena
& have a comfortable room
Rose likes it better than the
Curlston House Feb 17th
Saturday - Took a ride - went
first to the old fort - walked on the
parapet - wooden buildings still left
where the French Astronomers took
the transit of Venus for which the
French appropriated \$100,000 & this was
the best that was taken in the world -
went into the ^{dry place} ^{to make the calculations} ^{or} ^{make the calculations}
dungeon - where in
2 cages - a male & female skeleton
were found - probably were staved
to death - Saw the hole in the wall
up high, out of which the Indian

prisoner's wild cat. Escaped -
looked through the watch
tower. The fort is made of Coquina
which is a mixture of fine shells &
sand found on Anastasia Island
& hardens in the air - it was 100 years
in building & completed in 1756
It has portcullis - moat & drawbridge
look out tower & its massive walls are
dark & moss grown with age &
the stairs of which you ascend
to the Parapet are nearly worn
out - next we noticed the sea
wall - a mile in length 4 feet wide
built of Coquina & granite. - next
to the U.S. Barracks - among the
finest in the country 2 Companies &
a band here at present - then
rode through the City Gate

Said to be the only one in the U.S. -
Saw the old Cathedral built in 1793 -
went into it yesterday - The old Huguenot
Burying ground - with 3 pyramids
under which are buried 107 killed
by Indians & some other very old
graves - Saw the old Slave Market
House - the oldest Coquina House
the narrowest street too narrow for
a carriage - The old Spanish
houses have balconies overhanging
the street & some of the streets
have a very foreign look & are
very narrow - went out to
Williams Garden & Nursery
where we drove through the
longest Avenue of large
pleaser trees I ever saw - must
be beautiful when they bloom

In April - Saw date palms
Cabbage palms &c - oranges are in
bloom now - & many lovely roses
Some handsome residences,
belong to New Yorkers & Bostonians
& c. - & one to Alexander the
Stock raiser of Kentucky -
Last night had a fine ball
at the Hotel. & some handsomely
dressed ladies & soldier boys
The dining room was decorated
with palmetto leaves & Spanish
moss - very handsome &
appropriate - have met
many ladies but as they go
to different hotels don't see them
again often - plenty of old people
& everybody looks as if they
were having a good time

[Feb 1883

St Augustine Sunday Feb
Met Mr. Parsons & family who
owns Natural Bridge Va -
Took us to ^{First} Church - intense heat
thermometer 85. An old agent
for Home Missions preached 2
hours nearly - interesting but
tiresome - Church so busy was
afraid of a stiff neck - Sales in
the afternoon from Mrs. Tapp &
Miss Menard ^{field} of Worcester Mass -
who are next of Code in the same
stage with coming out of the
Yosemite - she is depending
the winter here, pays for her
room \$5. a week for board at
another house \$8. a week -
Mr. Parsons goes yacht riding

every day with the family & the
children ride the Swamp ponies
the size of Shetland ponies -
they have been here a month
but the morning the parlors were
full - An old gentleman told
us of the Carolina Moravians -
He had a big storm at night
& the thermometer stood near
50 this morning - entirely too
cool without a fire - our
room opens on a porch & is
delightful in warm but not in
cool weather as there is no fireplace
Left for Palatka at 11. A.M. little
cars not very crowded - Came on
the Baya - to Palatka ^{more} ^{by way} - Mrs. Slippy
of Mass - Came with us - Came
to the Putnam house - Little

crowded particularly for dinner
The house is much enlarged
since I was first here -
Orange trees in bloom. walked
to the stores - Some very pretty
stuffed birds in the stores -
+ the usual Florida Curiositys
but not as cheap as Jacksonville -
did not sleep well on account of
the cold - talked to a Canada lady
who had been wrecked on a train
near St Paul. The thermometer is
below zero walked a mile in the
snow + froze her feet + her husband's
were + checked - Tuesday Feb 20
Came up the Oklawaha on
Steamer Osceola - a party from
Tombville on board - day

Cloudy + Cool - Pond lilies in
bloom + trees green as summer
Pond lilies yellow variety - Saw one
alligator - 1st Day Charming +
bright Sat on deck all day - 2nd
Passengers made acquaintance of
nearly all a very pleasant set - reached
Silver Springs at day light - went
in a ship with ~~two~~ ^{two} turtles -
Sand in masses like ⁵ ⁶ ⁷ ⁸ ⁹ ¹⁰ ¹¹ ¹² ¹³ ¹⁴ ¹⁵ ¹⁶ ¹⁷ ¹⁸ ¹⁹ ²⁰ ²¹ ²² ²³ ²⁴ ²⁵ ²⁶ ²⁷ ²⁸ ²⁹ ³⁰ ³¹ ³² ³³ ³⁴ ³⁵ ³⁶ ³⁷ ³⁸ ³⁹ ⁴⁰ ⁴¹ ⁴² ⁴³ ⁴⁴ ⁴⁵ ⁴⁶ ⁴⁷ ⁴⁸ ⁴⁹ ⁵⁰ ⁵¹ ⁵² ⁵³ ⁵⁴ ⁵⁵ ⁵⁶ ⁵⁷ ⁵⁸ ⁵⁹ ⁶⁰ ⁶¹ ⁶² ⁶³ ⁶⁴ ⁶⁵ ⁶⁶ ⁶⁷ ⁶⁸ ⁶⁹ ⁷⁰ ⁷¹ ⁷² ⁷³ ⁷⁴ ⁷⁵ ⁷⁶ ⁷⁷ ⁷⁸ ⁷⁹ ⁸⁰ ⁸¹ ⁸² ⁸³ ⁸⁴ ⁸⁵ ⁸⁶ ⁸⁷ ⁸⁸ ⁸⁹ ⁹⁰ ⁹¹ ⁹² ⁹³ ⁹⁴ ⁹⁵ ⁹⁶ ⁹⁷ ⁹⁸ ⁹⁹ ¹⁰⁰ ¹⁰¹ ¹⁰² ¹⁰³ ¹⁰⁴ ¹⁰⁵ ¹⁰⁶ ¹⁰⁷ ¹⁰⁸ ¹⁰⁹ ¹¹⁰ ¹¹¹ ¹¹² ¹¹³ ¹¹⁴ ¹¹⁵ ¹¹⁶ ¹¹⁷ ¹¹⁸ ¹¹⁹ ¹²⁰ ¹²¹ ¹²² ¹²³ ¹²⁴ ¹²⁵ ¹²⁶ ¹²⁷ ¹²⁸ ¹²⁹ ¹³⁰ ¹³¹ ¹³² ¹³³ ¹³⁴ ¹³⁵ ¹³⁶ ¹³⁷ ¹³⁸ ¹³⁹ ¹⁴⁰ ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴² ¹⁴³ ¹⁴⁴ ¹⁴⁵ ¹⁴⁶ ¹⁴⁷ ¹⁴⁸ ¹⁴⁹ ¹⁵⁰ ¹⁵¹ ¹⁵² ¹⁵³ ¹⁵⁴ ¹⁵⁵ ¹⁵⁶ ¹⁵⁷ ¹⁵⁸ ¹⁵⁹ ¹⁶⁰ ¹⁶¹ ¹⁶² ¹⁶³ ¹⁶⁴ ¹⁶⁵ ¹⁶⁶ ¹⁶⁷ ¹⁶⁸ ¹⁶⁹ ¹⁷⁰ ¹⁷¹ ¹⁷² ¹⁷³ ¹⁷⁴ ¹⁷⁵ ¹⁷⁶ ¹⁷⁷ ¹⁷⁸ ¹⁷⁹ ¹⁸⁰ ¹⁸¹ ¹⁸² ¹⁸³ ¹⁸⁴ ¹⁸⁵ ¹⁸⁶ ¹⁸⁷ ¹⁸⁸ ¹⁸⁹ ¹⁹⁰ ¹⁹¹ ¹⁹² ¹⁹³ ¹⁹⁴ ¹⁹⁵ ¹⁹⁶ ¹⁹⁷ ¹⁹⁸ ¹⁹⁹ ²⁰⁰ ²⁰¹ ²⁰² ²⁰³ ²⁰⁴ ²⁰⁵ ²⁰⁶ ²⁰⁷ ²⁰⁸ ²⁰⁹ ²¹⁰ ²¹¹ ²¹² ²¹³ ²¹⁴ ²¹⁵ ²¹⁶ ²¹⁷ ²¹⁸ ²¹⁹ ²²⁰ ²²¹ ²²² ²²³ ²²⁴ ²²⁵ ²²⁶ ²²⁷ ²²⁸ ²²⁹ ²³⁰ ²³¹ ²³² ²³³ ²³⁴ ²³⁵ ²³⁶ ²³⁷ ²³⁸ ²³⁹ ²⁴⁰ ²⁴¹ ²⁴² ²⁴³ ²⁴⁴ ²⁴⁵ ²⁴⁶ ²⁴⁷ ²⁴⁸ ²⁴⁹ ²⁵⁰ ²⁵¹ ²⁵² ²⁵³ ²⁵⁴ ²⁵⁵ ²⁵⁶ ²⁵⁷ ²⁵⁸ ²⁵⁹ ²⁶⁰ ²⁶¹ ²⁶² ²⁶³ ²⁶⁴ ²⁶⁵ ²⁶⁶ ²⁶⁷ ²⁶⁸ ²⁶⁹ ²⁷⁰ ²⁷¹ ²⁷² ²⁷³ ²⁷⁴ 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Place by ~~land~~ + 60 by ~~land~~ ^{river}
The wheel is up inside the boat +
so as to go over logs + the window
is protected by outside blinds
as the boat is so narrow she has
to go crashing among the trees
& we stuck several times + cross
ways she just ^{beached} ~~filled~~ the river - the
sentinel are 2 trees 2 feet apart
which we can just pass through
we saw a good many Swamp turkeys
+ 10 alligators + 12 turtles -
we had 10 kinds of ~~delicious~~ ^{delicious} food
all very good + very good table -
slept well first night - 2 day tooth
headache then ^{state} ~~from~~ ^{state} ~~bring~~ too close
killed an immense spider on my
bed - Ochlockonee the prettiest
trip in Florida - the stations of

one house are about 25 miles
apart + the Swamp in some places
5 miles wide + almost all the
way of 100 miles - occasionally there
will be a little high land + a house +
an orange grove - Orange juice
can be had for 2 or 3 or 5 or 10¢
so did Mr. Dunn a gentleman on
the trip whose business is selling
them - ~~peached~~ ^{peached} Palatka at
midnight ^{stayed on boat +} came to the Hotel for
breakfast + had a cold noisy
morning - hope to leave tomorrow
went over to Hart's orange grove
in the afternoon - in the steam
ferry boat - bought oranges +
picked them ourselves - the trees
are over 40 years old - the largest
& oldest in Florida - the ground
is all clean under them pure

White sand - the chickens
& ducks were running under
the trees - & a good many
people in the grove - we bought
6 for \$25 - & if you cut them
on the stem they are 10 cents
apiece - The grove is much
larger than when I was here
before & the orange trees are
in bloom but many of the
oranges are gathered - The
Putnam House was very crowded
& a very noisy place as the
dining room opens into the
parlor - & a violin & piano
were going all the evening -
They have the finest stuffed
birds in the Palatka store that

you see in Florida -
Friday Feb 23^d - Left Palatka
on the Upton Hancock for Green
Cove Springs - left at 8 A.M.
reached Green Cove at 11 A.M.
Came to the Cascade -
Had a good dinner - went
to the swimming bath but
could not get to see it
without a ticket - so did
not go in as we did not
care to bathe - did not take
a row boat as it was too
windy - walked around town
& concluded it was too quiet
here to stay long - met an
amusing old lady from Philadelphia

who gave me an account of her first night in the car. She was afraid to lay down & sat up all night on the edge of her berth. with her clothes on & let her feet hang over. About the custom - she said "Father said any body might know she had not traveled much" - In the evening Rose played games in the parlour - "Boston" How do you like your neighbor - "Catch the head" "Keechie" - more young men here than any place we have seen - Saturday Feb 24th - Came over this morning on Steamer Sylvan Glen to Magnolia Magnolia Hotel - Considered the best hotel in the

South - The Hotel has the best table & is more handsomely furnished than any we have been since the Charleston Hotel - This afternoon took a charming skiff ride up Governor's Creek the scenery ^{was} much like the Oklawaha - except I did not see any palm trees - immense beds of yellow pond lilies - Saw two big moose and snakes & the foxes ^{was} very anxious to kill them ^{but} ^{the} ^{watch} ^{hand} ^{of} ^{them} ^{was} a mile & a half long that we could up - Coming back we landed at the foot of St David's path a beautiful walk along the shore

Among the trees of two miles
to Green Cove - Having seen
the snakes I did not care
to walk far - but it was a
lovely walk among the trees
& vines -

Feb 25th - Sunday spent the day
at Magnolia - very quietly

Feb 26th - Left at 11 A.M. for Jack-
sonville arrived at 1 P.M. went
to the Duval got a pile of
letters + papers - went shopping
found things very high -

Feb 27th - went on the Hotel Excursion
to Fernandina for \$3 - you go to Fernandina
1 3/4 hours ride on the cars - take a
steam boat to Dungenis 8 miles - &
visit the Island - return + have a bus
ride to the Lyndmont Hotel where you get a

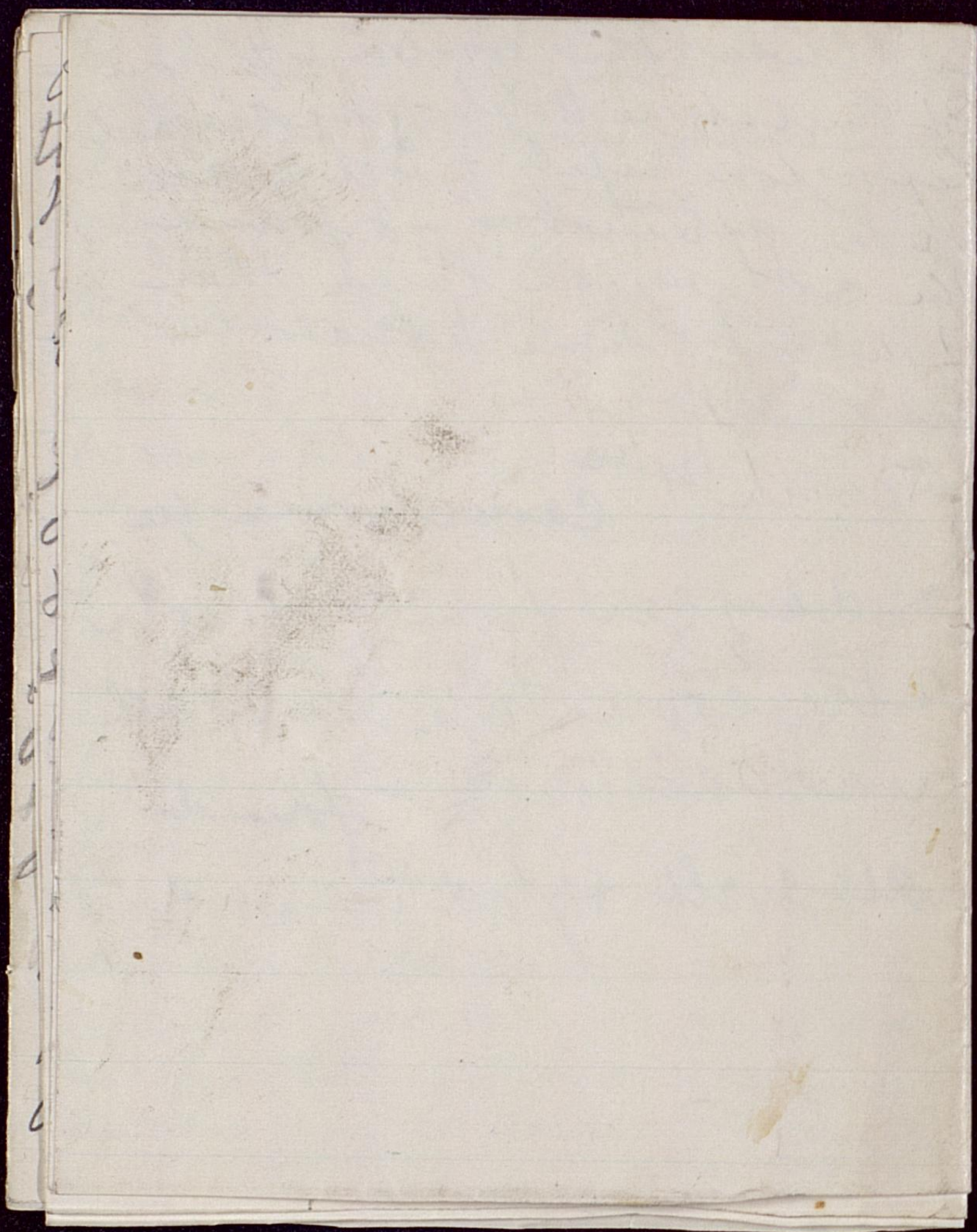
fine dinner + stay till 6 P.M.
When you go in the Hotel Bus to
the Cars + get to Jacksonville at
8:40 P.M. - He reached Fernandina
at 10:40. went on the little Boat +
went out part way on the Bay but
the Capt said the waves were
too high + so we came back - there
was no cabin + the wind was
very cold - so it was a good
thing we came back - He
had a fine dinner + then had
a ride of 1 3/4 hours on the Beach
& gathered sea shells - which were
very plentiful - but the wind was
very cold - The beach is said to
be 25 miles long + as hard + smooth
as a floor - it would have been
a lovely drive if it had not been so
cold -

Feb 28th - We have been shopping this morning & tonight expect to leave for home on the Cincinnati Chicago Hotel Car -

March 3^d - Came on the Hotel Car to Lexington 2 nights & a day + till 3 P.M. Friday - Found the road smooth & car pleasant - but the nights disagreeable as I could not sleep well - Met two pleasant ladies on the car - one Miss Paine from Chicago - & Mr. Thompson from Minneapolis who went over to Kawarona with us, he remembered me - though I did not him - There are an immense number from St Paul & Minneapolis

in Florida this winter - to from St Paul at one Hotel - he reached Lexington safely & took a ride in the afternoon - I found the city much larger than I thought & some handsome residences -

March 4th - Came home in a day car from Lexington a tiresome trip - the road was so rough - found all well & glad to see us



Miss Grouse was drowned
no one seems to know how.
We have heard nothing
about Neal & Craft but
will probably get all our
news at once.

Uncle George still
stays to his room but
is a great deal better.

Mr Ross is unwell but
manages to come to meals.

All the boys are complain-
ing of the dullness and
distemper of this town.

There is no way of amusing
oneself except in boating
and that is cold work.
Harry and I have had
colds and are beginning to
cough.

Your affectionate
O. C. Means

Marietta Feb 11 '58

Dear Mother

High water has
been all the rage for the
last week and today's rain
seems to indicate a contin-
uance. The highest river
we have had for twenty
years, all over Front St
and up to Second on Putnam
it even came up in
our garden. The railroads
are flooded and we have
~~been~~ had no mails for
5 days and there seems
to be no prospect for any
for several more. The
last papers were Sunday's

Consequently we know nothing about the outside world or how the other Ohio Valley towns are flooded. The Merchants on Front & Green streets have all lost considerable property. The rise coming so unexpectedly every merchant has lost something and some as high as \$1,000. The suffering has been very great, people having to move during the night and none being able to help another. Tuesday night nobody supposed there was any danger, but by Wednesday at 9 A.M. Front street was covered so you see it was very sudden. Friday I went out with

the relief boat and we found that every person in the lower part of town, with but one exception Harris, was up in the second story in one or two instances the water was in the air. all who lived in one-story houses were compelled to vacate. In several houses we found three families. In one house, 16 persons in one room. One house contained 8 families. Several places, there were no fires. We distributed 2 skiff loads of provisions, Bread, biscuits, cooked potatoes & beans, cooked meat & ham, honey & coffee. There were two other boats out on the relief besides us. An old lady on Scammel St

building - The Churches are none
of them very large or handsome.
If we had thought of it in time
we could have taken a little boat
at 10. A.M. & gone over to Fort Sumpter
but the boat only goes once a day.
This Charleston Hotel, is not
any better than the Burnett
House - though it is the best Southern
Hotel - The Strawberries are in
blossom & I never saw such
large fields of them anywhere
as they have about Charleston -
I saw some young chickens today
the oysters which they get here
are very tough - Give my
love to all the family -
& love & kisses to yourself
from
Mother



Charleston Feb 11th 1883.

My Dear Gildrest
As we
still in Charleston we
expected to leave today for
Savannah - but as we
were told the hotels would
be so crowded, on account of
a celebration here today - we
concluded to wait & go through
to Jacksonville tomorrow -
to do this we will have to
get up very early tomorrow
as the trains leave at 6. A.M.

Yesterday we took a ride
to Magnolia Cemetery 3
miles from the City. It
has the largest live oak
trees I have seen at the
South. They are hung thick
with the Southern moss. Some
of it over a yard long. It
has several lakes with bridges
across & is a very beautiful
Cemetery. Though I thought
it was not as handsome as
Bonaventure the Cemetery at
Savannah. Today we have
been taking a ride around
Charleston. It has about
50,000 inhabitants - two thirds
of them black. The houses
are most all plain. many
of wood & have porches. Some
three story houses have 3
porches, one above another &
some four story have four porches.
I never saw a City with so
many porches. I ~~think~~ ^{suppose} it
must be very hot here in summer.
They have a great many Mosquitoes
here in summer. They still have up
the Mosquito bars. We drove through
the German Consul's grounds which
are very handsome. Saw the battery
& the sea wall & Fort Sumpter at a
distance. Saw the Citadel &
Arsenal & many churches
The Custom Houses of white
marble - which is their finest.



Each glittering star
on high shall fall
that shines the hour
I met thee
Though others may have
loved thee well
yet never did I meet
one like thee.



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Oh! I know where'er I roam
No charms like thee my head can move
Whom, but to see, is to admire,
And Oh! forgive the words to love
Forgive the word in one who never
With such a word can more offend
And if they heard I could share
Believe me, what I am, they find.

Ever your devoted
Valentine.

S. G.

When those are near
The sweetest joys still sweetest seem
The brightest hopes more bright appear
And life is all our happy dream
When those are near

Rip Vanette is to be here
at the City Hall tomorrow
(Fri) night-

Foggs Ferry 26th -

Mrs. Thomas' son, Kent, is
now playing or singing in
a Mascot Troupe with very
good success.

Hoping that you will
not put off the sending
of those oranges but that
we shall soon have them
I remain your aff son

W. Cooke.

Give our love to Rose

Marietta O.

Feb. 15, 1863.

Dear Mother

Rain is all the
style just at present.

High water has come and
gone but if it continues
to rain as has this week
we will have another
dose, as bad as before.

Marietta experienced the
worst freshet since '60, the
water was 45 ft and 5 ft
more would have put it into
our house. The water backed
up into our orchard via 3rd St.

We only had the morning
recitations from Thurs. to Mon.

I wrote a long letter to you about it addressed to Ashland. You can read the Cincinnati papers and find out how disastrous it was in Cincinnati, & routes and Portsmouth. It has also isolated Grayson from the outside world, it being surrounded by the largest volume of water known to the oldest inhabitant.

Cincinnati has the highest water ever known in the history of that place.

Please send us a box of oranges and we will pay you for them when we reach Ashland, be sure and send them for we will be expecting them. And the last high water has made all the boys feel

blue and as if they needed consolation.

Our class has lost another man he was not able to keep up with his class, Richardson of Marietta.

Uncle George is able to be about but does not go down street.

Mr Ross is very feeble and generally misses one or two meals a day which he takes in bed.

The high water did between 25-~~4~~50,000 worth of damage in this small and ancient place. Every house on the hill now has an occupant and a demand for more.

The college oratorical contest has been postponed for two weeks.

Manietha Feb 17 '83

Dear Father

After our terrible
siege of last week we
are about to suffer
another but one which
will not be so high.
Last week the water was
4 ft on front st this
time just up to or over
to have all seen enough
of high water to last
for several years.

The College Oratorical
contest which was to
have taken place last
week has been put off
until Friday next.

Hildreth wrote to me
last week and asked
permission to use my
gun, you tell yes or no
as you think best.

We received a letter
from mother and Rose
dated in Lexington we
were taken by surprise
for we had no idea of
their taking such a jour-
ney. Mr Rathbone of this
place has purchased an
orange grove in Orange
county Florida. He expects
to spend his winters
there.

Uncle George has recov-
eried enough to come down
stairs but does not
go down street.
Mr Ross is now sick.

We have had no gas
since the 7th and not much
prospects for any very soon
but as the moon is new
we manage to see pretty
well.

What have you heard
from Aunt Meg and Jim
This term is half over
and we are glad of it.
the weather has been so bad
that it has made it very
dull & disagreeable.

Love to all

Your aff son

E. Means

Atland Ky, 21st Feb 1883

Dear brother

Your of 17th inst came to hand yesterday and as I did not write Sunday, will today I sent to you, on the 2nd inst fifty (\$50x) dollars which has not been acknowledged, although letters have been received from both of you. The high water has inconvenienced us some here by cutting off communication with places around us. The Steamboats stopped or were so irregular that one could not depend on them. The Chattahoochee River could not get up Sandy River, the track being over flooded in many places, so they gave up all trains for a week or more. The track between here and Cullitown was so deep in the water near the ^{water} Chattahoochee Junction, that the water put out the fires in locomotion engine; and for several days no trains ran between here and Huntington. The C. & H. R. had portions of their track washed out near Clin Hill and were obliged to transfer passengers

Tom has not said anything to me about your gun. He asked me
some weeks ago if he might take the old musket, and
I told him he might.

around the peak; and only tried to run one train per
day between here and Lexington; failing to get any
through two or three days - The Scioto Valley
has had no trains from Columbus since the
9th, I believe the effort to get through today
they could not come into Portsmouth from Columbus
nor come out this side of Porto. For about a week
the "Stim" transfer steamer has left here at 7 A.M. and
gone up the Scioto 6 or 8 miles above Portsmouth
to some point on the R.R.; and returned here about
7 P.M. bringing mails and passengers. The A.C. & D.R.
has had some slides near the Meigs Tunnel which
delayed a few hours. No dwelling house in
Akland had the water in it; leaked about a
foot of water the floor of the brick house below the
A. Furnace. The water covered the floors of the stick-
house, and casting house, and our pumps so
that we were obliged to stop the F. about a week.

The Norton stopped for want of coke. - Our last letters
from mother and Rose are from Charleston S.C. - Aunt
Maggie and Jim are carrying up the river in the
Guiding Star. We passed Cairo Monday 19th - Are glad to
hear that Henry is better, and hope Mr Ross will soon
be out - Bessie and Tom are well.

Yours affectionately
John Meant

My dear Father,

Mother had just written that we found it very quiet here. We did find it very quiet this afternoon but this evening they played games in the parlor and we had quite a lively time. There are a good many young people boarding here and more young men than we have seen at any hotel before. We ^{will} have had enough of Green Cove by tomorrow and we will take a drive to Magnolia and engage rooms if we can and spend Sunday there if not we will go to Jacksonville, and we will only make one trip from there before we come home, that is to Fernand, where we can go & spend the day - see it all. We will go to another hotel and perhaps we shall like Jay better this time. With love to all I hope to see you Sat. at 7:20 P.M.
 Lovingly, Your Robt.

Green Cove Springs Feb 22nd 83

Dearest John -

Rose says she has not written for nearly a week home - & I am afraid you will be getting uneasy about us - But we have been taking a most delightful trip up the Ocklawaha - which took us two days & two nights. The first day was not too cool - but the next was perfect - & I sat out on the grounds all day & enjoyed it very much - We had a very pleasant set of passengers I think in number - 9 from Louisville some from Philadelphia & New York & we got acquainted with nearly all - I found it much more agreeable than when I went with Bess & Lily - We Crashed in a way

the trees & saw over logs as we did two years ago - the trees were out in full leaf & pond lilies in bloom & we counted 12 Alligators some good sized ones & they set a better table than any of the hotels - It is astonishing to see the amount of people there are here this winter - The hotels are crowded in every town & they all seem to be going to the same places - The orange trees are in full bloom, every where - but most of the orange crop is gathered - At St. Augustine we met Mr. Parsons (who owns the Natural Bridge at Virginia) he has his family & goes here & had been spending a month there - He liked St. Augustine better than any place we have seen - He went to the Magnolia Hotel - which is much larger than when I was there

two years ago - & the Putnam House at Palatka is also much larger - March is their busiest month - The weather has been so warm - that it has been a very much more agreeable trip than my first visit to Florida - The hottest weather we have seen was Sunday at St. Augustine when the thermometer got up to 85 - then it rained & fell down to 50 - We find Green Cove Springs quite quiet - & shall not stay long here - I thought first of going to Sanford & then concluded not to go there - but to come here to ^{W. J. G.} Magnolia - Will go to Jacksonville next & then come home the last of next week - Love to all & give kisses to yourself from Hattie -

[1883?]

Marietta Feb 24

Dear Father,

I acknowledged
the receipt of the \$50 through
Rose ~~or~~ Mother, the letter was
sent to Ashland and probably
reached there after their
departure.

We would like to have
one hundred (\$100) Dollars
sent to us to pay our board
and for other expenditures.

The Oratorical Contest takes
place March 1st and will
cost us about \$2.50 apiece &
more trouble than it is worth.

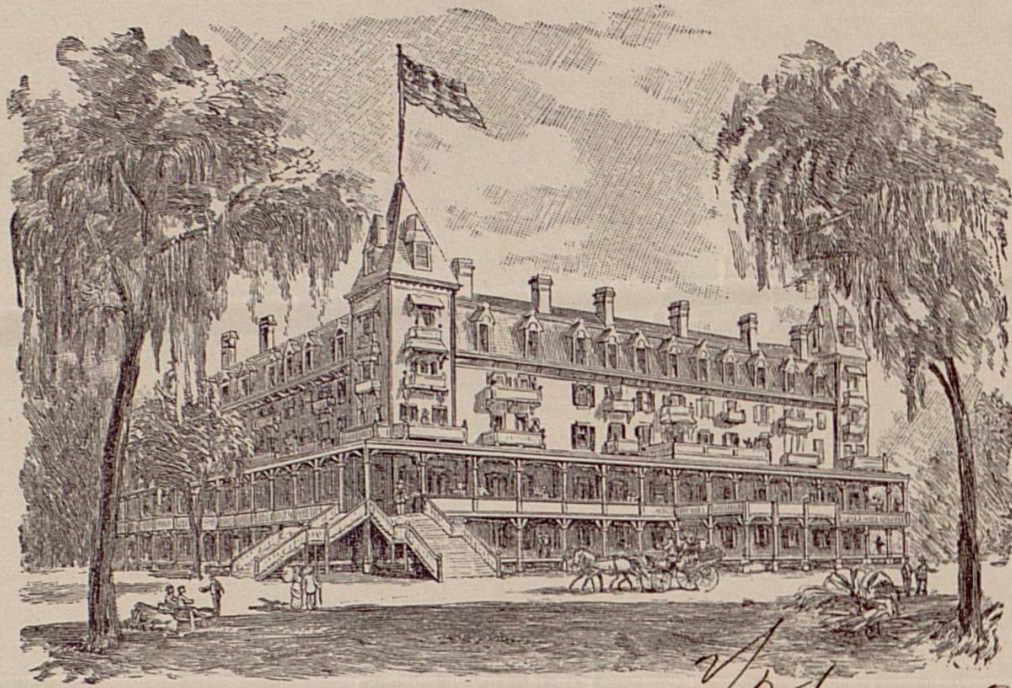
All the Colleges represented
are better than Marietta.

I was on the sick list Fri
with a sick headache from
which I have not recovered
my eyes are worse than for
some time past, and now
wearing blue glasses to write in.

• W. Waters daughter Maimie
died Fri morning; Luther Newport
came from St Paul to be present
at her death bed. Luther takes
it very hard is almost wild
with grief. He fell in love
with her two years ago.

We rejoice in the result
of Crafts trial for we have
• no doubts of his guilt

Your affson
P. C. Means.



MAGNOLIA, (ST. JOHNS RIVER.) FLA. *1/26*1883.

To *Mrs Mears* Dr.
MAGNOLIA HOTEL,

Bills rendered weekly.

O. D. SEAVEY, MANAGER.

To board *2* days *2* persons

18

“ wine

“ livery

“ extra meals

“ laundry

“ boats

“ telegrams

“ fires

“ baths

“ cash

“ express

“ cigars

“ sundries

PAID
O. D. SEAVEY
Per

[Signature]

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 26th May, 1883

Martin E. C. Means
Marietta, Ohio.

Dear brother

Yours of is at hand.
Herewith find draft on Third
Nat'l N. Y. for One hundred
(\$100+) as requested.

Our last from Mother was of 18th and
~~St. Augustine~~
Jacksonville Fla. We have today
letter from Lily of 23rd - All are
well. I hope your eyes will
be better by the time this
reaches you - Maggie and
Jim come Saturday -
Yours Affectionately
John Means

Marietta 2/27/83

Dear Father & Yours
of the 22nd came Monday night -
In which we found a check for
One hundred Dollars (\$100) for which
we are very thankful. And we
are glad to hear that - the high
water did no great damage to
the town. And sorry to hear of the
destruction done to the neighboring
town. We also received a letter
from Lily this morning. In it
we are told how they all are. they
are very well there in Woodhaven
and that - Mrs Smith is improving
slowly at the Hot Springs. ~~an~~ We had
the orations from my class this af-

Tomorrow, Cooke and two other spoke
(but I did not.) there were also two
sophomores who spoke this afternoon
in Chapel. Was upon the hill last
Sunday to see the folks, found all
very well. Aunt B. was stranger
than I have seen her this winter.

With many regards from
your old friend in Marietta and
love from your two boys.

We are all well

Yours truly
Harold Means.

Read and Deliver

Maricetta Feb 27 '83

Dear Father

Now that Mother has gone away will you confer a great favor on us by having our room either papered or painted if that is too much to ask, please have the plastering fixed up so that the cracks will not become so large that it will be a juggle to find the plastering. We have heard of the sleeper who allowed the house to take care of itself for 100 years but even then he could not help it. It has now been 20 years since ours was ~~checked~~ checked for faults and many are the faults that have accumulated since that time. But for the last three years there has been two people who are pretty well acquainted with the aforesaid rooms, who are very anxious for an improvement. If you cannot do ~~any~~ anything more than look at the ceiling and corners even that would

make us believe you could sympathise
with us if you could not help. And
you know we like sympathy.

Yours truly

H. Means.

[1883]

Marietta Marsh

Dear Father

We recieved your draft of \$100 Tuesday night for which accept many thanks.

Thursday and Friday were days at which no one could grumble; although I did hear some one say that pleasant weather in the first meant cold weather in the last part of the month, and therefore they wished it ~~was~~ cold.

The contest resulted in the Wooster College securing first prize and Marietta second. Wade Dyar represented Marietta. One more scholar had departed

from our class. Curtis of
Hannan. We now have ten.
Next year we will lose three
more so our class, which
graduates ~~of~~ on the fiftieth
anniversary of the foundation
of Marietta College, will only
graduate with seven a very
good showing of the present
condition.

It belongs to Marietta College
to elect the president of the
State Oratorical Association
and it is much pleasure
to watch the way the several
societies are trying to each
elect their men. The person
is elected by the two literary
societies so the societies will
each initiate several men
to secure their vote. There
will be a dead lock of considerable

duration as none intend
to give in first.

The roads are in a splendid
condition for driving in
town.

Dinner hath charms.

Love to all. Yours truly
E. C. Means

Where were Mother and Rose, & Lily?

of the high water to help her
keep house - Bess sent us a
notice of Bessie's marriage -
so Bess told the truth for once -
I am very sorry to hear that Mr
Ross is so poorly & much George
I wish you would ask Mr Ross
for Mary Edgerton's address - as I
believe I will write to her -

I hope Lily will come home
when we get back - so as to
meet you boys in your Spring
vacation - when do you come
home again? - Give my love
to Uncle Ross & George & Sarah
& any of the ladies who inquire
for me - + love + kisses to yourselves
from your aff.

Ashland March 14th 1883

We returned safely Sat. - found
all well - I brought Harry an apple & bread
kin + watch case - + Cooke some comb - shells -
charm - + paper knife - + match case - Hope
you are well & your folks - Your pa left this
morning for New York to be gone a week -

Lexington Ky - March 3rd 1883 -

Dear Cooke & Harry

Mr Larr
got this far on our way home
but as we could not make
connections here with the
Ashland train we have to stay
over here till 1.30 this P. M.
which ought to bring us to
Ashland at 7.30 P. M. -

Mr Larr had a most delight-
ful trip - the most agreeable
& easy one I ever made south -
the Cincinnati Southern is a
very smooth running road &
we went & came on the Chicago
Hotel Car ^{to Lexington} which was very rainy

+ comfortable + had a good table.
I think the road does not
take you near as much as
the way I went two years ago,
by Richmond + Charleston -
We only had half a day of
rain (in Charleston) the whole
four weeks - I told them when
I left home that "I was going
to the land of sunshine +
flowers" + I found it. As the
orange groves were in full
bloom + the spring flowers -
+ we did not have to have a
fire in our room during our
stay in Florida - Some of the
weather was cool though - on the
sea coast at St Augustine +
Fernandina - + the changes from

hot to cold are even greater than
with us. There are a great many
people in Florida this winter
principally from far north St. Paul
Minneapolis - Boston - N. York + c -
They say the winter there has been
very severe - There were but few
from our part of the U.S. - I am glad
we were away from home during
the high water + Neal + Craft trial
these disagreeable subjects will
all be settled by the time we
get back - I have seen nothing
but happy looking people while
I have been gone - + Ashland
has been so sad + gloomy all
winter. That it was a treat
to get away from it awhile
+ hear something else talked
about than the Subjects that
they usually discuss at home -
Bess has had a lonesome time
as Min did not come on account

Manitowish

March 11 1883

Dear Mother

Our session closes on the 27th of this month when we have two weeks of a vacation.

Friday night our Fraternity gave a farewell banquet and reception to A. G. Curtis. There were about twenty couples present we had splendid supper and a dance "of which the like is seldom seen". Every person present were of the opinion that it takes the D. M's. to get up an entertainment.

Last night Chas. Dawes, one of the boys who camped with us last summer, was initiated into our society, "Delta Upsilon" which makes our number 15. Curtis, Russell & Morgan expect to leave here new year and without them you don't catch me here.

I have concluded that Marietta is a bad place for Catarrh, because mine is growing worse, ~~it~~ ^{it} has commenced to affect my throat, and keeps me coughing all day.

The Congregational circle met at Mrs Knowles last week, it was the last one before the Dr. (Hawks) leaves this place. He and his wife are going abroad next summer.

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Saturday we balloted from 9.30 A.M. to 7.30 P.M. trying to elect a president of the Ohio State Oratorical Association. 148 ballots were taken and no election. The boys had their suppers & dinners brought to them. There were 54 persons present, the entire college except John Russell & Hammer. Russell does not belong to either of the literary societies and Hammer was out of town. On the 147 ballot Pres. Andrews put in an appearance and made a few remarks then asked the boys to adjourn until Wednesday as it seemed as though there was no chance of election ~~then~~. It was then agreed that we should adjourn until Wed. The cause of this long and hard days work was rivalry in the secret societies.

Miss Lizzy Putnam is
to be married in May to
Mr. Clendish (?) (I believe). She
is going to New York soon
to get her dresses etc.

With love to all I remain
Your aff son

E. C. Meane

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 21st March, 1883.
Master E. C. Means
Manitowishie, Ohio.

Dear Cooke

Yours of 17th inst is
only now at hand, having been
long on the way. I will inclose
herewith in the morning a
draft to your order for one
hundred (\$100+) dollars, being
too late to get me to right
All well.

Affectionately yours
John Means

Brother and Mrs 5th Mechanics. Road
I've - & you know now have ^{of you} ~~some~~ ^{family} ~~asked~~ ^{to} ~~any~~ ^{to} ~~of~~ ^{me} ~~the~~

to miss ~~me~~ ^{at least} ~~me~~ ^{in that} ~~me~~ ^{way} ~~me~~ ^{they} ~~me~~ ^{all} ~~me~~ ^{have} ~~me~~ ^{been}

well sends much love to you
and says he is glad to hear that
Mr Mack is coming on to New York
and he hopes to ~~hear~~ ^{see} more of
him than he did on his other
trip to N.Y. -

Well when
I was all ready waiting in the
7th Lathrop Ave depot, who should
walk in but "Bro Tom" on his
way to Good Haven. Didn't I rush
up to speak to him and wasn't
I glad to see him? and maybe
I was sorry when he had to
go down on the 5.50 train to
take dinner with Mr Low.

I never was so surprised
in my life, for I did not think
of seeing him here for several
weeks yet. I was hoping he might
not come until I was ready to go

out home and I might accom-
pany him - but just now it is out
of the question, my going so soon -

We have two Southern daskies
and a Danish gardener, and soon
will have a little American house
girl or waitress, and tonight all
seven of the family are here and
so happy to return home. Mr
Smith is in his "heaven" and
~~more~~ contented and happy than a
king, and Mrs Nicholls is delighted
to return to the country, and I
think all are right glad to be once
more united,

The Plumbers
are still repairing the pipes and
have all down stairs except the
Library and billiard room (and as
I write I can hear the click of the
billiard balls. Mr Leonway is over
for a game) torn up and they will
not be through until Wednesday

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 29th March, 1883.

Dear Sister

Your welcome fair of 24th came duly to hand. We were glad to hear of your safe arrival in N. Y. city. Had heard that you went by Columbus, but not of your mistake as to sleeping. It seems "old" travelers may get astray, as well as those not accustomed to going from home. I hope that under Dr. Hamsmonds hands you may soon get rid of all troubles in the side. Was in Cynthiana Sunday. Saw Will, Mr. Sinton Anne and her children, all were well, have more or less colds. Anne told me she had heard from Charley, who had called at the Windsor before you reached there and she was afraid he might not see you. Rose says she does not think she wrote Lily when you would be. When I wrote here, taking for granted she would have seen you, before my letter would reach her, I did not mention even that you had gone. Father was in yesterday evening had Arch Means with him who

Came Tuesday and expects to leave to day
May Sumpter was in and very well.

Esther (Ellin) Alexander and husband have
been up and made her a visit
of a few days - When last heard from
Uncle Hugh was in Jacksonville Fla - but expected
to come up into Tennessee shortly, Jim
was to leave him and go to Kansas
Harry and Cooke came last night and are
very well. Bessie and Dan have gone to
dine at Capt L. J. Morrie to day.

Write as often as convenient and let
us know how you get along.

With love to Mary

Yours

John Meany

Annual Statement

OF

MEANS, KYLE & CO.,

FOR

Year Ending March 31, 18⁸³

OHIO FURNACE BALANCES, April 1, 1883.

STATEMENT showing cost of Iron made during blast ending April 1, 1883

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 1883

ASSETS.	
Cash,.....	24040
Hands' Ledger Balances,.....	94312
Bills Receivable,.....	
Merchandise,.....	252802
Principal office,.....	
Invoice of <i>Iron and Personal Property</i>	4184137
Balance cost of <i>conducting business</i> tons iron delivered at Union Landing, <i>improvements</i>	621575
	\$ 5176866
LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,.....	30023
Hands' ledger balances,.....	245785
<i>Profit on Sales</i> --- Pig iron on hand April '82	262857
<i>Principal Office</i>	4170388
<i>Profit on Merchandise</i>	467813
Annual gain and loss to April 1, 18	\$ 5146866

ASSETS.	
Cash and book accounts,.....	118352
Merchandise,.....	252802
Bills receivable,.....	
Principal office,.....	
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,.....	4184137
tons pig iron at.....	
" " " ".....	
" " " ".....	
	\$ 4555291
LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,.....	275808
Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 18	
<i>Principal Office</i>	4170388
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1883	109095
	\$ 4555291

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Union Landing,.....		Number tons iron made,.....	
bushels coal..... at.....		Whole number cords wood used,.....	
tons ore..... at.....		" " loads coal ".....	
" limestone..... at.....		" " tons ore " <i>Mined</i>	14063 ³ / ₁₀
Running up stock,.....		" " " limestone " <i>none</i>	
Transportation to Union Landing,.....		No. cords wood to make one load of coal,.....	
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Union Landing,.....		" " " " " " ton of iron.....	
Cost of one load charcoal,.....		" days furnace was in blast.....	
Average sales per ton,.....		" tons daily average product.....	
Merchandise sold,.....	2325573	" " iron sold,.....	907 ⁵ / ₁₅
Net profit on merchandise,.....	467813	" " on hand,.....	<i>None</i>

Furnace went into blast , 18 , and blew out , 18

HANGING ROCK COAL WORKS, BALANCES AND STATEMENT OF COAL MINED.

ASSETS.		COAL MINED AND SOLD.	
		Bush. Stack.	Bush. Coal.
Book accounts,.....	523599	To Steamboats,.....	276850 279150
Cash,.....		" Sundries by Barge loads,.....	28100 82900
Invoice merchandise at New Castle Store,.....	596740	" Retail by Wagon loads,.....	18750 31750
Invoice personal property at mines, and.....		" S. T. Ry. <i>April '1883</i>	24820 202250
" " " at Hanging Rock,.....	2520153	" Quantity on hand,.....	2580 11000
Balance,.....	4650492	Total Mined,.....	347200 598350
LIABILITIES.		Average Sales per days.....	
Book accounts,.....	354301	<i>to Steamboats</i>	758 764
Principal office,.....	4281819	" " " <i>to all parties</i>	963 1630
Balance, <i>Gain for the year</i>	14342	On hand April 1 1882.....	6900 8700
	\$ 4680492		

PINE GROVE FURNACE BALANCES, April 1, 1883

STATEMENT showing cost of Iron made during blast ending April 1, 1883

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 1883

ASSETS.		
Cash,		10624
Hands' Ledger Balances,		395762
Bills Receivable,		21486
Merchandise,		1189214
Principal office, <i>Book accounts</i>		1489
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,		2582146
<i>of Pig Iron</i> Balance cost of 3743 tons iron delivered at Hanging Rock,		1916913
		9476231
	\$	14894155
LIABILITIES.		
Book Accounts,		28132
Hands' ledger balances,		395447
Sales---Pig iron,		9217665
Principal Office		4674247
<i>Profit on Merchandise</i> Annual gain and loss to April 1, 18		580634
	\$	14894155

ASSETS.		
Cash and book accounts,		408175
Merchandise,		1189202
Bills receivable,		21486
Principal office,		
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,		2582146
935 ¹²²⁶ tons pig iron at		1916913
Loss " " " "		258586
" " " "		
	\$	5676490
LIABILITIES.		
Book Accounts,		421609
Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 18		
Principal Office		4674247
Profit on Merchandise		580634
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 18		
	\$	5676490

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Hanging Rock,		2532	Number tons iron made,	3743
<i>131 1/8</i> bushels coal at <i>16 88</i>	1107		Whole number cords wood used,	
<i>2 1/2</i> tons ore at <i>245</i>	612 1/2		" " loads coal "	2459
<i>4 1/2</i> " limestone at <i>1 00</i>	4 1/2		" " tons ore "	935 1/2
Running up stock,	67 1/2		" " " limestone "	1534
Transp'n to Hanging Rock Landing,	1 00		No. cords wood to make one load of coal, <i>load and,</i>	5 1/10
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Hanging Rock Landing,	191		" " " " " " ton of iron	
Average sales per ton,	2840		" days furnace was in blast	216
Merchandise sold,	2811619		" tons daily average product	15 ²¹ / ₁₀₀
Net profit on merchandise,	580634		" " iron sold,	2807 ¹³⁴¹ / ₁₀₀
Cost of one load charcoal,	1688		" " on hand,	935 ¹²²⁶ / ₁₀₀

Furnace commenced blowing *Apr. 18*, 1882, and blew out *Mar. 29*, 1883

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, HANGING ROCK, BALANCES.

ASSETS.			LIABILITIES.	
Gain and loss to April 1, 18	<i>Part Dec. Notes</i>	1212415	Pine Grove Furnace,	
Cash,		454586	Ohio Furnace,	
Bills Receivable,		20423427	Bills payable,	
Individual Accounts,		2460034	Individual Accounts,	530029
Real Estate,		30471126	Capital Stock,	5000000
<i>New Furnace</i>		2015157		
Coal Works,		4281819		
Cash Dividends, <i>Pine Grove Furn</i>		4674247		
Stock Dividends, <i>Ohio Furnace</i>		4176388		
Ohio Iron & Coal Co. Stock		432010		
<i>84 00</i> Balances, <i>Iron & Coal Co. Stock</i>		4000000	Balance, <i>Profit Loss</i>	226018936
	\$	13178965		\$
				43178965

[1883]

Marietta April 13

Dear Father

When in Cincinnati we went to Daniels, Combe & Co and purchased 2 suits of clothes 2 extra fro pants, one light overcoat and $\frac{1}{2}$ doz shirts I called on Dr. Williams who examined my eyes and said that they must not be used to read at night and that I had better give more care to exercise and building up my constitution than I had, he advised horseback-riding, walking and rowing but no work which would cause me to be over heated and no violent exercise.

Called on Dr Whittaker, who
-gave me some medicine for
the cataract to be applied internally
and externally. He like Dr William
advised more exercise and the same
as I have mentioned, he said
-gymnasiums were too apt to
cause a person to strain
themselves and recommended
out door exercise horse back riding
boating, walking, He said my
blood was sluggish & must be
-quickered, so a good thing to do,
would be to take a sponge
bath and then dumb-bells every
morning before breakfast.

Dr Williams wants me come and
see him after Commencement and as
does Whittaker. They said a good
horseback trip would be one
the best things for next summer
Dr Williams said a year

out school would be a good thing but Dr Whitaker said that it would interfere with studies and had better wait until fall before we settled that.

Saw Uncle Will he was looking very well and was in his new position at the bank, where he expects to stay. He showed me his new Telephone.

Called on Mack but he was out. Saw Mr Dinton on the street. Reached school on time for twice. Love to all

Your affection

C. C. Means.

Manietta

April 22, 1883

Dear Sister

We have been expecting some notice of our intention to come up to the wedding but have received none. Have you given it up? Or do you still intend to come?

The invitations are out but we have received none as we have concluded not to go. Uncle Les & Mr Ross have received one between them.

Sarah has been fixing up for you and every thing

looks neat and clean.

We have seen several
"carts" on the street there
being 4 or 5 in town, we are
much influenced by them
and if father would give
me permission and money
I should like to bring one
home next vacation, it
will save considerable
wear & tear of his buggy
Will find out how much
they cost and write to him
Hurry up our room,
for we are going to bring
some baggage home with us
Rev. Hawks has departed.
The church is having the
Rev. Dickenson from Elgin Ill
on trial before giving him
a call.

I have had a sore throat
for 5 days but think it
is improving.

We are studying this term
Surveying, Mechanics & German
I am taking all three but
don't put as much time
on the Mechanics as I would
if I only had two, the other
two I am putting as much
as is necessary.

Julia Hunt is to be here
Thursday the 7th same night
as wedding.

Boat house will be opened
Wednesday, we can then
take some exercise for
our health in place of
sitting around with colds
and coughs.

Have not had a letter
from ashland since we
left

Yours etc

B. C. Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 23rd April, 1883

Dear Cooke

Your of 13th instant came duly to hand. Harry letter a few days before, had mentioned your visit to Drs Williams and Whitaker, their recommendations as to exercise, would be good for almost any one to follow. I agree with Dr Whitaker that if we can avoid stopping a year out of school, it will be better to do so. Am afraid it will not only be an interference, but an entire stoppage. You would not wish to be a loafer for a year, and if you engaged in any useful or profitable occupation would not desire to leave it and take up a course of study. I think it will be well for you to be as regular in your habits as you can. Take exercise as nearly as recommended, as to posting walking &c &c - you can't do much horseback riding, while in Maunten, and save your eyes as far as possible, and hope for the best. In talking with Mr. Russell the other day he spoke of John's going to Maunten another year, and he said, he wished John to decide for himself without urging or control in the matter. That he had and would make

no plans for the future for John until
his education is finished. He seemed to
think that John was inclined to go another
year, ~~if~~ you and Harry did.

Your mother and Bessie talk of going to
the Putnam wedding, starting tomorrow in
the Scotia: they had not determined positively
when I left the house this morning.

We had rain, Sat night nearly all day yesterday,
last night, and raining to day. The prospect
of bad weather, may prevent their trip.

Har had no bill from Daniels for the
clothing, if sent to you, send to
me. All well as usual -

Affectionately yours

John Means

~~Wm. F. Larkin, Pres.~~
WILLIAM MEANS, PRES.

Jos. R. Brown, V. Pres.

John R. DeCamp, Cash.

The
Metropolitan National Bank
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Capital \$500,000.

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Cincinnati, Apr. 24th 1883

Dear John

Considering that there is nothing
of special consequence to us, to be considered at
the annual meeting of Messrs. Kyle & Co. this
week, Capt. Kyle and I have decided not
to attend. He intended however to be present
at the annual meeting of the Ky. Iron, Coal
& Oil Co. at Ashland on the 15th of May.

Hoping you are all as well as usual &
remain

Yours truly
William Means

John Means Esq.
Ashland Ky.

Aug 29th

Marietta Apr 25. 1883

Dear Father. We received yours & Mothers letters last evening. We were glad to hear from you at home. Mother & Bess arrived here at 7 o'clock this evening on the Scotia the ~~1st~~ first div of the Freshman^{class} spoke in Chapell this afternoon. The Recitation hours are 7.30^{am}. 11am & 4 PM. The Mechanic is 7.30 the Surgery at 11. German at 4. the German we have for this is W^m Tell. & By Schiller

We are all well
Love to all at home
Your Son
Harold Meant.

lined with gold + a squirrel
roasting nuts in the handle.
It would hold about 3 pints of
nuts + the bride seemed pleased
with it - the presents were not
expected - we are invited to Mrs
Cutters, to tea - today + to Maria
for dinner - Tuesday we hope
to go to Cincinnati + will
come home Friday or sooner.
~~For~~ Many tell Bess she looks
like her Mother - + plenty of
people ~~are~~ have told me how
young I look - Sis Lovell has
a new wig - + looks charming.
Love to Rose + Hildreth
+ yourself from Fannie



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Saturday April 1883

Dearest John

Bess writes Rose
a postal so I will write you
a line - We are having a
gay season - We have been
taking dinner daily at Maria
Woodbridges + ~~we~~ we get up
so late to breakfast that
George + the boys have eaten +
gone, so we have as yet
taken but ^{one} meal with them
+ have hardly seen George +
Mr Ross at all - Last night
we went to two circles the
Episcopal at Mrs Camie Hale

just to the Congregational
at Mr Follett's ~~at~~ later
in the evening they were
both very large - about 40
at the Episcopal & over 100
at the Congregational - I
saw everybody I ever knew
& some people that I thought
were dead - looking quite
gay - Manikā people are
a long lived race - there
are 30 widows in the Congregational
Church so you would be
happy in it - the new minister
on trial was present & the
widows were entertaining him -
The wedding was quite a
swell affair - 60 people from

Parkersburg - I only knew
about a third of the people
there - Some elegant dresses
& the bride was quite handsome
dressed in heavy white cream
satin - 6 bridesmaids in colors -
married with a ring - had
Episcopal Ceremony & half
presbyterian - They say it
was the finest wedding in
Manikā - but it was not
near as fine as Lily's - The
supper was not as good - I
saw ~~not~~ so many fine dresses
nobody got hurt I believe
but Mrs Mrs Rolston who
pitched themselves off the
porch by mistake - there
were so many carriages going
up in the hill in the dark that
it was a wonder somebody
was not hurt - My present
was a large silver nut dish

send \$50

Marietta May 5 '83

Dear Father

Please send us
Fifty (\$50) Dollars to pay our
board bill.

We had a slight rain this
morning and it is still
cloudy and becoming cooler.

Our division of the surveying
class have had some field
work do and will have
still more. I like the study
very much and am trying
to learn something about it.

The Senior have begun wearing
their plug hats much to the
delight of the small boys who
fall in line behind them and march

A Boston infidel lectured
last night in the City Hall
I stopped for about 10 min
but got disgusted and left
Hews is scarce just at
present

Love to all

Your affson

C. C. Means.

Hilts Survey Case $\frac{3}{2}$ Acres
 7th May 1883

Sta.	Bearing	Pole Dist	Lat		Dep	
			N	S	E	W.
1	N .8	26.00	17.56		19.16	
	N 47$\frac{1}{2}$ E		19.57		19.19	
2	S 57 E	16.00		10.07	12.42	
3	S 31 W	27.16		23.30		14.00
				23.28		13.99
4	N 48 W	23.64	15.81			17.58
			15.82			17.57
			33.37	33.37	31.58	31.58
		92.80	33.39	33.35	31.60	31.56
				04		04

Sta.	S. M. D.	N. Area	S. Area
1.	+ 19.16	236 4496	
2.	+ 50.74		510.9518
3.	+ 49.16		1145.4280
4.	+ 17.58	277.9398	
		514.3894	1656.3798
			514.3894
			2) 1141.9904
			160) 570 9952

3.56 Acres

R. D. McKenyer 3 1/2 Acre

Field Notes and
Computation

Mrs R. D. McKenyer - 3 1/2 Acre - Ky. S. C. & M. Co. - Suit Chain

Beginning near a Beech Stub in Mr Leis line, thence
up the hill side $N 48^{\circ} W 23 \frac{64}{100}$ poles to a stake in
the line of Pollard or McCoun tract; thence with John
Means line down the hill $N 47 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E 26 \frac{1}{100}$ poles to a
stake on the North side of Long Run (passing at
 $15 \frac{1}{2}$ poles a Beech corner to the "Farmer" lot) thence
 $S 51^{\circ} E$ crossing Long Run 16 Poles to a stake near
the South bank of same; thence with the line of
the "Case" front lot $S 31^{\circ} W 27 \frac{16}{100}$ Poles to the
beginning, (having passed at $13 \frac{16}{100}$ Poles Lees
N. W. corner

Surveyed by Hilton 7 May 1883

Ashland May 7th 1883

Dear Cook + Fanny

Bess + I arrived
safely at home on Saturday
morning at 12 o'clock + found all
well. We had quite a gay time
in the City. Wed. afternoon we
saw the play of Julius Caesar
+ Thursday evening - Othello -
Mary Anderson - Clara Morrison
McCullough - Barrett + c - were
some of the actors - The Music
Hall was very crowded - but
we had pretty good seats - +
a good room on the first floor
at the Burnett House - The
City was very full of strangers -
I sold my return ticket for

\$ 4 - (two dollars each) - + if Cook
had given me back my change
after buying my ticket - would have
had a cheap trip - next time
he is so polite as to buy a ladies
ticket for her, he had better
not forget to give her her change -
He has had letters from Lily
+ she has not yet set the time
for her visit - but some time
this month - The trees are out in
full leaf + I am having the grass
cut today - there will be plenty of
strawberries + fruit - Miss Maria
W - left us at Athens at 12. A.M.
Bess is having the Lawn Tennis
grounds staked off today -
The spring chickens are growing
finely - Love to Buck, George + Ross
+ love + kisses to yourselves
from your aff
Mother

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 5th May, 1883

Dear Leoko

Your of 5th came to hand last evening
Herewith I send N. Y. draft to you
order fifty (\$50.) dollars. We have
had dry and warm weather for
some two weeks, your mother
and Bevin came home Saturday morn
will please with their trip.

I must go to Summit this evening
Remember me to Harry and all the
friends yours

Affectionately

John Means

Marietta May 13

Dear Mother

I am sorry you did not receive your change but if you do not wish me to have it, I will say that it has all disappeared in a new pair of glasses, my others having been broken.

Wednesday I called on the young-lady visiting at Mrs Putnam. while she is not very pretty yet we found her to be very sociable and pleasant.

Harry has received his pictures and finds his cabinets are very nice.

Last night there was a large excursion to Wheeling by boat none of our family however were in attendance.

There is to be a dance this

week at Mr Warners M. C. it
is for the young crowd.

Some of boys have commenced
fishing. Yesterday some went
up to the head of the island
and another party to Devilsdam.

When is Lily coming out?
she had better not come until
Summer then we can come
down and visit her it will
be very difficult to get
away just at this time
of the year.

The Rev Dickenson has
accepted the call to the Cong
church and comes this
week with his family and
baggage.

My eyes have given me
some trouble the last week,
but we have had more
work to do on paper than
usual is the cause. Yours Truly
C. C. Means

Ashland May 17th - 1883

Dear Cobbe & Nancy

I was pleased to receive Cobbe's last letter - & am sorry his eyes are worse - We are about finishing house cleaning today - it has been dragging along very slowly, as I have had no one but Mrs Murphy to assist - and I am heartily tired of the business - The painters have finished the two front rooms & they look very fine indeed - you will be quite charmed with yours - it is a delicate brownish yellow & with the border is very

neat & not gaudy - We have
put the Summer Matting down
will finish it today - & then are
ready for Lily - if that poke of a
husband of her - ever gets her
ready to start for home - The
little Chickens are having Cholera
infantum - so you may not
expect as many to fly as you
would if they were in better health
I expect Curick has given
them bran too liberally -
The Methodists are giving an
entertainment in the Hall -
Bess & Mill Richardson went
last night - Ashland is a
little more stupid than usual
this summer - as all the
women are cleaning house
& those that aint working
themselves to death - are lame
or sick so they cant
get out to see their
neighbors - If you want
to have any fun you had
better stick to Maunetta - for
Ashland is certainly getting
to be the most stupid
place in the U.S - Alf
Poage - Bas Butler - Charlie
Mead - Abbie Hillon are all
getting their new houses
under way, quite rapidly -
so our street will be quite
changed when you return
Ashland Coal Company met
yesterday - but we did not
have any company - Give
my love to Uncle George
Bess & Sarah -

Love & kisses to yourself
from your aff
Mother -

Harry must write often -

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 29th May, 1883.

Wesley C. Means
Marietta Ohio.

Dear Cooke

Spans of 26th instant came to hand last night. Herewith I send draft on N.Y., One hundred (\$100^{00/100}) dollars as requested. I am had showery weather here and last night, rain and wind storm. Our cherries are ripening, as also strawberries; the last are not very sweet, the wise ones say because of the wet weather.

We expect Lily last of this week. Ron left yesterday morning for Mayeville to visit at Mr. Wadsworth. She went to Portsmouth in the Minnie Boy, so as to get the Bonanza which usually gets to Mayeville before night. Sunday the G. A. R. surviving soldiers of the Federal Army during the rebellion, held a memorial service in the Park Ch., the ladies had decorated the house with flowers and flags, the house was full as it would hold and it was an enjoyable occasion as well for the lookers on as to the old soldiers.

The reading room association ^{are} preparing for a Thanksgiving feeding Friday evening next. Mr. Williams

has the closing exercises for her school,
in Keizer and Fowler Hall, next week.

I think now to come to Maunetta Commencement
unless something happens to prevent.

You must have written to Mary Ross Edgerton
inviting her to come and make us a visit
and we hope she may come while Lily is
at home as she would like to meet her.

Quin Butler is in town today we elected him
to take place of Wm Hayward in the board
of directors — All well

Remember me to Harry, Russell and
our Maunetta friends — Affectionately

1759 Schiller 1805 June

Educated for Ministry

Struggles against all kinds

Began play "The Robbers"

at age of 18 and finished

three yrs later

Marrried in 1790. Lived

at Weimar in intimate

terms with Goethe.

His prin works were

1) shorter poems

Song of the Bell

2) other works

Stephen as Uncle

Don Carlos.

The Robbers

Maid of Orleans

Marie Stuart.

W. Tell.

Wallenstein is

in "Start" in

(3) historical

John William

Scientist as well as poet

Remain a Dorset

Orphan and mother

William Christian

got from Berlin

Harriet, August, Sophie

works besides dramatic

at Weimar. Born

and as court poet

4 songs before 1790

Had written a number

of

Studied Law at Leipzig

Expatriated by

Born at Frankfurt

1740 (Goethe) 832

History of movement
The Revolution
Schiller admitted in
Character.

And 5 June

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Marion May 31st

Dear Father

We received your welcome letter containing a draft for One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for which please accept our thanks. We will only need about \$50 ~~or~~ more for this term ^{June 1st} Coz, Mary has gone to Delphos for a short visit, she will be back Sat. We have to turn

away about 10 callers a day with the answer "out of town." I suppose you have received her letter saying she would make you a visit.

The Seniors had a class party, given them by the President, Thursday night. Friday (today) they have gone on a picnic. They only have two recitations a day now.

Wednesday being Decoration day, we were excused after the first recitation. The exercises in the City Hall were very nice, the Hall being decorated very tastefully. In the afternoon according to our annual custom our F.P.C. went on a picnic up the Ohio and got caught most beautifully in the rain.

To day our division of the Surveying Class went out to retrace old lines by the field notes all ready given. We made but a few differences mostly in chaining, our bearings showing the same as the original. We also took measurements from which to determine the height of a hill. We have almost finished surveying so far as the book is concerned and will next take up navigation. Have you anything definite for me to do next summer? Or a school set for next fall? I do not care if you send me to Colorado, but it will be very hard for me to make up my mind to return here to nurse my Catarah for another year.

We will probably have our field day June 8th we expect some good records for there has been considerable practice.

No interest at all is being taken in rowing this year, but the boys are using the out door gymnasium a great deal.

Give out love to all the family and inquiring friends, especially to Grandpa's family

Your aff. son

C. C. Means.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 5th June, 1883.

Dear brother

Yours of 31st came duly to hand. Yesterday
election day and Sunday have delayed
reply. Am glad to hear you are into surveying,
as a practical part of education.

John F. Hager has inquired several times
as to when you would come home, and
has been expecting you to join him
for a few weeks up Big Sandy River.

He and his wife start tomorrow for
Pikeville. I don't think colleges in
Colorado are apt to be much if
any better than Academies of the
the older states — or that there
would be any advantage to you
as to catarrh in that region — You
Aunt Mary Adams, thinks of going out
to Montana to visit Tom about
middle of this month and if
Mr. Mary B. Edgerton comes this
way as proposed in her

letter to your mother, perhaps
she M.A. may accompany
her as far as St Paul -
Lily came Saturday at 10:5 A.M.
and Rose returned from
Maysville this morning.

The Mercury is getting up
closer to 90° and we feel it.

Uncle started into Va. yesterday
for a short trip.

Remember me to Harry, Russell,
and other friends Affectionately

Yours
John Meany

The
Metropolitan National Bank,
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Strobridge Lith. Co. Cin. O.

Cincinnati, June 5th 1883

Dear John

The Western Biographical
Publishing Co. is getting up a
Biographical Ohio which will be
a credit to the subscribers. Will
have John Campbell, Judge Johnson
and one or two others from Larr-
ance County and I think it
would be a proper thing for the
Children to have fasten memory
the prominent Officers. In case
we do so, we should have the plate
engraving used in the Ky. Bank
which with sketches will cost
\$75 - Please advise with the girls
and let me hear from you soon.

Yours truly
William Means

Marietta June 10 1883

Dear Mother

WE see by the paper that you have commenced your season by a Luncheon party for the ladies. Save something for us when we return.

● Cousin Mary informed us she was going to leave here Friday on her way to Ashland. She only expects to spend a few days with you. She has been visiting the Edgertons most of this week but has returned to us again.

The Rathbone girls gave a large party ● last Thursday evening there were 80 invited and about 60 present. They have a beautiful yard to have parties in the summer time. They have had one about this time for the last 3 yrs.

Our surveying class were out "Cross-Sectioning" Friday, and on Saturday Dawes gave us some instructions in running a line of levels.

Friday we gave in essays to Prof Beach
he was much surprised not receive one
from some of his best scholars.

Harry and I have been rising early
in the mornings and taking a short
run before breakfast. Harry has a great
deal more wind to run than I, consequently
I come in last or give out.

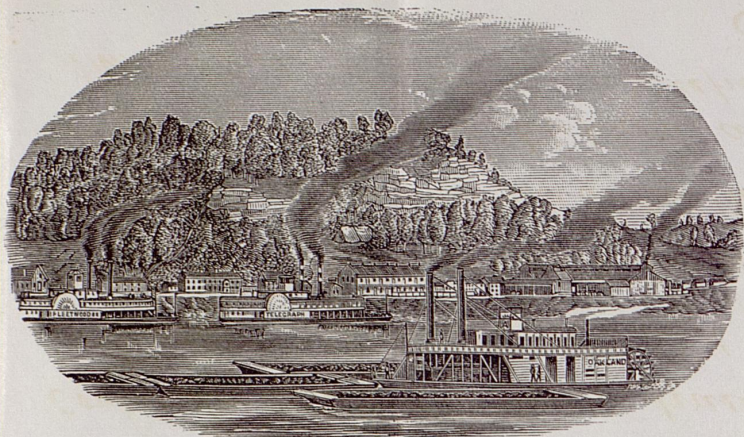
This week will probably be the first
of the swimming season, then we will
be on the water more.

We have commenced reviews so our
studies are becoming more difficult.

Tell Father Commencement is the 27th
Love to all and yourself.

Your affection

E. C. Means



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HANGING ROCK, OHIO, June 15th, 1883

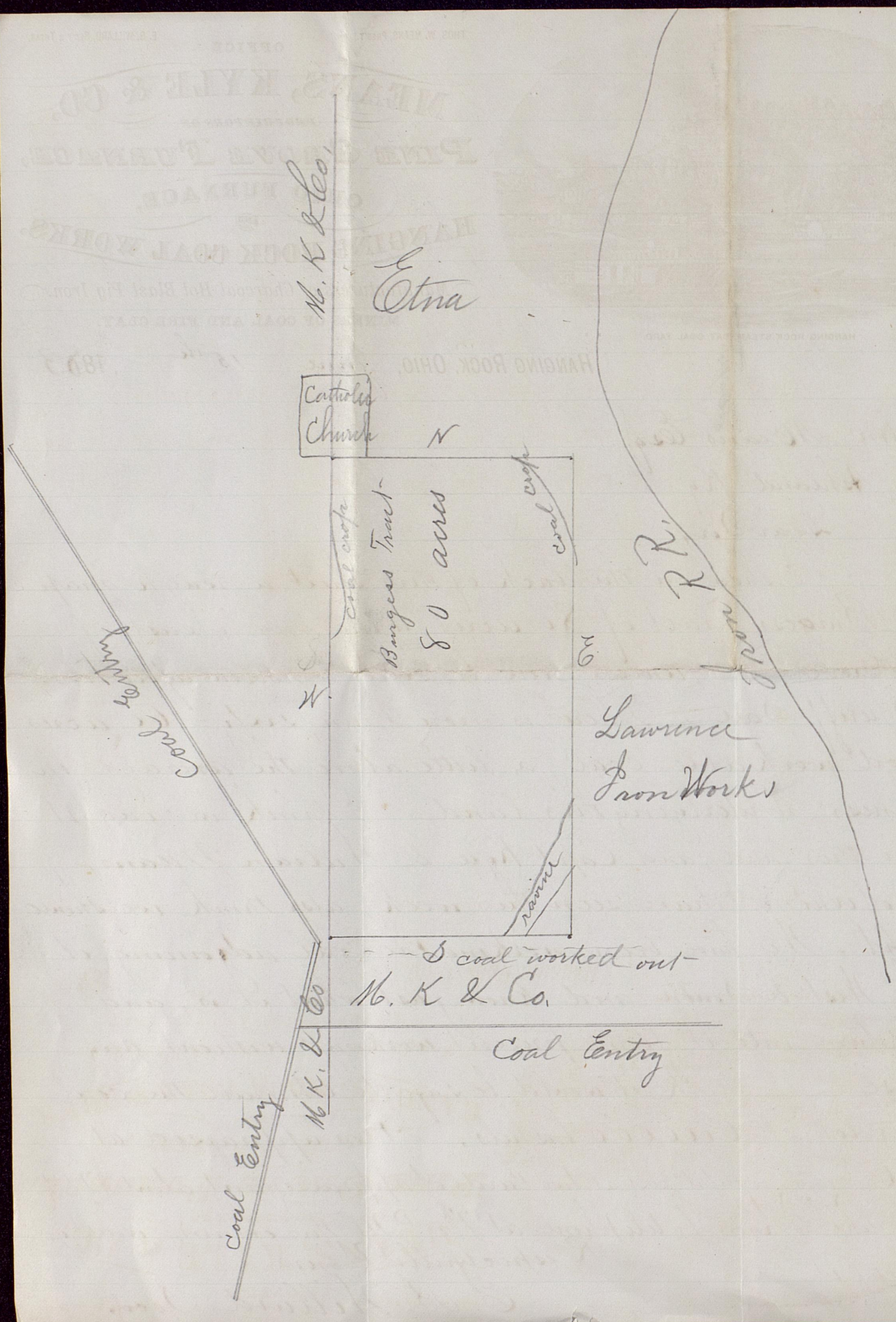
John Means Esq
Ashland Ky.

Dear Sir,

I show on the back of this sheet a rough map of the Burgess Tract of 80 acres lying nearly east of Pine Grove Ice, which will be sold tomorrow afternoon at Sheriff Sale. There is more than sixty (60) acres of good workable coal, a little above the average in thickness, underlying this land. I think we ought to buy this land, and Capt Kyle & William Means, both of whom I have seen this week, also think we should buy it. We have been working the coal adjoining it on the West & South and know just what it is, and could turn into it from present workings without any expense. I think it would be safe to estimate the coal on this lot at 6,000,000 bushels. It is appraised at \$10666— and would cost at two thirds of appraisement about \$7111— Would like to know by telephone at 7 1/2 P.M. this evening what you think of it

Respectfully Yours

E. B. Willard Secy.



N. K. & Co.

Etna

Catholic Church

Burgess Tract -
80 acres

coal crop

60 ft

R.R. Road

Lawrence
Iron Works

ravin

D coal worked out -
N. K. & Co.

Coal Entry

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