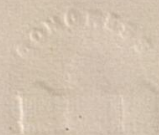


Parts Iron Steel Co. - Dr. J. P. Barry P. Co



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Castletown

June 2nd 1880

My Dear Mrs. Meaus.

Your kind letter, rec'd last evening.

I send my man for the call, who will hand you this to express my thanks.

I hope to have good success in raising it, & trust it may be as good a cow as the mother.

With many regards to Mr Meaus & much love to yourself.

I am & have.

Mrs. W. Freshell

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, N.Y., 2nd Jan'y, 1885

Master E. C. Means

229 West Canton St, Boston Mass.

Dear brook

Your of 25th ult came to hand yested.
Herewith I send you draft for fifty (\$50.00) dollars. You
write that the only Christmas presents you received were
from Mother and Lily. I think that I wrote you that
20¢ of the \$70x last sent, was for my present, so that you
could buy whatever pleased you for that price. Yested
evening we attended the Russell Warner wedding.
There were 50 or 60 in attendance, many of them
relations to one or the other. Spent a pleasant
evening and came home about midnight. The newly
married couple left via E. C. & W. S. at 10:18' this morning
going to Leitch. Mrs Warner (Her Mother) remains here a
few days, and drives with us today. The Mer was
at 15° this morning. I have not had snow enough for
skipping thus far - The ice has run out of the
river and the boats are at work again. All well

Affectionately yours

John Means

P. S. Don't forget about
studying the German; practice
having some one read you
a piece and you try to
write it at the same time,
you will find this a first
rate way of securing a
knowledge of the language
With Henry you should never
speak English and in that
way you may soon make
a good German scholar. Practice
translation at the same time.

These 3 methods, dictation
speaking and reading with
some little study of the grammar
such as a general idea of
declension and conjugation I
want you to have (as the
boys say) "down to a fine point"
by the time I reach home.

If you wish it, I will teach
you something about drawing
next summer - yours E.C.M.

Boston Mass

Jan 2nd 1855

Dear Hildreth

Your pretty
and very convenient present
was received a few days
-ago and I thank you very
much for so kindly remembering
me.

Yesterday I received two
very nice presents from New
York one was an inkstand
with places for 2 bottles and
a sponge, the other was a
card case with a concise mem-
orandum for the year 1855-

Do I see Ireland still in
Chicago?

Yesterday the thermometer

indicated a temperature of 60°
today 18° and tomorrow it
will probably be -12° .

The changes in temperature
are very sudden in this
climate.

Last night being New Year
night our land-lady gave
the roomers a taffy pulling
and we had a very pleas-
ant time for 2 hours.

We had school the same
as usual yesterday and
I did not see any young
men rushing about making
calls. They say that it
is more fashionable in
New York than it is here,
to make calls on New Year's
Day.

We will have a dress

parade tomorrow in the
Drill Hall.

Patti, the celebrated singer,
who receives \$2000 - a night
when she appears on the
stage, is fulfilling a
2 weeks engagement at the
Boston Theater. It costs
\$500 to hear her and as
I have neither time and
money to spare I shall
not be able to hear her.

The Electrical Exhibition
is now open and as it
is very fine, interesting and
instructive, I think that if
I can find the time that
I shall go to see it.

Give my love to all the
family and the Campbells

Your aff bro

C. C. Deane

Please tell father what is keep-
ing us here. and send
me a check for fifty-
dollars. suppose the bank
made a div. There were
very few guests at the
Lafayette - could easily count
all in the dining room.
With love to Mattie, Perry
Bene & Hildreth.

Affectly - Mrs. Adams
He had a very pleasant day
with Lily at Woodhouse
she is looking very well.

No. 9. W. 21st Street New York
Jan. 4. 1845.

Mr. John ^{and Mrs.} Means

Ashland Boyd Co. N.Y.

Dear Brother.

Please send
me a check for one hundred
and fifty (\$150.) Dollars.

We have come to this boarding
house which is expense less ex-
pensive than the "5th Avenue".
I do not tell that we are
staying here under a doctor,

Because as mother used to say
"people will talk". May has
been to see an oculist about
her eyes and he told her
the trouble all came from
her eyes, saying had defective
one from infancy and
the unnatural straining
of the eyes brought on head-
aches, neuralgia and all.
He has been to see him
several times and he says
must remain about
two weeks longer. There

just-written Aunt May par-
ticulars, which please ask
her for - I also have had
my eyes examined and
am having to glasses made
to see far and to reading,
said I must wear glasses
all the time - Tell Fannie
perhaps this straining of
the eyes or glasses not suitable
is the cause of her headaches.
We have heard since of several
not through the Dr. who have
been relieved by wearing
suitable glasses!

I. N. POLLOCK
ASHLAND, KY.

recd
10th

Boston Mass

Jan 5-1885

Dear Father

Received your letter today enclosing draft on New York for \$50. Please accept my thanks -

I did not understand whether your present was the \$20 for Christmas money or not until you wrote today hence my omitting to mention it. I believe that I have already thanked you for it -

We are very busy now and have little time to spare -

I want to leave for New York about the 26th and as the money you have just sent me

will only meet current ex-
penses between now and then
please send me more
money about that time

Give my love to all
and my wish for good
health is to you and all
Your affison

E. C. Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, N.Y., 10th Jan'y, 1885

Master E. C. Means

229 W. Canton St, Boston, Mass.

Dear brother

Yours of 5th inst, came to hand 8th.
Hereinthe find N. Y. draft indorsed to your
order for fifty (\$50⁰⁰/₁₀₀) dollars, which will
reach you in time for visit to Lily.

Rose went up to Cattsburg with me
yesterday and I left her there last night.

Harry left Wednesday and as should
have letter from him today, Aunt

Mary and Maggie are in N. Y. City for
a week or two. Will probably leave
for home before you go there.

Your own made 952+ tons, week ending
ing 3rd inst. All well

Affectionately your
John Means

received. I have things for
the others which I hold, think-
ing I would take them
myself.

We heard a good sermon
this ^{a.m.} from Dr. Parker.

It is raining now and so
dark that I can scarcely
see to write. Hoping you
are free from colds and
in good health, I remain
affectionately yours

M. A. Means

49. W. 21st Street New York City.
46.

Jan. 11. 1875

Mr. John Means
Richland Boyel City.

My dear Brother. Your kind let-
ter came yesterday a.m. enclosed
with the three checks on 3rd
Nat. Bank of this city. and
we are ever so much obliged
to you for sending them
so promptly.
My wife is in yesterday

I took your letter home
with her. She happened
in while Fannie Clarke and
Pearl Means were here. Pearl
is at Mrs. Wad's school
where I used to be and
says that among the clay
scholars is an Agnes Gang
who says she is a relation.
I suppose she is a niece of Archie
Means. Her father, Mrs. Wad says, is
a rail road thing here and
very rich.

Tell Pilchuth that I was
delighted to receive such

a nice French letter ^(D) from him
and will write very soon
providing the Consul does
not operate on my eyes.
as I am afraid he will do.
but he just will not tell
until the time comes.

I am so every about Father's
house. and if he needs
us. at all I can easily
send off this treatment &
go.

By the way I send you my
express some books which
I wonder if you

We will probably decide
this week what room we
will take.

I will not have much
~~to~~ do after Wednesday
of this week so that I
can have considerable
rest at that time.

Give my love to all
and believe me to be

Your aff. son
E. C. Means

Boston Mass.

Jan 18, 1885.

Dear Father:

Your letter was
received a few days ago, containing
a draft on New York for
Fifty Dollars (1850). I thank
you for it.

I had an examination in
Analytical Geometry Friday after-
noon and I think obtained a
very good mark on it. We
had two examinations set
for next Monday, Conics and
Drawing; the drawing being
the regular 1st year examination.
Conics (or A. G.) was set for Friday.

Tomorrow I have an examination
in French, Wednesday one in Chemistry.

Yesterday we had an examination in Drill. It was entirely battalion movements and a dress parade. We all wore white gloves and had our belts and bayonets shined-up for the occasion.

We commenced at 2.15 P.M. and drilled until 3.30. The officers were then present with their commissions by the President. After the ceremony a dance was indulged in until 5.30 P.M. The floor was very much crowded. I watched them for a time and then came home.

There were nearly 500 people present to watch the drill. We are to have another at the end of next term and a written examination on the same.

You need not write to me any longer in care of 229 W. Canton St but in care of the Mass. Inst. of Tech also send my papers to that place. The reason for this is that we are going to change our room after abatement. The one which we have now is too small for us and we are going to get another nearer to the institute.

Our landlady, in this place, is always talking to us about burning so much gas that she makes us tired. I am going to have plenty of light or a new room. She also objects to our talking after 10.30 P.M. and it is impossible for us always to keep still -

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 26th Jan'y, 1885

Miss Margaret A. Means

46 W. 21st St., New York, N. Y.

Dear Sister

Yours of 19th came while
I was gone home. Herewith find draft in
2nd N. Bk. N. Y. City - Thirty (\$30⁰⁰) dollars indorsed
to order of Mary A. - ~~Was~~ requested,
Was in Linton last week, dined at Mr
Sexton's and saw the family. Anne
told me, she hoped to reach N. Y. before
you left, but did not say just when
she expected to go there. Saw Willie
Martha and daughter had gone to New
Orleans. I hope the oculist will not
need to operate on your eye. Don't like
the idea of his getting angry at being
asked about it. Would advise with
some one you know, and be sure
that he is not a quack - Tell Jerry
that I have no very desirable widows
"in stock" just now, to bring on

for inspection. The books came
addressed to John Mears, and my
family sent them back to Express Office
~~with~~ receipt of your letter I inquired
and found them still there and
got them home. Much obliged for
the present. We have letters from
Lily and from Leok - Supper Cook
will be with her this week and
call to see you - Father's leg gets
better slowly - He won't have a
doctor look at it, or recommend
anything. Some or all of us go to see
him every day and read to him our
letters from the absent ones - Holt Peck
said your subscription for Mr. CREDIT's
Salary was unpaid and I paid
him \$200# for you, supposing it
would be right - All well

Affectionately yours

John Mears

I did venture to inquire about
operating, he said very pleas-
antly that he thought he
would not have any occas-
ion to operate on them,
and I must say that the
neuragic headaches are less
frequent even now.

Fannie has not been here since
your letter came. What
though she has several "things to
be sew". I am sure she would
be willing to add a good
widener as soon as you have
one "In Stock."

Affectionately yours
M. A. Means.

44 W. 21st Street New York -
Jan. 28, 1885
Mr. John Means
Brookland N.Y. Co. N.Y.

My dear Brother,
Your letter came
Knight and I will return the
check for Mollie to you.
This noon the servant man
came up and said, "A Mr. ~~Hook~~
Mr. Cook and Mrs. Mayer" want-
ed to see me and on go-
ing down I found Lily &
Cook. The former had a
bad cold - which she

did not seem to mind in the least and stayed until nearly four o'clock - promising faithfully to come very soon again. - Clock. The nice old boy was as frank and honest as of old. - He looked well & strong but thinner which is natural after such hard work at school. - Willie Smith met him here and I went with them to see Pearl who was in her element. - Fortunately she has a holiday next Friday when she will meet Clock here.

I fear I gave you a wrong impression of my Central. - It was an other patient he was cross with. - It is surprising to have a patient who comes with a trouble she has had all her life and in some places herself under your care than to begin to tease to know where she can go or what where he does not know for no two ^{eyes} # work the same you know. - When

new edition of Thackerays works
 Jimmy Leitch died Wednesday,
 The skating has been good and
 Ben and others have been to
 Sarago pond - There is a
 Buller skate near here but
 none of us have been to see.

Minnie Hildreth is coming Wednesday,
 next to go with mother to
 N.O. - experiment - Will probably
 leave about the 9th instant, and
 be gone 3 weeks.

Give my love to Lily and Mollie
 and remember me to the rest
 of the family - Frank Lyman's
 office is 130 Water St - Cor Pine.

Affectionately

John Meant

Ashland Ky, 10th Feb 1885

Dear Leitch

a day or two ago we
 received letter from Aunt May
 telling us that you had called
 to see her - The last letter I
 have from you was dated 15th ult,
 but several have come to some
 of us since. You had better
 write the newspapers men yourself
 about changing your address,

giving the address you wish changed
 from to that you wish, and then
 there will not apt to be mistake.
 I was in Leitch week before last
 and came home in the new steam
 Big Sandy - She is the nicest boat we
 have and her wheels are arranged
 so there is much less shaking

than in the other sidesheel-boats,
She is two feet wider in the hull
and one foot wider in the main
hull than the Fleetwood, Probably
not as fast as the F. but makes
the time easily. The river has
been filled with ice and no
boats running for a week past
With flood in Spring, low water
in Summer and Fall, ice in
Winter and loss of two boats
by fire, the past year has
been an unfortunate one
for the Big S. Pkt Co -

Walker made 322 tons last week,
the best I have from lumber
is 950 tons; her 3 weeks over
900. I think that before long
she will reach 1000 in a week.
The Norton will go out in
a day or two, and unless

there comes higher prices for Big S.
will buy what they need for
Nails - They have made over
30,000 kegs in Jan'y. The price of
Nails has been advanced .15¢ per
keg in Jan'y and this gives a
small margin on right side
for profit - Mollie R Warner
has been at home for a week
and today Burt is here.
Friday went with Mr Russell
to Bellefonte. We have not
chopped any wood there yet, and
are thinking to not make any
more there this year but to hold
what we have for better prices,
and get up a stock of ore
during the year - At Bellefont
all feel sadly about the loss
of Mr Hoople -

Aunt Mary came home Sunday
last and brought me a very

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~~State of Kentucky
Boyd County~~ Act:-

I Charles W. Sherritt clerk
of the Boyd County Court, Ky, do certify that
the foregoing instrument of writing from
Mrs Harriet A. Haskell to John Means was
produced to me, duly acknowledged before
my deputy H. C. Sherritt as appears from his
endorsement thereon, and said instrument
having been lodged for record in my office
on the 9th day of February 1885. I have this
day recorded the same in my office together
with this certificate. Given under my
hand this 11th day of Feb'y 1885.

~~Charles W. Sherritt C.C.C.~~

Know all men by these presents, that Mrs Harriet A. Haskell
for and in consideration of One hundred and eighty two (\$182)
dollars, received from John Means, all of Ashland
Boyd County Kentucky; does hereby sell and convey
to said John Means, the following described
parcel of land, situate on the waters of Long
Run in the county and State aforesaid; beginning
at a stake in the Ashland and East Fork road
from which a Beech bears $N 51\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} E 4\frac{21}{100}$ Poles distant;
thence along the middle of said road $S 29\frac{7}{4}^{\circ} W$
 $24\frac{3}{5}$ poles to a stake; thence $S 47^{\circ} W 6\frac{6}{10}$ poles;
to a stake; thence $S 66\frac{7}{4}^{\circ} W 3\frac{10}{100}$ poles to a stake;
thence $S 72\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W 24\frac{24}{100}$ poles to a stake; thence leaving
said road $N 51\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} E 54$ poles with said Means and
Haskell's line to the beginning, containing $1\frac{82}{100}$ Acres,
with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belong-
ing; to have and to hold the same to the said
John Means his heirs and assigns forever.

The said Harriet A. Haskell covenants that
the premises hereby conveyed are free and unincum-
bered, and that she will warrant and de-
fend the property conveyed against all persons
or claims.

The said Harriet A. Haskell has hereto set
her hand and seal this 4th day of February 1885
Harriet A. Haskell (Seal)

State of Kentucky }
County of Boyd. } Sec.

I, John Yose Clerk of the Boyd County Court Ky., do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing from Harriet A. Haskell to John Means was this day at 8 o'clock A.M., produced to me in my Office and lodged for record duly acknowledged before N.C. Sheritt Deputy Clerk for Chas. W. Sheritt as appears from his indorsement thereon which is then Clerk of the Boyd County Court in words and figures as follows: "Duly acknowledged before me by Harriet A. Haskell on this the 7th day of Feby 1885." C.W. Sheritt c.s.c.c. By N.C. Sheritt D.C."

Whereupon the same ~~was~~ together with this Certificate has been duly recorded in my Office.

Given under my hand this 21st day of Oct. 1896

John Yose c.s.c.c.
By Tom M. Eba D.C.

125 Mrs Harriet A. Haskell 4136

deed to

John Means

Duly acknowledged before me by Harriet A. Haskell on this the 7th day of Feby. 1885
C.W. Sheritt c.s.c.c.
By N.C. Sheritt D.C.

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Chas. W. Sheritt
Al. Brown
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the Oakland and Norton next
summer. I would like
this kind of work and
also would like a little
surveying to build up my
strength next summer.

Next year I am going to
take an hour's exercise at
the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium
^{every day,}
but as it costs \$12 a year
I did feel able to pay so much
this time.

My term bill is due and
it is Seventy Five Dollars
so please send me One
Hundred (\$100.) Dollars at once.

Love to all the family

Your aff. son
E. C. Means

P.S. Have you received a
catalogue of the School for this
year 1884-5-

Aunt
12th

Boston Mass.

Feb. 6, 1885

Dear Father:

I received your
letter yesterday, it was
forwarded to me from Wood-
haven by Mr. Maynard.

I had a most enjoyable
visit in Or. every thing
possible was done to make
me have a good time, and
I did not want to come
away.

I saw Aunt Mag, Pearl, Bessie
Putnam and Mary Newport.

Did not find an opportunity
to look up Mr. Frank Lyman.

I came back to Boston last
Tuesday via Fall River line -

As I obtained a credit in Chemistry I determined to finish up my work for this year and try to do some of the second year's work. So I am only taking French, Drawing & Chemistry. These were the three studies advised by Mr. Nichols and Mr. Richards, the professors in Chemistry and Metallurgy. The mathematics which I have stop't can be taken up next year but are only required for applied mechanics. Applied mechanics will not have much to with making pig iron but with the strength of supports and arches. It takes more time to work a problem in that study

than it does to manufacture the article. It is more of a requisite for building. I would rather give my time to something else. The course which I have adopted gives me plenty of work to do during the day but not as much night work as I had before. I found that it was too much of a strain to work until 11 or 12 every night as I have been doing for the last two months and I was afraid my eyes would give out. As it was I lost about 12 pounds in weight.

How do you think it will suit me to assist at an engine until I learn about the different engines at

Marietta College.

Marietta Feb 8th 1885

Dear Father.

Yours of the 3rd with the check of \$25.00 (Twenty five dollars) was received the next day. And in the same mail I received one from mother on the back one of Cook's. Both of ~~which~~ ^{whom} I was glad to hear from including yourself. I am very much obliged to you for the money that you sent me. I wish that you would thank Aunt's Mollie & Mag for their Christmas present to me. (as I forgot to tell Bess ^{to do so} last week when I wrote her). And am very sorry that I could ^{or did} not get ^{them} any presents, Mother ^{asked} ~~wanted~~ I know if I wanted it to be sent here or that I wished ^{it} to be left at home. I wish that you would keep it there as I can get along with out here very well. I was up to the ^{Presbyterian} social at Mark Cole's on Fourth St. last Thursday night. it was a very disagreeable night to be out. It was one of the largest of the Presbyterian

socials that I have been to while here. I had
a very pleasant time. The President ~~was~~^{and}
went away yesterday to be gone over Monday
don't know where he went, but suppose that he
has gone begging for college. I am glad
to hear that Mother is going South with
Minnie Hildreth as I think it will do
her good. (but I am sorry that I could not
go with her to New Orleans Exposition) and
I hope that they will enjoy ^{them} ~~themselves~~ while
there and all of the time that they on the
trip. Are they going by boat from Cincin-
nati are they going on the Big Sandy I see by the
papers that she is to leave on Tuesday. (Price
for round trip \$75.) Are they going all the
way by rail or only part way. I hope that
you ~~will~~^{did} have ~~that~~ a very enjoyable trip to
Lowmoor last week. all well

Love and kind remembrances
Yours Son
Harold.

Bennie and Rose entertained the cooking club
Friday night, but I was away - They report
a pleasant party.

The Norton factory engine is broken and will
be stopped about 2 weeks for repairs.

Kirker gets five (5) years in jail for his work
at Second Natl. Institute -

Affectionately yours
John Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 12th May, 1885.

Dear Levek

Yours of 8th came yesterday. The most important part I had anticipated in mine of the 9th to you.

Your letters written us by Maggie and Lily we supposed you had enjoyed your visit to N.Y. city and gone back surprised but reluctantly to study again.

It is much easier to play than to work for a time but all play is worse than all work, especially when we can see success in our work. You asked me to send you report of your standing when I might receive one. Herewith find the only one sent to me, and I am very much pleased to have so good a report. I suppose the advice of your Professors as to studies is good. You had better though be thorough in Plain Geometry, and Trigonometry, Mensuration and Surveying. Acres of land are good things to have, and it is well to know how to measure and compute areas. Am glad that your present course of study avoids night work thereby saving your eyes. For if you injure them now you cannot hope to get much good hereafter of the education acquired in the loss

If some of the engines at Ashland or Norton shall be under repairs or resetting it would be very well for you to assist and see to setting valves etc, etc. But to ^{simply} run an engine in order, is mainly to grease and watch water and steam gauges - To run a locomotive engine, would be better for men running practice. The Furnace itself is the main thing to watch, time spent with Skelding or Walker about the furnace, will enable you to see considerably of engines, boilers and pumps. Many fair engineers get widely astray, from ignorance of simple principles of Natural Philosophy. I have had no catalogue of your school for 1884+5.

I have one of the 1883 Nickels with the V but without the word cents, don't think you have one and I'll try to keep it for you. Expect to leave here Saturday (14th) night, spend Sunday at Lockport leaving there Monday for N.Y. city, where shall probably remain until Friday 20th, and then leave for home.

All well yours affectionately
John Mead

of L & S. May Co would
reach them -

Remember me to Mr. Walker
Coz. Douglas, and the two Lowmoor
friends Mr S. & Mr. B when
you see them - Tell Mr. S.
that I am looking forward
to a visit at Lowmoor next
summer and I want to see her make
a ~~four~~ thousand tons a week -

How is the founderman
at N. D. W. getting along, is
the Englishman still there?

With love to yourself

I am your aff. son

E. C. Meaus

Feb. 13 1885

Boston Mass

Dear Father

I received your
draft on New York for one
hundred and twenty five dollars
(\$125.) dated the 9th. Please
accept my thanks for the same.

I was wondering why they
had not sent me my term
bill, as the other boys have
all received theirs -

We have decided to change
our room for one on the
same street, No. 233, W. Canton
we will move our trunks
and chattels next Wednesday.

Our new room is nearly
twice as large as the one we
are now occupying and has

a cabinet bed in it, ~~into~~
has one bay window and
one side window in the
recess where the bed stands;
has wash room with hot and
cold water and two gas jets
one on each side of a looking
glass, making it very convenient
for shaving and as we do not
often have the opportunity
of shaving by daylight we
will be able to fully ap-
preciate it. It also has
a chandelier with three gas
jets, besides one on the side
^{of the room} which we are going to have
connected with a drop light.
Also has a very nice sofa
and well upholstered chairs.
Indeed we are satisfied that
we have secured a first
rate bargain.

The rent is to be \$5- per week
or 75 cents a piece more than
we are paying. I should
have said that it is a front
room and ~~your~~ present one
is a back room. We will
continue to get our meals
at the same place and
price.

As I wrote to you before
I have taken extra Chemistry
in place of Mathematics, I
find that I like it much
better and learn more
about chemistry.

Give my love to all and
send it to mother when you
write, telling her that she
has my wishes for a pleasant
trip. Mrs. Smith and Willie
were to be in New Orleans
about this time. A letter
addressed to 43 Magazine St care

Mrs Gamney
4th Street corner of Chestnut
New Orleans Feb. 14th 1885

My Dearest John

I will write
you a line to let you know. we are
well + comfortable - Min writes to Bess
giving the particulars of our journey
+ our boarding place - We consider
ourselves immensely lucky in our
boarding place - A very pleasant
family, 3 young gentlemen all nice
as can be. So Min can have plenty of
company - A splendid table + a very nice
room on the first floor opening on a porch
+ a good sized yard with orange tree + Helix
in bloom - + a parrot in it to talk to us - + a
very quiet ~~street~~ at night - The cars go ^{by} to
the exposition every two minutes - + we
have had a good seat every time - being an
old lady - yesterday, a young lady + the day before

a young gentlemen got up + gave me
their seats - We have been two days
to the Exposition - + I have had a
chair for 3 hours each day - they
hire three rolling chairs with ~~a~~
man to push them for 60 cents
an hour - so I have enjoyed them
very much - The Exposition is
about as good as the Centennial
all but the Art display - which is
not yet open - Mardi Gras will
be on Tuesday + Monday the King
will come in + 16 boats will carry
him + the crowd to the Exposition
grounds - There are a great many
changes here - + there is a great
demand for rooms - Our landlady has
refused a good many since we
have been here - We have met our
acquaintances from the East - some of
them, but no one else that we
know - The Sun shines to day for
the first time - I am afraid I will
have trouble to get a section in the cars as
the crowd here is so great (they wont stamp
our tickets for only 4 days out) so I dont
know when I will come home - + you can
look for us when you see us - hoping you
are all well - with love + kisses - I am yours
Father

I shall not be
getting into
trouble next
week as there
is such a crowd
of men & women
to go to
yourself & children

Mrs Garner - 175 4th Street near
Chestnut
New Orleans Feb. 18th - 1885

— We are still
along very well - though
we have had three rather tedious
days - Sunday we went to Trinity
Church - the most fashionable church
in the city & the nearest to us - Monday
we went out to the Exposition to see
Rex, the King & his Court - The crowd
was immense - at least 80,000 people
(Some say 125,000) - probably more - I suppose it was & will be
the best attendance for any day during the
whole Exposition - yet the ^{main} building is so
immense it did not seem at all crowded -
The trouble was in getting seats in the
Street Cars, which were crowded all
day long - though there was to be one every
two or three minutes - several different lines -
Yesterday was Mardi Gras - & every place
was jammed & crowded - We are on 4th -
& we walked down to 1st Street - & saw the

Galley will not open till Thursday

Morning procession go by - it represented scenes from Ivanhoe. I was sorry I could not have known it, so as to have read it up for the occasion that view. 22 floats - & ~~4~~ some of them were 20 feet high - ^{King} Rex was in the first float & was dressed in blue velvet - gilt boots &c. - but seemed to find his crown quite heavy. It was two hours passing as some of the floats broke down I think - In the evening I was fortunate enough to get a carriage for ten dollars (I expected I could not get one for ^{over} twenty) & we went to Canal Street to see the Monarch procession - It was "Legends of the Beautiful" & the handsomest one I have ever seen - The most beautiful floats were, Coral Caves, Summer Fire Sprites, Frost King, Crystal Caves, Spirits of the Rainbow, Flowers of the Prairie Wood Nymphs, Autumn - Spring Blossoms &c. & floats - It went far ahead for beauty of any procession I have ever seen - The Balls were said to have been terribly crowded - Some of the boarders here could not get in to the Rex Ball as it was so crowded - Today we will go to the Exposition - Monday we visited the Athenaeum Hall - which is all tropical fruits & flowers & very interesting & handsome -

Marietta College.

Marietta Feb 22nd 1888

Dear Rose

Your letters and Hildreth together with the package were received last Thursday night was glad to hear from you two, and to receive the package consisting of the handkerchief with the match box - some things that I did not think of receiving for sometime (small favors thankfully received,) We have been having some cold weather at present. for the last four days the weather has below zero every morning some two to six degrees by Uncle's ^{best} thermometer the old reliable. night before last it registered 11° below by Prof Biscoe's self registering one. How did the Cooking Club go off at our house Richardsons and at Wagers you folk have not let me know as how they did ~~turn~~ go off. As to the Roller

Skating business I am not at all stuck
about it, but if you want me to learn
to be a good hand at it I wish that you
would let me know. if you still favour
the idea, but I think that Cooker ought
to be a ^{better} ~~good~~ hand it for he has had
more practice than I have. I have
not been on them ^{for} over a half a dozen
times and then did enjoy myself very
much and as I suppose that as I ought
to have done, but will see what can be
done if you are anxious ^{enough} to write and
to tell me to practice on them, I will do
so to please you.

We are all well
Love and kind remembrance
Your aff Brother

Harold Means,

P.S. I had a postal last night from Cooker he says that
they have change their room from 229. to 216 W Canton.
As it was a larger and nicer and more comfortable one
and he wanted his letter sent in care of the Techno-
logy Institute of Mass, as it would be more conven-
ient for him. (this is Hildreth benefit)
Harry Means.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 2nd Wm, 1885

Dear book

I found yours of 16th on my reading Woodham
and of 13th when I came home. Should have been very
glad to have gone to Boston and spent a day or
two with you, but had arranged to reach home
Saturday morn. To have gone to Boston for one day
would have taken about twice as much time for
travel as for visiting and in very cold weather.
So thought it best to make my visit to Lily and
even that was short. Went out to W. Tuesday ^{4:40} afternoon
left Thursday morning ^{10:40}, and spent much the greater
part of Wednesday in the city. Had a pleasant trip
led Goodwin and Maj Bell were with me, Aunt
Maggie coming home with us. We were detained by
a wreck from collision of two trains on the Balt & Potomac
R.R. about 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Washington, Had to transfer
ourselves by walking nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, which took so much
time that we missed connecting with C&O-Train at Charlottesville
where we waited some 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours for N^o 3 and reached here at
12 at Noon when we had expected to come at 7 A.M. - Found
all well, and two young lady visitors (Misses Kumber) who stayed
until to day. Am glad you are getting a letter

room and larger - Good light is important
too when one wishes to read as much as
students do - I suppose we can talk over
the course of study pretty nearly as well when
you come home as we could have done
in one day in Boston. Did not see Pearl
or any one outside of Woodham and Lukron
people. We have parted this morn of 19th which
says mother and Minnie may start home
to night. If they knew how cold it is I see
doubt believe they would come yet, Mer &
Yem this morn has been -8° the past week
River filled with floating ice, no freight is trans-
ferred, but the storm brings and takes passengers.

The furnace running about 300 tons weekly -
Norton is blown out - The Englishman stayed
with her and did very well. Governor made
1804 tons in two weeks ending 14th, I left them late.
Having put in new lining and hearth, was only
in blast 3 out of 6 months ending 1 July 85; and
we put up a new evasher which cost all
told about \$25,000+ we made no dividend,
Even at present low prices for iron we expect
to make some profit, but not large. Hope
you will not take cold, ^{very} this weather seacher you

Affectionately yours
John Meant

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Monthly Statement of Absences.

BOSTON, *Mar. 3,* 188*5.*

DEAR *Sir:*

I hereby send you a statement of the absence and tardiness of Mr. *Ellison C. Means* for the month ending *Feb. 28,* 188*5.*

SUBJECTS.	NUMBER OF TIMES ABSENT OR TARDY EACH WEEK.									
	FIRST WEEK.		SECOND WEEK.		THIRD WEEK.		FOURTH WEEK.		FIFTH WEEK.	
	A.	T.	A.	T.	A.	T.	A.	T.	A.	T.
MATHEMATICS										
CHEMISTRY (LECTURE)										
CHEMISTRY (LABORATORY)										
ENGLISH										
FRENCH										
MECHANICAL DRAWING				1						
DRILL										

Respectfully yours,

JAMES P. MUNROE, SECRETARY.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 11th March, 1885

Master E. C. Means

Mass, Inst, Technology, Boston, Mass.

Dear Levek

Yours of 1st ^{came in due time} to me, and of 8th to Rose is here to day - Herewith find A. N. Banks' draft on 3rd Natl New York for fifty (\$50⁰⁰/₁₀₀) dollars indorsed to your order - as requested. We are all very well. Your mother and cousin came home Friday 27th, and from Ed. Jewell had the pleasant company of part of the disappointed who had gone to see Neal King. They report a nice trip and think in many respects the exhibition at N. O. is equal to the Centennial at Philadelphia. Minnie expects to leave for Garden Friday next (13th). Bessie will go with her, and Rose may go too. Minnie Stone came down Monday, and went home yesterday. Father and Aunts Mary and Maggie are well. Mary presented me with a nice set of Thackeray's Works 10 Vols, and Maggie brought me Lord Lyttens 32 Vols, These have better binding than I have usually bought and add to the good appearance of my library. Mr Walker was pleased to receive the Catalogue you

sent and desired me to return his thanks
for same. Is doing well with the furnace
made $326\frac{1}{2}$ last week ($6\frac{1}{2}$ days). If he has
no stops this month - The year ending last
fox will show as much or more iron
than ever made before here. But there will
also be more days run, than in the longest
year hitherto. The richer yield of mixture
used by Houghton making the difference.
I paid for Independent and Register for 1 year.
As we have both at home it will hardly be
worth while to have them changed and sent
here during vacation. Have not heard any-
thing about Sam Ireland or the Ganeth boys
lately and cannot tell you of them.
Capt Campbell of the Telegraph was in our
dock last week, while his boat lay by a few
hours to let ice run past, and inquired about
you - We hope the river may keep clear
from this on - or we have had a hard
year for boating -

Affectionately yours

John Meard

Our drawing is becoming more interesting and from this time forward we are to draw from objects with less theory but more care as to measurements -

I hope Mother and Minnie had a pleasant trip and are much benefited by it - It was a very pretty idea of taking one of the Hildreths and I hope she will continue to do so -

What has become of Sam Ireland and the Garrett boys? I have heard nothing about them for a long time.

Give my love to all

Your affection
E. C. Means -

Ans'd
11/11/77

Boston Mass

March 1 1873 -

Dear Father

Your letter was received the middle of the week

I was disappointed not to receive a message saying that you were coming to see us. The principal object of your visit would have been to inspect our schools.

Much more attention would be shown you and as a rule the students are not often allowed to inspect other rooms than those to which they belong. I have only been in a few rooms besides those in which I do my regular work.

Woodward has chosen a diff. course from mine - He takes shop work at the Mechanical Arts school while I take French. He is not as far advanced in Mathematics as I and will be unable to take some of the studies in which I can indulge if necessary.

Friday we were treated with two intermediate examinations one in French, the other in Chem. and so far as I am concerned they fulfilled the desired effect viz. of finding out how much we knew without giving us any time to brush up especially for the occasion. These examinations are ~~a~~ very good and should be held in every school. By them each student is tested, fairly, as to how much he really knows about what he has studied

Receive my thanks for the Republicans. I have written to the Independent & Register to change their mailing address to 216 W. Canton. We receive most of our mail at the Leech. Did you subscribe for one year for the Ind. & Reg. ? I wish to know so I can have them sent to Oakland during the summer.

Neal was to have been here Friday - was the affair a success and did he confess?

I have purchased three books on Chemistry, recommended to me by one of our professors.

They are very good and said to be the best in existence.

Roscoe's and Scholemmer's.

Business is dull here but everybody expects a good spring trade.

Civ. Mass. Inst. of Tech.
Boston Mass
March 5 1885

Dear Mother

Seeing by the papers that you and Minnie have returned after a very pleasant trip and as I have not had a chance to write to you for some time I will address this letter to you.

Nothing new has happened here since I last wrote except that I have finished the laboratory work required for the First year and have started on the Second years work. This is not a promotion from fast or extraordinary work

but that I have had more time than is required by a regular class.

The first year's work, that which I have just finished, has to deal with general chemistry, but the work which I will have from now on will be quantitative and qualitative chemistry.

There is no opportunity to gain on the class in drawing and French.

Yesterday we went over to games, indoor winter, of the Institute. Saw ~~some~~ some very fine athletes, one fellow kicked 9'1" high and one ran and jumped 5'6" one stood and jumped 4'10"

The tug of war was won by a team from the Boston ~~Senior~~ Christian Association -

Will you please tell Father to send me Fifty Dollars (\$50)?

We have been having some very pretty spring weather for a few days but today the ground is covered with snow and everything indicates stormy weather.

We are going to get up a party to go from here to Newport News via water and then take the R.O. for our homes when we return in June. Will have from 12 to 20 in the party.

It is now dinner time and we must tackle some Boston baked beans

With love to all

I am your affson

E. C. Meaur

Marietta College.

Marietta March 8th 1885

Mr John Means
Ashland Ky.

Dear Father

Yours of the 4th was duly received with its check of fifty (\$50) Dollars for which I am very much obliged. I also received letters from Mother and Rose last night, - I am glad to hear that ^{she and mine} they had such a good time down South at N. O.'s Exposition, and on the way to and from there. We had snow most all of yesterday, but the ground was not in a condition for it to stay on there, ~~we~~ we had enough snow last night to make a show this morning, as it was a little colder in the night than it was during the day. I understand that the ^{new} college, ^(President) is chosen as the President - Andrews has in the condition to move his household goods to some other place, and I suppose that new Pres. will take his place at the beginning of next term. The Senior & the

^{onilled myself} last-
number of two, spoke their orations last Wed-
nesday on the Chapel stage.

The R.R. ~~bridge~~ across the Muskingum is at last
finished, as you will remember that part of
it was carried off by the flood last winter,
But the ice in the Muskingum is still fast
with no signs of running out very soon
the ice is about a foot thick at this place,
It moved a little at McConnelville last
week. All well.

With Love and kind regards

Your Son

Harold Means, ^{Husband}

P.S. Aunt Sarah Wilcheth's youngest sister ^{Mr. Met}

calf (I think) died last week in St. Paul, ^{Minnesota}

Cousin Mame ^{was with} her wife during his last illness

Cousin Mame is very well and she has had
some very cold weather this winter, any place from
-20° to -40° below zero,

Harold Means

Marietta College.

Marietta March 15th 1885

Dear Mother

We (the Seniors and Juniors) have been having two recitation a day in the absence of the President, ^{who} was at Columbus attending a meeting to see about the place to hold the centennial of the Pilgrims Fathers of Ohio that landed at Marietta in 1788. Both Marietta and Columbus wants to have it. The President left Wednesday morning for Columbus. to be gone till yesterday evening. And as he was not here Wednesday after there was no exercises in Chapel that afternoon. He gave each class different topics to on which to write essays, to take the place of the recitations.

Beck Nye ^{miss} ~~took~~ ^{returned from a} ten days trip ^{to} Bellair last ^{week} ~~week~~.
I am ^{to} sorry ^{when} that your hand, ^{is} ~~trouble~~ ^{still} you to write very much.

We are all well

Love and kind regards,

Your Son Harold Means

Mar 85

Dear Cosh

The girls are gone to
Dresden & ^{by} Tanesville & you've
left today for the City - So Hildreth
& I are all alone - But we have
today the wash woman & her
daughter, Kate & the two Henrys
so we are still a household -
The meetings still continue - Jennie
Russell & the 3 O'Farrells (Anna &
the two next) are among the
converts - I ride down & attend
the afternoon bible readings - We
had a returned missionary from
Siam to stay with me & she
gave two of the best lectures I
have ever heard, from any missionary
& we took up \$88. for her, which was
more than any town or City in Ky (she
went all over the State) - Liz is not
coming yet Mrs Nicholes has had fever
& Liz Malaria - Harry will I can be
home - Love & kisses from
Mother

reduce the amount of drawing.
As for myself I would
just as soon draw some
on Saturdays as to walk
around in the mud.

Yesterday my roommate
went out to Harvard
to see some wrestling and
boxing which took place
in the gymnasium. He was
disappointed and said that
they were no better than
ours.

I send you two papers
"The American Machinist", it
is considered to be one of
the best papers of its kind,
ranking above the Scientific
American, etc.

Give my love to all

Your aff. son

B. C. Means

Boston Mass

March 15 1885

Dear Father

Your letter was
received yesterday enclosing
a draft on New York bank
for Fifty (\$50) Dollars, for
which I thank you.

I am glad to learn that
Mr. Walker was not bothered
by my sending him the
catalogue. I have been
intending to send him some
thing by which he could remember
me and know that I had
not forgotten him. I shall
also send one to Mr. Skelding
before long.

I have just started in the

second year laboratory or
as the secretary puts it
in my certificate of admission
there-to, "the analytical lab."

Having just commenced
it is not very pleasant
work and if your work
is out $\frac{3}{10}$ of 1% it must
be performed over again.

^{3rd} year it is $\frac{2}{10}$ of 1% -
As soon as I become so
that I can work accurately
and nicely without much
danger of making mistakes
I know that I shall like it.

I wish that I had taken
up Mineralogy at the begin-
ing of this term - Woodward
has taken up the blow pipe
analysis which is part of the
course in mineralogy. But
as I want to take the full
course in it, I shall wait until
next year -

I would like to know
what has become of the
oil well. Cleveland has
introduced quite a smell
of Standard oil into his
cabinet and perhaps an
oil well may be of some
value before a great while.

If Blaine had been elected
the iron business would
have kept us; as it was
Cleveland, perhaps the little
holes in the ground may be
able to ^{help} do so.

Yesterday I had to draw
four hours extra in my
room to finish up a plate
which we did not have
time to complete in the
drawing room. Some of
the boys are in favor of
petitioning the faculty to

Marietta College.

Marietta March 29 1885

Dear Mother

Yours and Roses was received last Tuesday eve. I was very glad to hear from you two, but I was sorry ^{to hear} that Lily and Mrs. Nichols are not ~~so~~ well enough to come home when they intended. I received Father's letter of the 26th with a draft on New York for \$35. for which I am very much obliged, as I did not expect to receive a letter from him for some time as on account of seeing his name in the list of the Big Sandy Excursionists for New Orleans in last Wednesday paper which surprised me as I had not heard that he had any intentions of doing so.

We Seniors only have two Examinations this term one in Political Economy & the President and one in Chemistry & Prof. Bisbee the

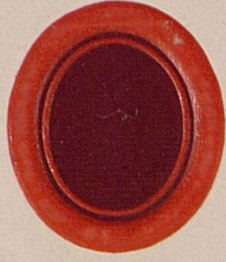
one to the President comes tomorrow morning
from 8.30 to 10. ^{other} ~~the~~ one Tuesday morning
from 10.11 to 11.40.

At present my in-
tention is to leave here Tuesday afternoon
and arrive in Ashland on the mid night
train. you can fix the night catch for me
that night. If I change my mind I will
let you know ~~by~~ from Chellicote, by tele-
gram.

We are all very well

With much love and many kind
wishes to you all.

Your son
Harold Means



Second Annual Banquet

OF THE



Delta Upsilon Club,



OF NEW ENGLAND.



Young's Hotel, March 20, 1885.

Menu

OYSTERS ON SHELL.

SOUPS.

Mock Turtle.

Consommé à la Royale.

FISH.

Broiled Shad à la Maître d'Hotel.

Radishes.

Cucumbers.

REMOVES.

Spring Lamb, Mint Sauce.

Roast Philadelphia Chicken.

Fillet of Beef aux Champignons.

Larded Prairie Chicken.

ENTREES.

Croquettes of Chicken, Sauce Suprême.

Mutton Cutlets au Petits Pois.

Oyster Patties.

Croustade of Game.

Banana Fritters, Glacé Cognac.

Lobster Salad.

Chicken Salad.

SWEETS.

Frozen Pudding.

Charlotte Russe.

Rum Fromage.

Wine Jelly.

Biscuit Glacé.

DESSERT.

Oranges.

Bananas.

Apples.

Nuts.

Raisins.

Figs.

Ice Cream.

Sherbet.

Coffee.

Abilene Ky, 22nd and March 1885
Dear brother

Your of 15th came to hand
Wednesday, and found us all very
well. Berrie and Rose with Minnie
Hildreth left Tuesday morn for
Dresden and Yancerville. We had
letters last night from both. Berrie
at Dresden and Rose at Yancerville
Friday and Saturday the Mer-
cur stood at $+15^{\circ}$, and today is
snowing. We had a clear day
Monday, and could see the eclipse
plainly. Your epître Francois to
Tom came last evening and he
translated it this morning before
church time. I gave the newspaper
to Ed Roberts, who asked me to
thank you for the remembrance

2 and said he had been a subscriber to it for sometime and has three volumes bound, and thinks it far better than the Scientific American, I think we may lose Walker as he has pretty high notions as to the value of his services. We are paying him now \$200+ per month. This is good wages for any one for the place, and especially for one who has never had charge of a furnace before. If he learns as he makes a mistake and may be glad to work for one-half as much before he gets more. Men often overestimate their ^{im}portance. Am glad you are getting along so well in Chemistry and think it well for you to take the full course in Mineralogy, But

3.

Also don't neglect your mathematics. There has been nothing done at the oil well since you left.

If no use is made for one year the lease lapses.

Had letter from Mr Wickes last week, He wished to be remembered and wrote that Ned was six feet in height. He is located at Bozeman about 30 miles from Iron Adams' place; and manages some coal mines for the North Pacific R.R. - With Mr Russell and Meacham I leave in the morning for Santa Fe, to meet other directors of the Norton I. Works. We shall probably get home Thursday next.

Yesterday a young man
by the name of Graves (of Tenn.)
and myself took a long
walk out along what is
known as the mile race we
also walked a short way
along the Boston & Albany R.R. Road
and saw the electric connection
between the rails, which was
used to give warning of
approaching trains.

With love to all - remain
as ever

Your aff son

E. C. Mead-

Crs M. & T.

Boston Mass.

March 29 1885-

Dear Father:

This week has
opened up with 3 or 4 inches of snow
and with the chances of 6 or more.

We have had an unusually
cold month of March but I
like it better than rain and
slush, for while it has been
cold it has not been muddy
or slushy. While I was thinking
that we were enjoying a good
spell of weather, all the old
residents were complaining of
the unusually bad weather -

Yesterday Richard Eppes of
Virginia returned to school
after an absence of two months

having gone home to recover
from the measles. He is very
today ~~and~~ copying my notes
on Chemistry and will have
much to make up-

I am very sorry to learn
that Lily is again sick with
the malaria. I hope that it
is only the result of the breaking
up of winter and will soon
pass over- What does Uncle
Charley say about Rose? I hope
she will be much better after
her trip-

Harry will find a small
family when he returns;
something like the time when
Mother and the girls were off
in California. I wish I were
going to be at home with
him- I will only have two
more months before I can return-

I have nothing new to
report as occurring at the
Leak, so far as I am
personally concerned, except
an examination in French-

My catarrh is giving me
some trouble, especially in
the throat and while I dislike
to consult a physician I
expect it will be the best
thing that I can do. I
caught cold some time ago
and while it has not turned
into a cough it seems to
hang on in my throat and
nose- Not painful, but very
annoying- It is about
the same trouble which appeared
in Marietta every Spring. I
think can be easily gotten rid
~~of~~ of if we have some fair
weather - not too cold-

I. N. POLLOCK
ASHLAND, KY

Ashland March 30th 1885.

My Dear Cooke

I was much obliged for your nice long letter, and am glad you were honored by being invited to the Banquet, among so many grand old gentlemen - I hope you were on your good behavior - We have done nothing but go to Church, since my return from the Sunny South. The Bible Readings of Mr. Richard in the afternoon, have been very interesting & instructive - he is an earnest plain speaker, & has done us all, much good.

Jennie Russell is one of his
converts - Annie, Jane, & Frank
O'Farrell - Louise Montmolin & others
15 in all will unite with our
church on next Sunday -
Mr Condit ought to feel quite
encouraged - Mr Gishaid preached
on dancing & Card playing one
afternoon, a splendid discourse
you ought to have heard it
Also one, reading, was on "Women
Speaking & Praying in Prayer Meeting
which he is in favor of - Bess is
still in Dresden & Rose has returned
from Lanesville much pleased
with Uncle Charles as a doctor -
We are hoping Lily will soon come
home - & Harry will be home this
week - I will be glad when you
can come, as I am beginning to want
to see you - I send you all old letters
of Harrys as I could not find his
last one - Love & kisses from
Mother -

8.

Annual Statement

OF

MEANS, KYLE & CO.,

FOR

Year Ending March 31, 1885

PINE GROVE FURNACE BALANCES, April 1, 1885

STATEMENT showing cost of Iron made during blast ending April 1, 1885

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 1885

ASSETS.		
Cash,.....	5796	
Hands' Ledger Balances.....	405446	
Bills Receivable,.....	21486	
Merchandise,.....	487529	
Principal office, <i>Pig Iron</i>	4455532	
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,.....	2784336	
Balance cost of <i>4315</i> tons iron delivered at Hanging Rock,.....	4932955	
	\$16091080	
LIABILITIES.		
Book Accounts,.....	58510	
Hands' ledger balances,.....	600896	
Sales---Pig iron.....	8606741	
Principal Office <i>of Merchandise</i>	6313167	
Annual gain and loss to April 1, 1885.....	511782	
	\$16091080	

ASSETS.		
Cash and book accounts,.....	414242	
Merchandise,.....	487529	
Bills receivable,.....	21486	
Principal office,.....	4455532	
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,.....	2784336	
<i>2345⁵⁵</i> tons pig iron <i>at all</i>	4455532	
“ “ “ “.....		
“ “ “ “.....		
		\$ 8158125
LIABILITIES.		
Book Accounts,.....	659415	
Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 18.....		
Principal Office.....	6313162	
Profit on Merchandise.....	511782	
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1885.....	673766	
		\$ 8158125

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Hanging Rock.....	1838	Number tons iron made,.....	4315
<i>125</i> bushels coal..... at <i>6⁵⁵</i>	806	Whole number cords wood used, <i>of Lumber</i>	10466
<i>2^{1/2}</i> tons ore..... at <i>158</i>	507	“ “ loads coal “.....	2697
<i>4^{1/2}</i> “ limestone..... at <i>75</i>	32	“ “ tons ore “.....	11650
Running up stock,.....	463	“ “ “ limestone “.....	1816
Transp'n to Hanging Rock Landing,.....	90	No. cords wood to make one load of coal, <i>of Lumber</i>	5 ²² _{10.6}
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Hanging Rock Landing,.....	231	“ “ “ “ “ “ ton of iron.....	
Average sales per ton,.....	2201	“ days furnace was in blast.....	274
Merchandise sold,.....	2448155	“ tons daily average product.....	15.75
Net profit on merchandise,.....	511782	“ “ iron sold,.....	41404
Cost of one load charcoal,.....	1990	“ “ on hand,.....	2345 ⁵⁵

Furnace commenced blowing *May 17*, 1884, and blew out , 18

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, HANGING ROCK, BALANCES.

ASSETS.			LIABILITIES.		
Gain and loss to April 1, 1885, <i>M.K. Co. Stock</i>	4000		Pine Grove Furnace,.....		
Cash,.....	1384513		Ohio Furnace,.....		
Bills Receivable.....	2146048		Bills payable,.....		
“ “ <i>Just Due</i>	632181		Individual Accounts,.....	249047	
Individual Accounts.....	1188554		Capital Stock,.....	500000	
Real Estate,.....	30455476				
Coal Works,.....	3394948				
Cash Dividends, <i>Nanueton Ice</i>	4680481				
“ “ <i>Construction Co.</i>	1653502				
Stock Dividends, <i>Ohio Furnace</i>	2701098				
<i>Pine Grove Furnace</i>	6313162				
Balances, <i>Ohio S. Coal Co. Stock</i>	694610		Balance, <i>Profit & Loss Accts.</i>	25296426	
	\$75575473			\$75575473	

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, N.Y., 11th April....., 1885

Dear Levee

I have forgotten the date of my last to you, but think have had an answer to same. Was at Leinte on the 2nd to attend meeting of Buscha Directors, saw Mr Mack, but did not see Mr. Binton or Winslow. Also met Mr. Thomas a new founder at Oymoor. The furnace here has not been working very well, and it may be necessary to put one out and put new lining into it. Thomas seemed to think that both should go out, and from what he told me, I could not agree with him, and advised Mr Fallis that if need be, we had better let Thomas go, than to put the furnace out.

He did not urge the matter so strongly as to come to that and promised to try some changes, which I recommended. Lily came last Saturday (4th) and Harry Sunday (7th) night, and Bessie came Thursday (9th) so if you was here, would have all the family at home again. Lily is paler and thinner than when I saw her in Albany. Mrs. Nicholls came to Scottsburg with Lily. Harry is well as usual. Mrs. Cady died very suddenly Thursday evening. She ate a hearty supper and seemed quite ^{as} well as usual, and died before nine o'clock. Had expected to take the body to Portsmouth for burial, the family and friends to go down this morn and

return in this afternoon, in the Lucy Lewis, but the wind has been so high all day, that it has not been safe to start. Probably go to morrow—

The Furnace is doing very well, and Walker seems to have made up his mind that, he had best stay with us for a while longer— Lombard made 987+ tons week ending the 4th and Skelding says we shall do better than that, before the blast is ended. Every thing seems to be going well there. If we had as good management at Offshoot, it would be a better property than Linn— But we don't get so good results. The Norton is making its iron up into nails, so that they can be put into the market and sold— There is no profit in nails at present prices and unless there be a change for the better, of which we see no prospect, the whole works are likely to lie idle next Summer. We have a very small margin for profit at the Scheland F. and shall keep her running so long as we can make anything. The coal business pays a little, but if Norton stops we shall not get much from the Railroad. The Big Sandy passed Cairo Monday and if nothing happens to her, should reach Cincinnati, Sunday, on her second trip from New Orleans—

The boats have been doing a fair business since the ice cleared out of the river—

Affectionately yours

John D. Lewis

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 15th April, 1885

Master E. C. Means

Mass Inst Technology, Boston Mass.

Dear brother

Yours to Rose comes
to day. Hermitte find N.Y. draft for
fifty (\$50+) dollars indorsed to your order,
as requested. Harry left Monday
noon via Cincinnati. Am expecting Mr
Edward A. Low tomorrow, and Friday to
leave for Cincinnati and Louisville to
attend meeting of the Mail Line Co.
The Norton Works are idle this week
having large stock of Nails unsold
All well

Yours affectionately
John Means

that action has placed the
M. J. L. at the head of the
best Mining schools - It
is, no doubt, a fact that
we have the best laboratories
in the U. S.

The majority of the boys
in the Freshman class are
expecting to become Mechan-
ical Engineers; this department
has the largest number of
students.

I received a letter from
Morgan, W. P. today and
he is thinking of going to
the Troy school next year.
French and German being
required in our school from
special students in Chemistry.
I do not expect to get any
honors in the coming examina-
tions as they will cover too
much ground. But I shall
try very hard for them.

Boston Mass
April 25 '85

Dear Father:

I received your
letter containing fifty Dollars
last week and acknowledged
the same in a letter to Lily,
knowing that you were to be
away from home about the
time my weekly letter usually
reaches Ashland. Allow me
to thank you for it and
at the same time to ask you
to send me about the same
amount the 4th of May. You
might send \$75 and if I
do not need it all I shall
return it to you when I
reach home. The money deposited

at the Leek. will be needed, most of it, to pay for my laboratory supplies in the analytical laboratory -

We received this morning schedules of the dates for examinations. My last one will be on the 29th of May and on Saturday the 30th I expect to take the Norfolk steamer for Norfolk and the C. & O. R.R. reaching home about the 3rd of June.

I expect, if you are willing, to go up to the Marietta C. Semi Centennial Celebration - And hope you and mother will find it convenient to do the same.

The work at the Leek, remains the same as heretofore.

I made a visit to the secretary and inquired about the surveying in the second year of the Mining Eng. Course. found it to be the same as that which the Civils have, viz- work with compass ^{and transit} and plotting.

I had a talk with one of the Profs in the laboratory and he thought that if I chose ^{to do so} at the end of the year I could become a "regular" in the mining course. But the faculty are talking of dropping surveying from that course and if they do so I think that I will prefer to remain a "special" and take surveying with the Civils -

Columbia C. has dropt most of the analytical chemistry from its mining course and

2 -

Don't you think that it will be beneficial for me, next summer, to spend a few hours each week in Mr. Hiltons company either plotting or on the field - It might help to give me a start in the surveying class as well as being good exercise, and practice in drawing.

I shall spend my time next summer, if you are willing, in these pursuits; exercise, German, fencing, drawing and surveying - with special attention to each in the order named.

Have you decided where

Harry shall commence his business life?

I am sorry to learn that the nail market is so low and that it may be the cause of the Norton lying idle all summer.

What is the extent of the oil find up Sandy? Will it help Bellefonte?

I see that there is considerable oil fever in the vicinity of Pomeroy and my hope is that it may move down the river.

Tonights paper gives the impression that the Anglo-Russian war is inevitable and flour has gone up a few points - Business men believe that times will be better if they fight -

Our battalions was marched down street and its picture taken this morning.

Has Mr. Low taken stock in the steam boat companies - or has he an idea of investing in Eureka?

Will the A. C. & I make a dividend this year?

As it is getting rather late and my pen seems to be running to questions which may not be as entertaining to you as to myself, I must bid you good night.

Give my love to all the family, to Grand father, Aunts Mag & Mary Ann and to Charly etc.

Yours truly

E. C. Means

P. S. Remember me to Mr. Shedd when you see him -

Marietta College.

Marietta April 26 1885

Dear Father,

Hildreth's letter of the 23rd was received last evening I am sorry to hear that Lily had a chill and hope that she will not have any more while she is at home and that she will get over her malaria while there and go back to New York much better. I was up to see Aunt Burgess last Sunday and found her and ^{all} the rest of family at home and all of them very well. The third division of the Freshman spoke last Wednesday in Chapel. When our class finishes the study of Moral Philosophy which we will do sometime this week, we will only have two recitations a day for the rest of the year. One of them is International Law.

which we write to the President. The other is Geology & Prof Biscoe which we will finish about the middle of the term and then we have Analytical Chemistry with laboratory practice or Political Science. Mills (the only other person in the class at present) & I think we would rather have the Analytical Chemistry in preference to the Political Science have you objection to my taking the Chemistry, or would you ^{do} like ^{want} me to take the other one instead. We had a thunder storm last night but no harm done.

We are all well
Love and kind regards.

Your Son.

Harold Meard.

P.S Saw Sam Putnam yesterday he said that he had been to Ganessville, and ^{had} seen Uncle Chakley and Aunt Sarah and found them as well as usual.

H. M.

State of Kentucky,
BOYD COUNTY COURT.

April Term, 1885
April 24th 1885

On motion of *Margaret Coles Administratrix*
of *Samuel Coles*

deceased, it is ordered that *D Putnam Jr* and *John Means*
and *Robert Perbles*

any two of whom, being first sworn, may act, be and they are hereby appointed appraisers to view and appraise the personal estate of the said decedent, and set aside to the _____ the property now allowed by law, stating within appraisement the articles and the value of each so set apart by them to the _____ separately from the articles appraised for sale, and that they make report thereof to this Court.

A Copy—Attest: *Charles W Shurtiff* C. B. C. C.
D. C.

We state that we will faithfully discharge the duties enjoined upon us by the above order of Court.

_____ } Appraisers.

Sworn to, according to law, before me, this _____ day of _____ 188____, by _____

J. T. C.

NOTE.—The same property shall be set apart for, and vest in, widows without infant children, as for widows who have infant children.

**PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM DISTRIBUTION AND SALE, AND
TO BE SET APART FOR THE BENEFIT OF WIDOW.**

CHAPTER 30; PAGE 371, GENERAL STATUTES.

The following list of articles are exempt from distribution and sale, and shall be set apart to the widow or infant child or children, by the appraisers of the estate of an intestate, to-wit: Two horses, or one horse and yoke of oxen; and if not on hand, other property or money not to exceed in value \$100 for each work horse or yoke of oxen; ten head of sheep; if none on hand, other property or money not to exceed \$1.50 per head; two cows and calves; if none, other property or money not to exceed \$20 for each cow and calf; all the poultry on hand; if none, other property or money not to exceed \$5; all the spun yarn and manufactured cloth and carpeting manufactured by the family necessary for its use; if none, in lieu thereof, other property or money not to exceed \$20; all of the wearing apparel; the family Bible and one table; or in lieu of the family Bible and table, \$3 each; one loom, spinning-wheel, and cards, or in lieu thereof, either money or property, not to exceed \$15; two beds, bedding and furniture; if not on hand, either property or money, not to exceed \$40 in value each; one half dozen plates one half dozen cups and saucers; one coffee-pot; one teapot; one half dozen knives and forks; one oven and pot; if none on hand, other property or money, not to exceed \$1 each; one cooking stove and appendages and other cooking utensils, not exceeding \$25 in value; but if not on hand, nothing shall be set apart in lieu thereof; one half dozen chairs, or so many as shall not exceed \$8 in value; and if not on hand, other property or money, not to exceed \$8; one saddle and appendages, together with bridle; and if not on hand, other property or money, in lieu thereof, not to exceed \$10; one plow and gear, or in lieu thereof,

if none on hand, other property or money not to exceed \$10; one ax, one hoe; if none, other property or money not exceeding \$1 each; one sewing machine, if on hand; if not, nothing shall be set apart in lieu of it; a sufficiency of provisions including bread-stuffs, to sustain the widow and infant children residing with her one year; and if there is not a sufficiency of provisions on hand for that purpose, then so much of the live stock suitable for that purpose, and of the growing crop, if any, as may be necessary to supply the deficiency and if not on hand, other property or money, in lieu thereof, not exceeding \$50, for the support of the widow and each infant child living with her. If there is an infant child or children, and no mother surviving, there shall be set apart for the support of such infant child or children the articles aforesaid; and if such articles are not on hand, then other articles or money shall be set apart in lieu thereof; but in no case shall appraisers set apart, to either widow, child or children, property or money in lieu of the articles allowed by law, of greater value in the aggregate than \$750. Widows without infant children shall have the property aforesaid set apart to them, the same as if they had infant children residing in the family, except there shall not be anything set apart for the support of infant children, if there be none residing in the family with the widow. The appraisers shall state in their appraisal the articles, and value of each, set apart by them to widows or infants, separately from the articles appraised for sale. The provisions of this section shall apply to cases where the husband dies testate, and the widow renounces the provisions of the will in the time prescribed by law.

is going wild, on Laura Lewis
& is getting up a game this
afternoon - Rose & Lily & Harry
have gone to Cattleburg & old
Charlie is to come but cant use
him - we have not needed him
all winter & now that we do
want him, of course he is gone.
I am getting about willing to
sell him I am so disgusted
with him - What type would
you advise for Harry's graduating
suit? - Love & kisses from
Mother -

We had a big Circus here Monday -
& your pa had six complimentary
tickets, but we none of us went -

Ashland April 28th 1885 -

My Dear Cook

I expect you
think your Mother has
neglected you very much
in letting so long a time
elapse, between her letters -
indeed I hardly know when
I did, write the last one -
But I have been so busy -
just house cleaning, then
Lily has been at home &
called a Company for her - &
last week I was at the
Presbytery -
met her & we had two
minutes to substitute -

they were both young men
& one was a single man, one
was settled in Dayton Ky, & one
in Paris Ky - One of them
preached for brother Wade
Sunday morning - & the
young man, preached for us
in the evening, & was very
highly complimented & the
Methodists like Mr. Irwin very
much - There were 23 at Presby-
tery - Elders & preachers - They left
on Monday afternoon & we are
now having a visit from Mrs.
Nichols, who will stay with us
till Friday - I thought I would
have her here while Lily was
at home to entertain her -
Mrs. Nichols says that you &
Auntie Moore correspond & she
seems to think it a sure
thing that you are to be one
of her relations -

Lily has had Malaria &
looked wretched, when she
first came - but is getting
better rapidly, & if we could
persuade her to stay two
weeks longer, I think would
be well for the summer - but
May is going to New York &
I fear will coax her to go
with her, before she is much
better - There was a family tea
party for us at Mr. Culbertson's, yes-
terday - & is to be one at Mrs. D.
Leiper's Thursday & one at Grandpa's
on Friday - I had a lady tea
party last Monday - Most of the
ladies are having Spring house cleaning
done & are very busy - I am about
through, but will soon have the
church to clean - Capt. Godwin
took dinner with us - Bess

Wheland Ky, 3rd May 1885

Dear brook

Yours of 25th ult came duly
to hand. I will send herewith
seventy five (\$75.00) as requested.
If Mr Hilton has any field work
to do it might be well to go
with him, but I don't think
you would get much good of
office work. I have no place now
in view for Harry. The old
find up Big Sandy, is as yet
very indefinite and there is not
any benefit to Bellefonte Thompson
Mr Low came West for the trip
and Lourevoir matters. Has no
Steamboat or Eureka stock.
The A. C. & I. R. Co., is not like
to pay dividends until the

Iron and coal business are better than now. Furnaces that do not lose money now, are doing well. We have had Presbytery here last week. Ministers Irwin of Dayton and McMillen of Paris stayed with us. Rev Goodwin spent Wednesday with us. Mr Mack came that evening and left Friday. Mrs Nicholls spent the week here, and we were invited out to their camp. Father and myself went to Hanging Rock and Pine Grove Furnace, Thursday. So you may see we had a full week of it. Lumber has made 987 tons reckoning 2300 lbs to the ton and is running about 900 tons per week.

Walker made 340 tons which is his largest and considering his ton, is good work. Iron Nails are very slow sale, the steel taking the market and even they at prices which do not pay any profit. We may start the Norton Furnace on same, over and iron at the Ashland. Lily and Maggie think to leave this week for N. Y. and Woodharrow.

4th May -

Was at Dorton today at Second N. Bank when owing to stealing by Kirk and bad debts we made no dividend. Business in Dorton is very poor.

Hoping to see you soon am
affectionately yours

John Meant

Master E. C. Meant, Mine, Inst of Technology Boston Mass

Mrs H. E. Meaus.

21/8 payable 1st March each year

LEASE.

To Johny Collop
from Mrs. Meaus

Expires 1st May 1885

1877 May 31 st payment of 25.00	from	L.S. Barry	Sept
Sept	do.	25.00	do do
1878 June 5 th	Dr.	25.00	do do
79 July (?)	Dr.	20.00	Rich Sterling
82 Aug 7	do	21.00	do do

LEASE.

This Indenture made the 4th day of May, 1875
between Mrs Harriet E. Meany wife of John Meany of the town of
Ashland, Kentucky, of the first part, and John J. Collopy

of Town aforesaid of the second part;

Witnesseth: That the party of the first part, in consideration of
Two hundred and ten (\$210⁰⁰/₁₀₀) Dollars
to be paid as follows Twenty one (\$21⁰⁰/₁₀₀) Dollars on the
first day of November in each year;
viz 1875 x 1876 x 1877 x 1878 x 1879 x 1880 x
" 1881 x 1882 x 1883 x 1884 x

and the further stipulations, and agreements, hereinafter stated, to be kept and
performed by the party of the second part; the party of the first part has leased
and demised to the party of the second part, for the term of ten (10) years
from and after the 4th day of May, 1875; the following
described premises Lot No 84 Range 4 East
in Town aforesaid; situate on
Railway Avenue

The party of the second part further agrees that he will not lease or under-
let any part of said premises, nor permit any other person to occupy same, nor
will he sell, or permit to be sold, on said premises, any spiritous, vinous, or
malt liquors, or either of them, during his term; and should the said party of
the second part in any particular violate the provisions of this lease, either in

underletting, or selling, or permitting to be sold, said liquors, on said premises, then this lease shall immediately become void, and the said party of the first part, by its agent, or agents, is at liberty at once to re-enter and re-possess the leased premises, and the party of the second part agrees to deliver possession accordingly.

~~The party of the first part reserves the right to lease the premises herein described, or any part of same, for manufacturing purposes, or to sell the whole or part thereof during the term of the party of the second part, and upon such sale or re-letting the party of the second part agrees to surrender possession of these leased premises, notwithstanding this lease, after having had _____ days notice thereof; and the party of the first part agree to pay to the party of the second part \$ _____ as liquidated damage for the unexpired term of this lease. The party of the second part further agrees not to commit any waste or suffer or permit the same to be done, and agrees to keep the premises in good repair, unavoidable accidents excepted _____~~

and to return full and peaceable possession of the premises at the expiration of this lease without notice to quit; and waives all rights by possession of these or any premises of the party of the first part.

In Testimony Whereof the party of the first part, and the party of the second part, have hereunto set their signatures.

Harriet E. Meant

John Meant

J. J. Collopy

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Monthly Statement of Absences.

BOSTON, *May 5,* 1885.

DEAR *Si:*

I hereby send you a statement of the absence and tardiness of Mr. *Ellison C. Means* for the month ending *April 30,* 1885.

SUBJECTS.	NUMBER OF TIMES ABSENT OR TARDY EACH WEEK.									
	FIRST WEEK.		SECOND WEEK.		THIRD WEEK.		FOURTH WEEK.		FIFTH WEEK.	
	A.	T.	A.	T.	A.	T.	A.	T.	A.	T.
MATHEMATICS	1									
CHEMISTRY (LECTURE)										
CHEMISTRY (LABORATORY)										
ENGLISH										
FRENCH										
MECHANICAL DRAWING										
DRILL										

Respectfully yours,

JAMES P. MUNROE, SECRETARY.

Ashland Ky May 7th 1885

My Dear Cooke -

I send you
Harry's last letter - My leaves
to night for N. J. with May
Means - I wish she would
stay another week - as she is
improving in health & color
very fast - Harry & Aldrich
have gone to Trouton to buy
sweet potato plants - as we had
a nice rain last night -
The strawberries are full of blossoms -
& the cows are giving ~~lot~~ plenty
of milk & the best of cream - &
the chickens are hatching out fast -
which will all be interesting
news to you - Old Charlie is still

same, so he would not tell
well, just at present. Bess
is enjoying herself, playing Lawn
Tennis these afternoons. I has
commenced with the Little Mount
Mollins & her S. School Scholars. So
as to get enough of a crowd. We
have had a very backward spring
but it promises to be an uncommonly
good fruit year. The Apple trees
are beautiful. They are so full of
blossoms. also cherries - pears - peaches &c.
Lily had tea parties given her by Mrs.
D. Geiger - Aunt Mollie - Aunt Amanda
Mrs. Culbertson - Mrs. Putnam's Mother
is still sick but better. Mrs. Nicholls
spent several days with us - she can
still talk. I hope you will enjoy
your trip home - but I don't much
expect you will. as you will most
likely be sea sick - Love & kisses
from
Mother -

Marietta College.

Marietta May 10 1885

Dear Bess,

I am very glad to hear from you so early this term, and because you are coming up here Commencement it is no reason why you should not have written to me this term and shall expect another letter from you during the remainder of the term. I showed your letter to Uncle George and he said that he would invite ^{Minnie} them ^{& Bess}. I also received letters from Father Mother and Hildaeth this week and I am very thankful to them for writing. We had a show here yesterday a small one but a very nice ^{with good performers} clean one so, Uncle Geo. says who represented the House. He went to the Rink last Thursday for the first time since it opened here three years ago, something

quite unusual for him.

I attended the Dance ~~was~~ spoken of in the
Marietta Items ^{yesterday} of the Commercial Gazette
it was the largest, best arranged, and best man-
aged one since I have been here, and others
say that it was the largest and best one
that that they ever had attended while they
lived here. I met Miss Lou Smith
there, she said that might (but was not ^{sure} certain)
stay till after commencement, I showed
Uncle George and Sarah Cooke's letter it
surprised them, It would be hard to
say, but I think that he thought more of being
John Mason than I have (that is before
people that doesn't know ~~and~~ him John Means)
I hear that Trip Nye Jr is to marry Mattie Hemstead
next Wednesday. did you receive invitation
if so how many attended how large was it
I wish that you ask Father to send the twen-
ty five (\$25.) Dollars for this month's
Board which is due this week, and oblige
Your Brother Harry
We are all well. Kind regard and
much love.

Morgan yesterday and he wants to come here next fall but I don't think that he will be desirous of taking the French & German which is required of those who wish to take a special course in chemistry.

I hope that you will wait until I reach home before you select your ~~double~~ team of horses.

Remember me to Mr Broad and Mr Hager when you see them.

With love to all the Means family,

Your aff. son,
E. C. Means -

And 7th

Boston Mass.

May 10th '65.

Dear Father:

Your letter containing a check for Seventy five dollars (\$75.) was received last week, & thank you for it. It came at a very convenient time because I want to order my spring suit. The check suits are the most popular this spring.

Last week was a very unpleasant one, it being cold and damp with plenty of rain Thursday and Friday.

Yesterday was pleasant and to-day we are enjoying a genuine spring day.

Yesterday we held our annual exhibition of the military department of the M. I. S. A crowd of about 3000 witnessed it and seemed very well pleased; the morning papers say that it was very good.

After the drill, dancing was indulged in for an hour.

For the first time since I came to Boston have I seen as many as 20 pretty girls in one day. The Boston girl that one passes on the street is decidedly homely and I had imagined that it was a rare exception to see a pretty face. But if 600 boys could not get some pretty girls out of such a large city as Boston they must indeed be few of them.

Boston may have brains

but they cannot talk about the Chicago girls having big feet.

I am sorry to say that our company (A) was not the best but that Company B bore off all the honors.

I have received an invitation to stop over a few days with a friend of mine in Virginia, ~~city~~ (City Point, Prince George County). But as I want to attend the Marietta commencement and it comes so soon after my arrival in Aspland I am of the opinion that it would hardly pay to stop with him, however I have not fully decided.

The laboratory closes Friday and the drawing room the following Tuesday.

I received a letter from

Our base ball team
played a team from Tufts
College and were defeated
6 to 5.

I have ordered my spring
suit, a put-away frock
coat, the pattern is a
subdued check.

I finished my laboratory
work for this term last
Thursday and the Professor
told me that I had done
very well for the time I
had spent in the 2nd lab.
some 2 1/2 months or less.

I had nearly finished all
of my ^{general} quantitative ^{analysis} work.
Next year my work will
be qualitative and quantitative
analysis.

With love to all
Your affection
E.C. Means

Boston Mass
May 17 1885

Dear Mother:

I was very
much pleased to receive
a letter from you this
week, you have been
troubled so much by a
lame hand that I do not
expect as many letters from
you as I do from the rest
of the family, but this one came
so soon after the other one
that I must believe your
hand is getting better, I hope
it is in a decided better condition.

Yesterday our battallion
went down the harbor to
see Fort Warren, we had a

splendid day, a little cool but a bright sun and our number was about 130, so we had plenty of fellows to talk and sing on the voyage to and fro.

We marched down through the streets, not caring for the mud or cobble stones and we found it to be a tiresome job to march four in lines and keep any kind of unity in the lines. The fort is situated on an island about 7 miles from Boston and its date of commencement of erection was 1860 but it is not completed. The guns are very poor and are not capable of doing much harm compared to those of other modern nations. They are all smooth bore and none are rifled.

It was interesting to walk around beneath the ground and see the cannon in the different rooms, the loop holes from which they fire if an attack is made by land forces, the bomb proofs, where the men enter if the fort is shelled and the quarters of the officers and men in the walls of the fort itself. The fort could be made a good, strong fort but it is far from it at present. The soldiers had a ball team which they brought out and played against some of the M. I. S. cadets. I am not certain but I think the soldiers won the game. There are two other forts in Boston Harbor but are not armed.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 18th May, 1885

Dear Cook

Yours of 10th inst came duly to hand, and found us well. Aunt Maggie and Lily left Friday (8th) morning for N. Y. & Wash. Have had letters from both since the west.

Saw Mr Page this morn, Broar was here some days ago, with a young Mr Simpkins, who is soon to graduate at Harvard - We have had dry

weather for some weeks, and the roads are dry and dusty. Mer @ 80° yesterday.

Old Charley is lame just now, so we have use Waxy when we drive. Have so little use for horses, since we have railroads, that I don't think shall buy any more soon -

They don't pay for expense of keeping.

Tom is greatly in the notion of farming, of buying land back of town and raising chickens cattle sheep &c. &c.

Thinks he sees a fortune in it.

Bessie and Rose are going to Leitch
tomorrow to buy out the stores.

Jenny Russell is down now visit-
ing Mr. H. Warner - Mr. Condit was
away yesterday at Grump, funeral
of Mr. Georgia (Kibby) Stearns.

The latest news is that Emily
Richardson is engaged to the same
Mr. Leonard. - Walker made 348 to
350 tons for several weeks past.

Loumore runs about 900 + tons
per week - Norton rolling mill
and Nail factory running this week
after this probably will be idle
sometime as there is like to be
a strike 1st June -

The river is going down pretty
fast, but Big boats running yet.

Hoping to see you soon and
affectionately yours

John Mead

The examination in Mechanical
drawing comes next week ~~Thursday~~^{Friday}
Last term only one "honor" was
given and that was to a
"Special Architect" who had
drawn for several years.

We leave here Saturday (20th)
by steamer for Norfolk, then
take a James River Steamer
for City Point, ^{va} where I shall
visit a friend until Thursday,
then steamer to Richmond Va,
where I shall take the C & O
for home. I shall reach
Ashland either Friday or
Saturday (6th) on No. 3.

If I should come direct
would reach home Wednesday,
but as I have received no word
to the contrary, shall make a
short visit to ^{Mr.} Eppes (City Point)

Two Nashville, Tenn. boys come
that far with me, also making the
same visit - Messrs. Sains & Allison.
With love to all and
rejoicing in the idea of soon
meeting the family I remain
as ever Your aff. son

E. C. Means -

P.S. Will write again before leaving Boston.
Tell Susie that I have ~~brought~~^{brought} a new
tennis racket which we will ^{to} next week
ask her to write at once if ~~you~~ ^{she} ~~need~~ ^{would} ~~more~~ ^{like} ~~balls~~
Boston Mass.

May 20th 1885

Dear Father:

Your letter was
received, containing the report
of absences some ~~time~~^{time} this
week. There was a mistake
about the absence in math.,
as I have not taken any
Mathematical studies this term
it would be impossible for
me to have been absent.

It was a mistake on the
part of the secretary. As you
probably have received no other
reports of the same character
you may understand that
I have nearly completed one
~~collegiate~~^{collegiate} year without a

single absence or even tardiness - something unusual for me, although I have attended school here in such a condition that I should never have attempted at old Marietta; as the poet said; "where there is a will there is way." My roommate has often staid away from exercises under the excuse of sickness and was really sick, so he thought, but I have determined to have a good record for once - and I hope that you may be pleased with it.

I had my final examination in French last Thursday and I hope I got a "Credit" but am afraid that I did not get the "Honor" which I did at the semi-annual exam.

Our French recitations have been a great deal harder this term than last but if the Prof. takes into account my regular attendance he may give me the same mark as before. However, I shall be satisfied with a "credit" for the whole year's work in French.

We are studying hard for the examination in Chemistry and want to get a "Credit" if not an "Honor", but we cannot always tell whether the 10 questions out of a possible 1000 are to be the ones which we cannot answer.

We had our examination in drill (written) this morning, I answered every question but a private can only get a "pass" mark, however good may be his papers.

P.S. next week is the pay week, I would like for you
to send me fifty (\$50) dollars if you please.
Marietta College. I do this to save you from writing
two letters. Harry means!

Marietta May 31st 1885,

Dear Father

Rose's letter of the (28th ~~of~~ ^{of} 1885)
was received the next day I was glad to
hear from her and that all were well
at home and that they had enjoyed their
trip to Cincinnati, and hope that Mother &
Bess will enjoy their trip and be well
pleased with the ^{meeting of the} General Assembly
Please give Bess & Rose my thanks for their
kind birthday presents. The President
has not yet told Mills & myself to prepare
our orations for Commencement we have
not as yet done anything in getting them
ready. we are waiting to be told ^{by him} whether ~~we~~
~~are~~ not we are to ~~have~~ ^{prepare} ~~them~~ ^{orations}. We asked him
some time ago, if we were going to have to pre-
pare orations for Commencement, and he said
that they had not then decided, so we have been
waiting for him to tell us so. Some time ago there

was an article in the college items in the
Commercial Gazette from Marietta which said that
the Seniors were to speak Wednesday morning of the
Commencement week. We ask the President whether the
person who sent the article ~~to~~ the paper had any
authority for so doing, and he said no. I write
this, because Rose wanted to know for Mother,
if I had learnt my declamation. We Seniors
having the analytical Chemistry ~~and~~ ^{the} laboratory
practice, instead of the Political Science

Mr Ross and I took a walk on Harman Hill last-
Friday, (the first time that he had been upon
the Hill for ten years or more) ^(at least) ^{around} The country looks
very nice, a person has a very nice view from
there of Marietta Harman & the surrounding
country, we both enjoyed the walk & the view.

Is Grandfather coming up with you Commencement
or is he coming before or not at all. I am sorry to hear
that Mother is thinking that she will not be up there
But we all hope to see you folks here at that time
When is Aunt Amanda coming ^{here} do you know, she said
(while I was at home) she was coming here before Commence-
ment
I hope that you had a pleasant ^{trip} to Lowmore and that
you found everything in order. We are all well
Love and kind regards to all. Your son
Harold Means

Ashland May 1885-

My Dear Cooke

I send you
Harry's last letter - Louis to
me, was received this morning -
The girls have both gone to
the City of C. to get Spring clothes
They & Aunt Amanda & Lizzie went
on the Big Sandy yesterday - The
girls will be gone three days -
A.C. & I. meeting today - Four pa
gers to Low Moore next week -

We have set out a big lot of sweet
potato plants and are anxiously
looking for rain, as they have to
be watered every night - Your father
thought the Coal Company meeting
would bring a rain, as it generally
does - So we are hoping it will -

We have not yet concluded which
of the family will go to Manila to
Commencement - Harry expects us all,
but I hardly think I will go - but
Bess + Rose + your father probably
will go - George would hardly be able,
to entertain us all - You can go - but
I am afraid Harry would blunder +
forget his speech + I should be
worn out over it. They had a church
meeting to choose 2 Elders + 2 Deacons
but there were only 32 members present
so they postponed the meeting - I
am expecting to clean the Church
next week - + will be busy Superintend-
ing the work - Rose is invited to visit
Bess Wadsworth in June - She did
not write Bess, which was rather bad
as Bess had thought of inviting her
to take part in the approaching ^{Commencement}
I suppose you will soon be home
now - so I wont have to write again -
A letter from Lily - says they are all well
which is something new - Love + kisses
from
Your aff Mother