

spent the most of my time
for four months on it.
My future prospects depend
so largely on my turning
out successful experiments,
that it made me feel woefully
blue. But today the skies
have a different line, and
I hope the clouds that
arise in the future will
be of the kind that clear up
more quickly than this
last one did.

Our mid-year examinations
began last Wednesday and
continue for two weeks yet.
During this time I shall
have all my time for my
own work. The students
can work in the Lab. and
a few will do so but
they are not supposed

Cambridge mass

Jan 28 1898

My dear Papa -

Your letter with
check for \$10.00 was received,
Tuesday or Wednesday and
I was of course glad to get both.
I enclose note with this. I
suppose you had a big snow-
storm Tuesday night too.
It is the first time this
winter that we have had
enough snow for sleighing.
This morning it was very
cold and is even more
so this evening. I find
no difficulty however in
keeping warm, even as to

my one foot which has but
one thin sock on it.

Speaking of clothes reminds,
me that Miss Clages wants
to know if mama cannot
send her some old pieces that
would do to patch my
winter drawers. They are
very good except in the crotch
where I seem to rub them.
mama patch^{ed} them herself
last fall but the patches
were thin and only lasted
about three weeks wear.

They are very heavy grey
stuff but it does not matter
much about color.

Frank milligan of whom
I spoke in my last ~~letter~~

is the son of Mr. Thomas
milligan of Newport, as you
surmised. He was out here
Wednesday evening and engaged
a room just across the street
from me, so that I expect
to see him often. He also
spent last Sunday afternoon
with me. Drane came
in soon after my dinner
and remained until bed time
so that I did not get my
usual home letter written.

I feel quite happy today
because I had some very encour-
aging experiments in my work.
Yesterday I was utterly dis-
couraged. It seemed as if
I must give up the work
I had undertaken after having

to bother me, any more than they can help.

I shall be sorry if John does not take my advice about his electives. But I presume he must work out his problems for himself as I have done.

I am not so much convinced of the wisdom of the ordinary college curriculum as I used to be. It is a great pity that college preparation requires so much language and so little science. It seems to me that I only learned how to study when I began to study sciences. My experience in them taught me to observe and to reason, as language study never did. If I had had some of my Williams-town laboratory experiments when I was 15, I could have

have studied Latin and Greek
to a much better advantage. I

have recently been reading
Herbert Spencer's book on Educa-
tion, in which he upholds the
advantages of scientific education
as against linguistic, and I
think he makes a mighty
good argument.

I suppose by the time
this reaches you the girls
will have left Cheltenham
and perhaps be at home,
again. I hope they will
send me a good account
of their trip.

I hope your treatment
for the heart will be
effective and that you can
before long run up and

down the Frammelbury
streets without inconvenience

If I were at home now
I think I should be willing
to use Jack in order to
have a sleigh ride. I presume
you will have to use him
whether you will or no.

Next week I have a lecture to
give before a Physics Club of
which I am a member.

Fortunately it is on a subject
which I know pretty well. The
preparation will be in selection
and putting into shape of
the material. Hoping this

finds you all well

With love to all

Your affectionate son
Clarence

He goes into Boston for most of the day to work in the libraries there. He is going to write a history and genealogy of the Oliphant family, and puts his vacations mostly on the work.

Yesterday being Easter Sunday we thought we would try to get to one of the big churches, after finding three crowded to overflowing we went down to the 'Old North' or Duane's Church which was fairly filled but not at all crowded. I had not supposed the churches ever were so jammed but there were apparently crowds at all of them yesterday.

Saturday afternoon I

- Heara Ben. Booth
- Sp-Am. Nat. News

55 Brookbridge St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Monday April 11, 28.
1045 P.M.

My dear Papa-

I had just begun to prepare for bed when I remembered that I had forgotten my plan made earlier in the evening of writing home before the evening was over. At 8.30 I started in on a long algebraic problem, which I have just finished and happily it turns out well. I have been able to ^{theoretically} verify some experimental results, found by the students in the laboratory. It pleases me especially because Prof. Richards and the two students who are doing the experimental work thought

that the calculations could not be made.

Your letter with check came Saturday - I was glad to see it, as my cash in hand was only 15 cts, and I was in need of writing paper and postage stamps. As to the bicycle I have not seen Mr Hatch since Saturday - but while he was out Sat. afternoon I took the liberty of taking a ride on the wheel - Had a $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours ride which was very pleasant - even if I was all by myself. I got to see some of the pretty places around Boston going up the most frequented of the pleasure drives to Jamaica Pond.

Since Thursday I have been enjoying a visit from my old friend and classmate Cliphart. He is the man who lead our class - and afterwards gave me such good encouragement to join him out at Parsons College Iowa. About two years ago, they got in financial difficulties there, and were going to reduce his salary from \$14.00 to \$12.00, so he left and came to teach at Exeter Academy. Now he seems to be rather sorry that he changed as the college work was much more agreeable than the preparatory. He has a week's vacation I got him a room a few doors below and board him where he is not in Boston, at Memorial

heard Gen. Booth, the head
of the Salvation Army give an
address. He came out here
on invitation of the United
Religious Society, and gave an
admirable talk. He impresses
one as being a man of great
earnestness and level headedness.
You see nothing of the drum
and lympal element about
him.

The United Religious Society
here at Harvard consists of the
Y. M. C. A., the Episcopal
Association and the Catholic
Association. They have a
union organization which
seems to serve a good purpose
often times.

I expect to go in to Boston tomorrow to see Prof. Lefavour a little while. He wrote me he would not have time to get out here. Dr. Kane is also going in to talk about the position. He will not yet accept it however because he has heard of one or two better paying ones which he has ^{some} chance of getting.

Your last letter contained several pieces of news - I thought until I received it that Mudge had given up going to the hospital. I am glad she is having the trial of it and hope it may not prove too hard for her. And I had not heard before of Harry McCurdy's wedding.

I read the President's message this evening and am glad he leaves room for further negotiations. It looks now that Spain is going to give in - The great question then will be to procure a government for Cuba which will have stability and the support of the people.

I must close this and go to bed. It will probably find the rest of the family instead of Papa - I suppose he will not get back from N.Y. when this arrives.

With much love to all
Clarence

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My dear Father, Don is at church and I remained at home this evening to write this letter. There is an unusually excellent preacher at our church today - Dr. Morhead of the U. P. Seminary at Xenia, Ohio. Dr. Ely knew him when he was pastor there and ~~the~~ got him down here to give a lecture at the Seminary and preach in the 2^d Church. He is quite an orator both in getting up a sermon and in manner of delivery. - Dr. Ely introduced him as a man who had a national reputation as a bible student.

I have been busy this week on account of starting a new laboratory course and fixing up an article for our college magazine - The Cento. I think I told you when I was home at Xmas time that I had promised to write an article on German Student Dwelling, and if you remember I spent some time seeking a letter I had written home after seeing one of the dwellings. The letter however was not much use to me, as I wrote ~~se~~ entirely from memory, - or, where that failed - my imagination. I shall send you a copy when it is published - probably in about ten days. I have not yet

learned to like composition. Had I more versatility of style, I think I should like the twisting around of sentences. I enjoy planning and arranging material, but it is so hard for me to say what I wish in plain smooth English. Was glad to hear that Clementine was not feeling hurt because of my not recommending her for the position at Caldwell College. I thought she would not care to undertake the work. I took dinner again with Dr. Ely one evening this week. He is anxious to make his school pay - as he is not on a salary but simply makes what he can out of it. Doris' report will, probably reach you this week. He and I have already seen it and it is about what I expected. His Greek pulls his generally average down but I think he will stand better next term. There are probably five or six of his class ahead of him in a class of 30. He is a faithful student, but I don't think there is danger of either of us over working as Mamma suggested in her last letter. We are not built or trained upon that plan. I am trying to fire Doris' ambition however. If I had had a little more of it while in college it would have been much easier for me since that time. While in college I felt that I might do a good bit better work - only it was too much trouble. I did not realize then as I do now - how good a habit it was, to get used to being first in things.

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I am beginning to feel somewhat restless as I usually do in the Spring. From all I hear I suppose I shall be promoted to the full professorship next year. In many ways I should like to be some place else but probably nothing better will turn up. The fascination of doing original investigation work such as I did while in Germany and last year at Harvard is very strong, and I cannot do much here with so much of my time taken up with teaching and so little equipment in the laboratory. I am going to have a talk with Dr Roberts soon and put in a request for a lot of money for my department. Whether I get it or not is somewhat doubtful. Probably if I ask for much more than I expect I shall get something.

I hope your plan for getting Willie Marrow will prove a success. It would relieve you from good but of care in case he proves a good worker.

This letter will find John at home. I wish too the rest of us could be there at the same time. It will not be long however until ~~so~~ June now. The time slips by very rapidly for us here. I am wondering what to do during the summer. I should like nothing better than to spend it all in Frammettsbury but I am not sure that it would be wise. I feel that

I ought to be doing something that will bring
me in some return or add to my reputation. Am
thinking very seriously of going up to Harvard for about
six weeks, from middle of June ~~and~~ until first of August.
The only trouble is that it would cost me probably
\$150 and ~~that~~ I ought to be saving my money. If every-
thing goes well I want to go to Europe for the
next summers vacation. I wish the girls
could go along. But all this is somewhat in
the nature of air casting. I will close for tonight
with much love from both your boys

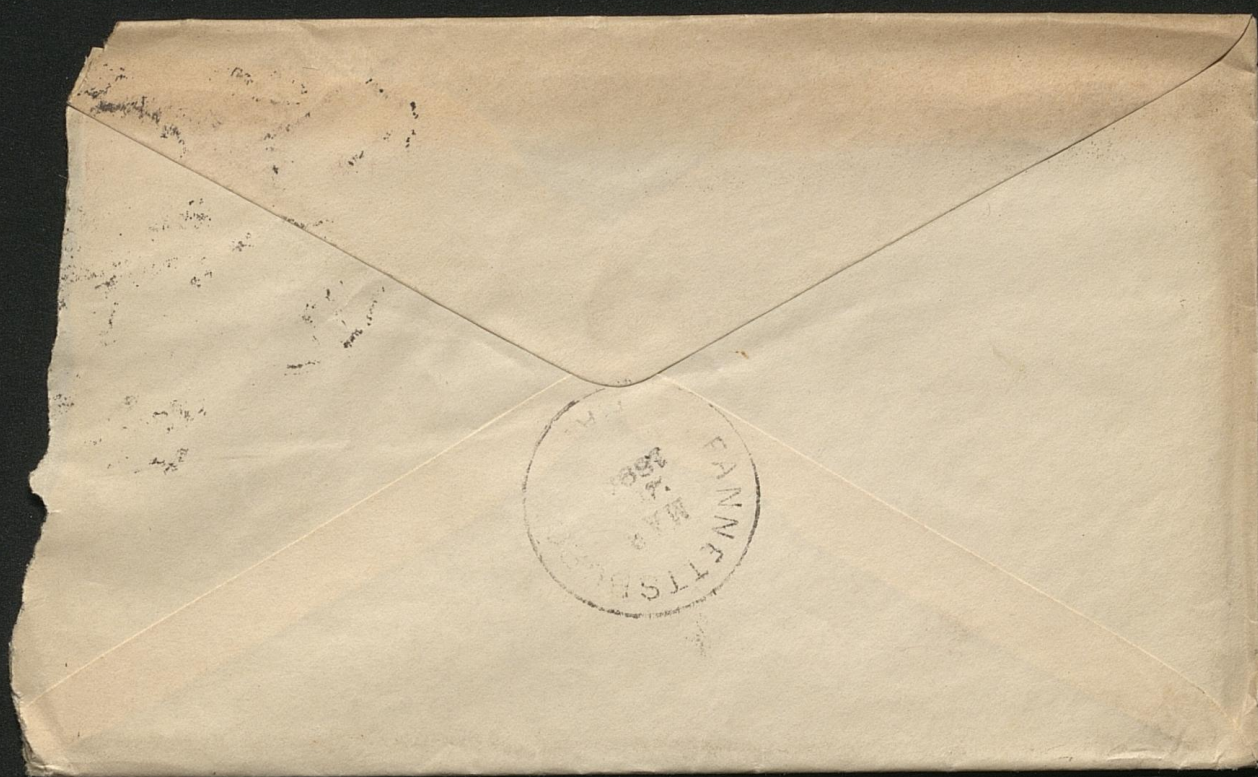
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My dear Papa:-

This is Sunday night - church time
but I am going to write home instead of going
to church - It is such a beautiful night that I
feel like sitting down in the yard and watching
the moonlight more than doing anything else -
The last few days have been very summer-like
and the evenings warm enough to sit on the
porch. Last evening I sat on the Fales porch
with Mrs. F. and Miss Helen until bed time

We had quite a little picnic yesterday afternoon - as I came from dinner I met Mrs. Fales and Miss Mary, who said they were going out for fern and I was glad to go along. In another carriage were Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Fales and Miss Elizabeth.

The woods are now beautiful, all shade of color from bright green through yellow to deep red.

The fern were not very abundant - at least so it seemed to ~~one~~ ^{me} who had been accustomed to Cold Spring or similar places. Mr. J. spent the afternoon on his bicycle but it was almost too warm for the wheel.

Now about the Literary Digest I understood last summer that you renewed your subscription and were going to send it on to me. If

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you get it, I should enjoy it and even more than my enjoyment would be Prof. Johnson's. We don't take a daily but generally glance over the Courier-Journal - while at the Governor's. Prof. J. gets The Independent from the Father in the same way you sent me the Digest last year.

We are beginning to feel settled down in our regular routine in the college - It does not seem so varied as it did the first week or so - and there does not seem to be so much happening.

I told the Fales that I had been inquiring as to

the prospects of Clementine coming out here
and they wanted me to urge her to come -
I told them she gave the excuse that the
women always give "no clothes" and Mrs. F.
said to tell her it made no difference. She
needed only one suit, and if she should take
a notion to start in a hurry she could have
sewing done here. I am very anxious for my
own sake that she should come - but I don't
feel like urging it too much for fear she would
not enjoy it so immensely. But I do know
that my friends, the Youngs the Jacobs, the
Caldwell people and others would all try to
make her have a pleasant time. And I know
too that the old Wilson girls too would be

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glad to see her and do their share
to help show her that Danville was a
nice place to come to. Miss Sheppard
is coming in about two weeks about the
last of the month. I saw Miss Sally Lee
Young at church this morning and she
told me of the time of her coming and
asked me to try to bring some of the young
men around to call.

The excitement of the town this week will

be the meeting of the Southern Synod here ~~then~~
in the First Church. It is the first time they
have ever come to Danville. Our town is
regarded as the strongest Northern town in
the state and for that reason I presume
the southern people are not so apt to
come here. We are all much interested
to know as to whether the proposition will
be made to unite their college with
ours. It is being agitated and it is said
will be proposed at this Synod meeting. but
I don't believe it can be accomplished
We should all like to see it, as it would
make the college away ahead of anything
else in the ~~State~~ State, and it ought to
give us a boom and enable us to obtain much

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needed endorsement. Of course we Professors feel that a union might mean the dropping of some of us. After much changing around I don't dread that a large amount but imagine I should remain anyhow.

I hope Edith succeeds in getting her divorce. but I presume the necessary steps will be anything but pleasant.

I had a letter from John written Saturday night (Oct. 7.) I fear he will have discouraging times but hopes he sticks at it until success comes. I think

it will be fine for him to be with the
Mr & Hattous. Bess may not be the most
experienced of housekeepers - but boarding
among strangers is the worst calamity for
a young man in a city especially.

Tomorrow we have about the only
football game of the season on home ground
and Troy Johnson and I are going to ask
Miss Thompson and Miss McCarell
to go with us. We are still debating as to
whether we shall ask them to walk or
drive. Must close for tonight. Hope
Mary will have a pleasant visit - or visits
and sorry Jess is not so well -
With much love to you all

Your affectionate Son Clarence

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his scruples and now
he will have nothing to
fear as far as a living is
concerned. Duane has always
been lucky. In the first place
he was born with more brains
than the majority of people I
have been thrown with.
And things have been coming
his way ever since.

Had a letter from John too
today. He told me he expected
to get started out from Pitts-
burgh some place this coming
week - and that he was going to
live with the McHattens.

7. P.M.

I had gone thus far when
Prof Thomas - the English profes-
sor came in and asked me to take
a walk - an invitation gladly
accepted because it was such a
fine warm afternoon. Glad to

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Sunday. 3. P.M.

My dear Papa.

Your letter was
received today at noon one
day later than usual - it would
seem that the mails have been
slow in both directions this
week as my last Sunday's
letter was in at the usual
time I just saw the Hales
family on my way back from
dinner and Miss Bessie
told me of her letter from
Clerventine. I scarcely ex-
posed she would come at
this time from what she said

before - and of course am
sorry. I hope she can come
after Xmas. Miss Elizabeth
had just been planning a
trip to Louisville with her.
Mrs Brown a cousin of
the Fales is visiting there
now and when she heard
them talk of Clementine's
possibly coming she ~~sent~~
invited them to take her
to Louisville for a few
days. Mrs. F. says she knows
the invitation will hold
over if she comes in the
winter.

The most exciting thing of
the week to me was the
news I had in a letter

from Will Duane. He
is engaged to be married
to Miss Ravenel of Phila.
The consummation will
be during the Xmas vacation.
And I hope to go down
to Phila to be present as
I count Duane one of the
best friends I have in the
world. I was not very
much surprised to hear
of the engagement as he
had told me considerable
of her. He remarked one
time that he would be afraid
to propose to her because
she would have so much
more of earthly goods than
he - He said her father
had a million at least,
evidently he has overcome

the Southern Kentucky Synod,
Because he considered
them the best people on earth
was his reason for advocating
the pushing of their influence
into every village of the State.
He told a couple of good stories
illustrating his point which
I think I shall remember to
tell you when I get home
next time.

Hope Mary is having a good
visit or rather visits.

The Digests arrived a day
or two ago.

You seem to have an unusually
good supply of apples this year
I shall expect to enjoy them
at Xmas time.

With a great deal of love to you
all -

Your affectionate Son,
Clarence

know that you also are having
my fine weather. I don't think
I ever experienced a longer term
of beautiful weather than we
have had for the last month.

After getting back from my
walk I called at Miss Bowman's
who lives just two doors from
me and then went up to Dr.
Roberts for a short call. I am
going there for a dinner party
Tuesday evening. It is in honor
of a Miss van Norden, who is
visiting Miss Worrell. Her father
is a very wealthy New Yorker
and every one is trying to make
her visit in Sawville pleasant.

Last night there were a couple
of dozen people at the Worrells to
become acquainted with her.

I am having more of the social

life than I want at present. But I think I can ~~withstand~~ ^{endure} or there will be less going on soon. I have not found time to call on a great many of my good friends since I came back.

everybody in town was interested in the meeting of Southern Synod here this last week. They are a much larger and stronger body than the Northern Synod, having about three times as many members in the State. They make a better showing too having a larger body of able men. I attended a couple of the night sessions, at one of which I heard a foreign missionary address and at

the other a very eloquent speech on State Mission work. The latter was by Col. Bennett Young, - the Channey Defeat of Louisville. He was not a member of the Synod, having refused he says every office in the church. He is an orator of the southern style, a regular Kentucky Colored - a writer of books and president of railroads but a man who apparently has a good many critics. He was, as possibly you remember one of the St Albans raiders and most people are inclined to hold that and other of his doings up to public gaze. His speech was taken up mostly with a glorification of Presbyterianism and especially

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My dear Papa-

Another week is flown by much the same as former ones with me. Your letter was received yesterday noon at usual time. Have had several short letters from John lately mostly on insurance business. I have finally decided to take out the other \$2500 policy - making \$5000 for me in all. It will cost me \$176 a year, and if nothing happens I can keep it up. The policy is a sort of half life, half endowment. That is, at the end of 20 years I have a paid up policy for more than \$5000 as a return in money of somewhat more than I put in, having during that time my life insured for \$5000. When I receive the other policy I shall send them both to you to be put in vault in bank.

I presume you are having cold weather. We had the heaviest fall of snow - about six inches - that Kentucky has had for quite a number of years Thursday night, and since then the thermometer has been down to almost 0° every morning.

It goes hard to get out of bed these mornings into a cold room. and this morning I got up just in time to get in late to our 9:30 Sunday School. Found two of my six scholars

present. Our Soc. was quite small as the
is unusually cold weather for Danville, and
people do not like to go out of the house.
As a preacher today we had a Dr Plummer
from Cadiz Ohio. ~~a candidate~~ a candidate, but
I don't believe he will receive a call. We will be
hard to please now after having had such a
man as Dr Hughes as a candidate.

Our political situation seems now to be
going to quiet down and the matter
left to the ~~court~~ courts. This practically
means that the Republicans ^{have} given in as
our courts are recognized as being partisan.

This week there are a number of social ~~to~~ affairs
on hand. I expect to go to a couple of receptions
and have besides a Glee Club concert to
manage. The management includes getting the
boys to practise every day as well as attending
to the business part of it. I hope by
means of this concert to get the club
out of debt. - which means practically
getting myself out of debt to me to
the amount of \$50.

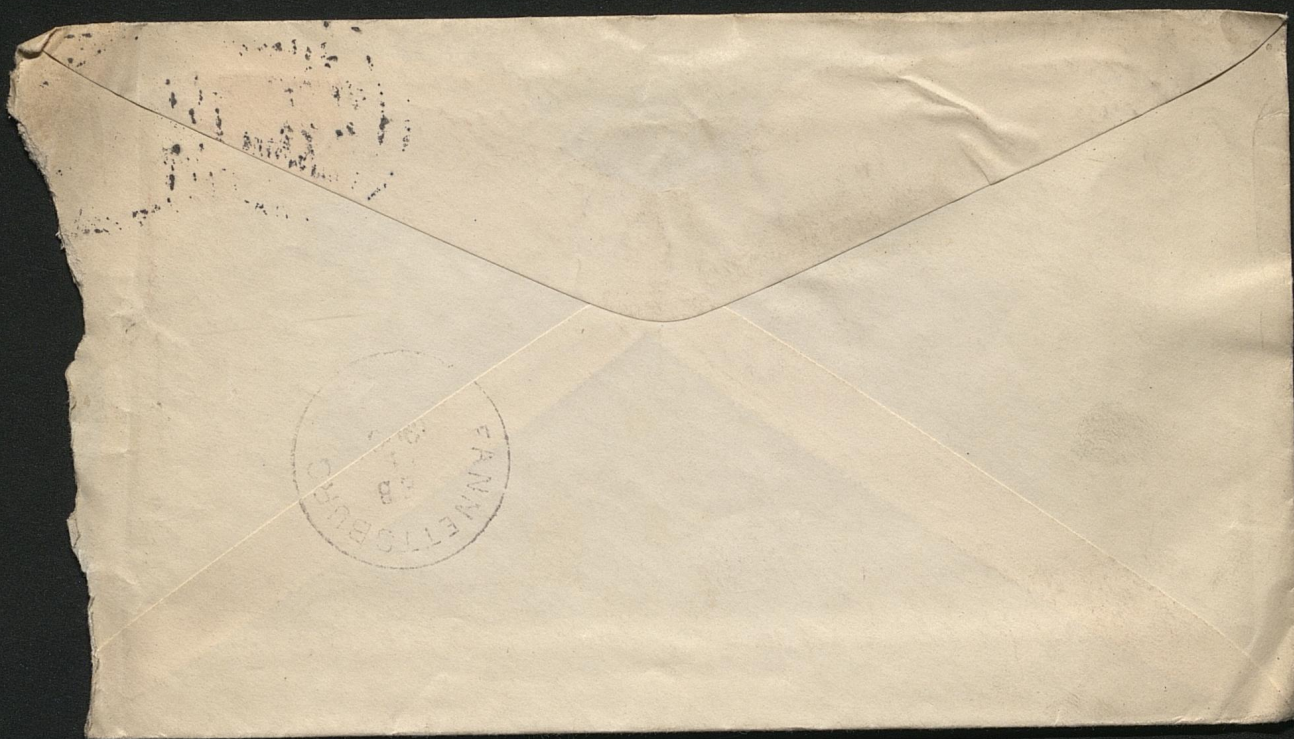
Dr Roberts ~~son~~ is here now visiting
but has scarcely been out of the house since
he came. Hope the farm sale will
come off well - and that the new
farmer will prove a success. He will
certainly relieve you of much care. If
I were you I would look into the Walnut
lumber matter and sell what part of it has
reached at best growth. Walnut ought to continue
to go up in price from this on. With love to all
Clarence

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Dear Papa-

I allowed Sunday to go by without writing letter and as usual I find myself very busy in first part of week. Enjoyed Clementines letter and was glad to get church certificate. Mr Bruce & Allegheny is here last Sunday and next and seems to be making a favorable impression. Prof. Johnson will probably be here another year, as Dr Roberts has about given up his plan to get seminary Professors to do college work.

I enclose check for \$3.00. As I told you in my last I could spare another \$1.00 for a couple of months but would probably need it before I got home. If you can use this \$1.00 to advantage from now till June 1st and let me have it from June 1st until July 1st - at which latter time I get my next salary - I shall be glad to send it to you.

We are having fine spring weather now and I am enjoying a bicycle ride almost every evening. Next Monday we plan to have an exciting game of baseball between the Faculty and The Senior class. With love to all

In haste.

Your affectionate Son
Clarence

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$2x^2+9x+9$ Rev J Smith Gordon

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Danville, Ky., Sunday 7 P.M., 1900

My dear Papa -

I shall at least begin this letter on the right day - and trust that I shall finish, it although it is now only a half hour until church time. We have Dr Worrall preach for us today and he is always entertaining and pleasant to listen to. He mostly preaches a good sermon but sometimes it seems to be more words than anything else. He is the best orator of any of our preachers in town. He is also President of the Anaconda Club of which you have heard me speak - Last Friday evening it met at the Mr Sinschenbergs - Clementine has heard often-times of him and his red-topped villa - and we had for our subject Minority Representation in legislative bodies. The most enjoyable part of it was some political history given us by Mr Yerkes, who is practically the leading Republican of our State. He ~~frank~~ frankly acknowledges that legislatures are dishonest where party advantage is concerned and while he deplors it, does not seem to have much hope of a change in the near future. He says as soon as one party gets into power they want to pay back the party which has been in before with some of their own medicine, and on this account political reforms is hard to inaugurate.

Am glad Clementine arrives at home in good health. I was afraid that her continuous social activities while here did not give her much time for rest. Mrs Fales has joked a number of times of how she insisted on getting up for breakfast every morning while here and blames me for having frightened her into it. I comfort myself however with the thought that she would have slept in the mornings if she had wanted to very much. She must be sure to write me a good long account of what she has been doing since she left Van Wert, as I know practically nothing of what happened since. My letters from John in the last month have been few & brief.

Elizabeth Brown was at the Fales the first part of the week and Thursday evening we had a little bowling party for her at the Gymnasium. She was telling me that Hugh Brown is now in Texas and writes that his boarding house reminds him forcibly of my X-Ray condominium.

Gov Knott has been in bed most of the last week with a bad cold, but is better now. His niece came up to visit him and take care of him a few days ago.

I went to church last night and then went around to Prof Fales where I remained until bed time, so did not finish this letter. Today is another fine spring day such as we have been having since last Thursday. I hope you are having similar weather.

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I think perhaps I mentioned in my last letter that Prof Johnson will probably not be back next year. Mr Roberts has a scheme to consolidate secondary classes and allow the professors there the spend part of their time teaching in the college. If he carries it through as I presume he will it will leave Prof J out of a position. He is of course at a loss to know what he may do but will probably go to Germany unless something turns up. Mr Roberts seems to want to push my department and I expect to have a man here to relieve me of a good portion of my chemistry teaching next year.

The last time I talked to you about my financial affairs I told you I thought I was in position to invest what I could save ~~but~~ better than you, but I have been looking around for small investments somewhat in the last few months and do not find many of them.

About April 1st I ~~will~~ shall have \$300 to \$400 that I do not know what to do with and I presume the best thing I can do is to send it to you in part payment of my debt. At the same time I should like to reserve the privilege of borrowing it again - in case in a year or two I should

be out of a position or want to use it for
investments. Now that I have my life insured
for \$5000 in your favor I consider my debt
to you secured as it has not been before.

I have thought sometimes that investment in
real estate here would be a good thing. Rents are
high at least but the real estate is perhaps propor-
tionately so.

Have you been thinking of going to the
Assembly at St Louis this year? I have been
hoping that you might be elected and make me
a visit on the way going or coming. What do you
think of it? I can assure you you will not be
shot in Kentucky although the papers talk of
war. yesterday and today more than ever.

With love to all of you

Affectionately Clarence

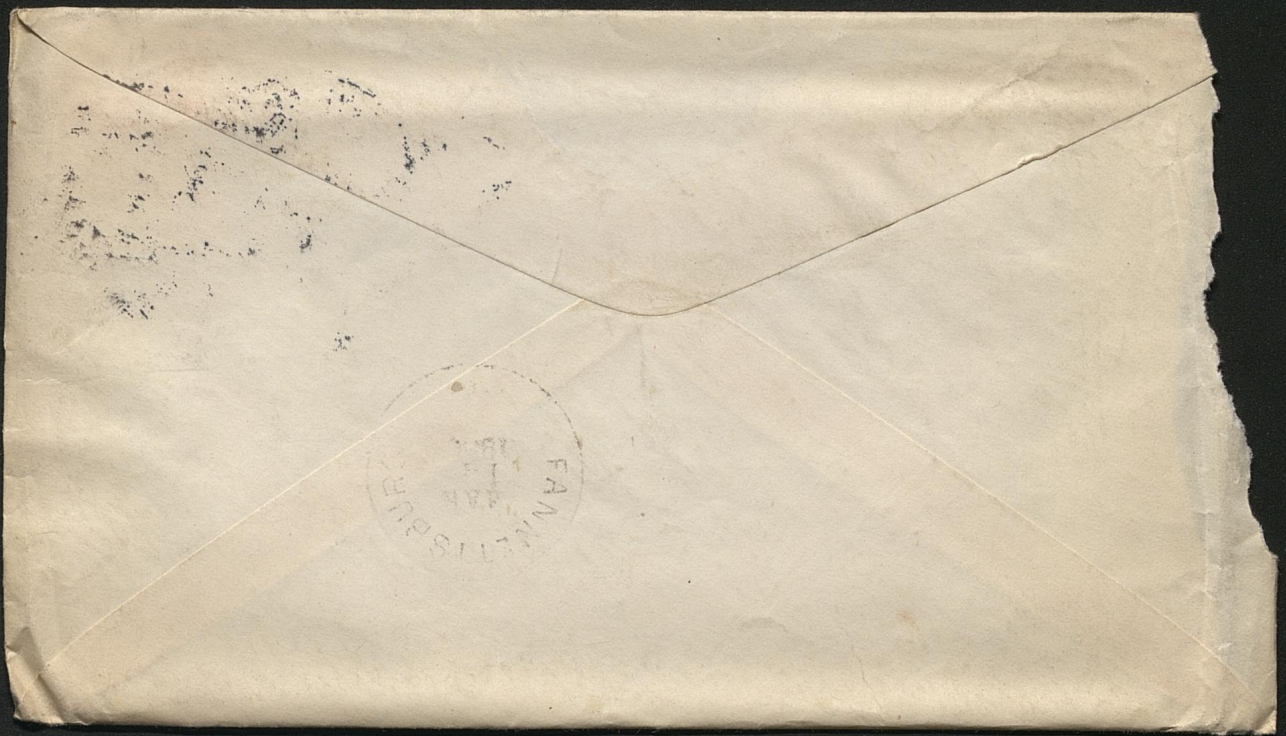
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Danville, Ky., April 23 1900

My dear Papa.

Received your card and Mary's letter Sunday morning - the latter having been misrouted. Thus accounting for it not arriving at the usual time Saturday noon. Yesterday I was feeling very lazy and as a consequence did not write home. and now although it has taken me until nearly bedtime to get my lessons ready for tomorrow I shall finish my home letter before retiring. Tuesdays and Fridays I am always busier than other days in college - having no more hours but more class work - This term I have more work than I have had any time yet I think sometimes I am foolish to undertake as much teaching as I do but when I consider what needs to be done. it is hard not to try to do more.

I was rejoiced by several parts of Mary's letter - In the first place that you had a girl - from though she may be - and - I meant to say first - that she was well or nearly well again I hope by this time she is fully recovered - And the horse news was good news - I hope he turns out well and is able and willing to go without the use of a whip What little driveway we here is generally

done with livery horses which are trained to go well - That is they will trot up hill and down for ten or twelve miles without stopping if you hit them. And John McCallen being at something is also good news - I hope he sticks to it long enough to make a living at whatever he undertakes

There has not been much of excitement in my life for the last week. Harry had no birthdays or Quacoula meetings. Sunday I had a pleasant dinner at Mrs John Sinsenherry's Mrs Q is the wife of the former President Dr Beatty and we accordingly call ourselves cousins - but as nearly as we know the relationship is untraceable. Mr Q, is cashier of one of the banks here and both of them are very kind and agreeable people - They live nicely with one boy about 12 years old.

Saturday Mr J. Miss Booker, Elizabeth Fales and I had a drive over to Lancaster. Clementine knows where that is. This time we came and went both by the near road and consequently did not feel so nearly lost as on the drive we took with her. We got back late for supper and Mrs Fales had some saved for all of us. Afterwards we went to the Governors Club where we finished reading "As you like it" and then had music by Mr Mills and Mrs

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Crossland. Next Saturday evening we are going to read "Three men in a Boat" I wish you would send me the copy of it you have at home if you could get it off by Thursday evening. I had it in my room last summer. Used it to go to sleep on. Fortunately I have almost broken myself of the habit of needing a book to put me to sleep and can now go to sleep - no matter where I go to bed and sleep through without waking until morning. My health is better than it has been for years - although you know it has not been bad. At the same time - I find that working a less number of hours a day has a good effect on my nervous system.

Mr Johnson, is laboring now for an amercenda speech and his subject is that old one of Free Will. He has of course studied on it more or less for years, but does not appear to be much nearer a solution than ~~the~~ ordinary mortals. When he told Sir Knott that he was working on it the latter replied that it was too deep water for him - that he had never been able to reconcile the two seemingly true and contradictory doctrines of Free Will and Predestination - and I don't believe any one

else ever has.

I have not heard from John for a couple of weeks but from his last letter to me and what Mary said in her letter I guess he will not stick to insurance much longer.

He certainly does not seem to have developed any great liking for it. The question of a profession is not an easy one. I see so many college boys graduating and not knowing what they are going to do. Generally that which they have the most inclination for, they have not the opportunity or the money to pursue.

Dr Roberts is now in New York and we are all hoping he will bring back some money for the college. We see so many things to be done but they all take money - to carry them out.

Our new catalogues are out and show an increased attendance of 23 over last year. This increase is practically all in the Freshman class. If they should continue to increase the expense will also become greater. It seems that the larger a college is the greater the proportionate expense.

We seem to be as far as from getting a pastor as ever. Although candidates have been numerous Dr Hughes was the only one whom the people seemed to show much unanimity for.

Wish you would speak of Mr Johnson to Mr Shearer or some of the Spring Run Elders.

With love

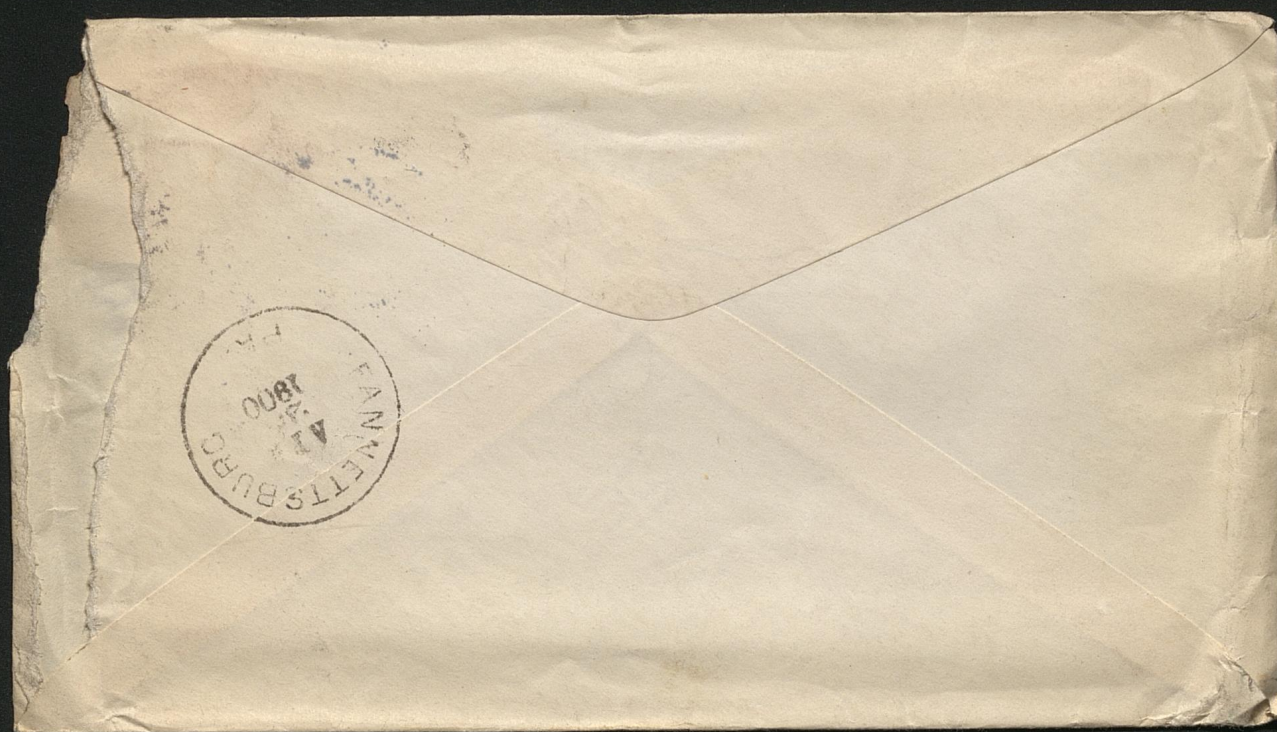
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Danville, Ky., May 5 1900

My dear Papa:

Clementine's letter was received yesterday and I am glad to know the horse continues to give satisfaction. It must be a great pleasure to have one that will go after ten years of urging jock. I wonder that you kept him so long. I hope the new farmer turns out equally as well. Am glad at least that you don't have the worry of the buying and selling at the farm. Although I think that is the only way the farm would pay you much. I presume Mary is entirely well by this time as Clementine said nothing about her in her last letter. This last week we had the seminary commencement as an extra. The graduating class was not so large as last year only four students, but the year has been much more encouraging to the Seminary faculty because the other classes have been larger and all the boys seem to be much pleased and are coming back next year. Mr Johnson is coming back again and his salary in the seminary has been increased by \$100, so that next year he will get \$900 from the Seminary and \$800 from the college. He has a good many jokes about the way things have turned out

~~times~~ these last two years. Both times he has been told that his services would not be required and both times they have asked him to come back and increased his salary. Both times of course he has suggested that he ought to have more pay. Possibly preachers salaries are sometimes raised by the initiative of the congregation but I think that is about the only place it happens, in that way.

I am pleased over the fact that Dr Roberts has promised me a higher priced assistant next year. We expect to get a man who can take a good part of the chemistry teaching off my hands and leave me more time for Physics - the plan being to separate the two departments as soon as possible. I hope to get a Harvard man to come but of course don't know who may turn out to be the best man we can find. It will mean that Bruce will not come back, but as he has decided to study Law I think it will be best for him in the end. He wants to have his same position next year and take the Law lectures here, but now I guess he will go to Harvard. His parents now live at Brockton Mass, not far from Boston.

This is a rainy Sunday - the first rain we have had for several weeks - and all day rain. Mr. J. and I were invited to Miss Meserichs for dinner today and had a pleasant chat with our

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old friends. Mrs. Messick is still an invalid,
stays in her room all the time.

We had Prof Crawford preach for us today.
and his sermon was quite a mixture - partly
scientific and partly very poetical - In general he
is not very popular as a preacher and now I
can see why. He has a good head on him and
is a good talker but too much of an essayist
to be popular.

~~The~~ Miss Warrall has a friend from New York
visiting her now. a Miss Van Norden, who
is said to be very wealthy. Miss Warrall made
so much fuss over her last fall and Mrs.
Roberts gave a swell dinner for her which I
think I wrote you about, or probably told
you about when I was home ~~last~~ Friday
afternoon. They invited Mr Johnson and my-
self to go driving with them. We had a lovely
drive and gathered a lot of dog-wood which
is out in beautiful bloom now.

I guess Dan Thomas will get the val-
diatory, although it will not be decided for
another week. after the senior examinations. There
is one man in the class I think who is better
but he has been here but two years while Dan

has been here all four - Dan is such a nice boy that we are all hoping his grades average up the highest.

Mrs. Fales got the arbutus - all right - as she gave me a piece of it. It came out fairly well but was of course not anything like so pretty as when it is freshly gathered.

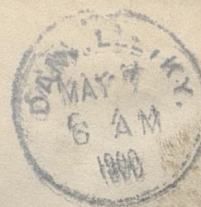
Did you ever eat Grape Fruit? I never did until yesterday when Mr. Fales gave me some. It is between an orange and a lemon in taste but more juicy than either. It requires a lot of sugar to make it edible. I have heard so many people rave over it that I was expecting something better than it turned out to be.

Our Semors get through this week. Commencement is five weeks from next Wednesday. I shall probably be home immediately after, although possibly not until July 1st. I have not yet given up the idea of having something at the Science association in New York although I have not enough work done yet and don't feel sure that I can get it done. If it should happen that I can put in those ~~two~~ ^{three} days to ~~two~~ weeks after commencement in preparing a paper - I shall probably not go home until after.

With a great deal of love -

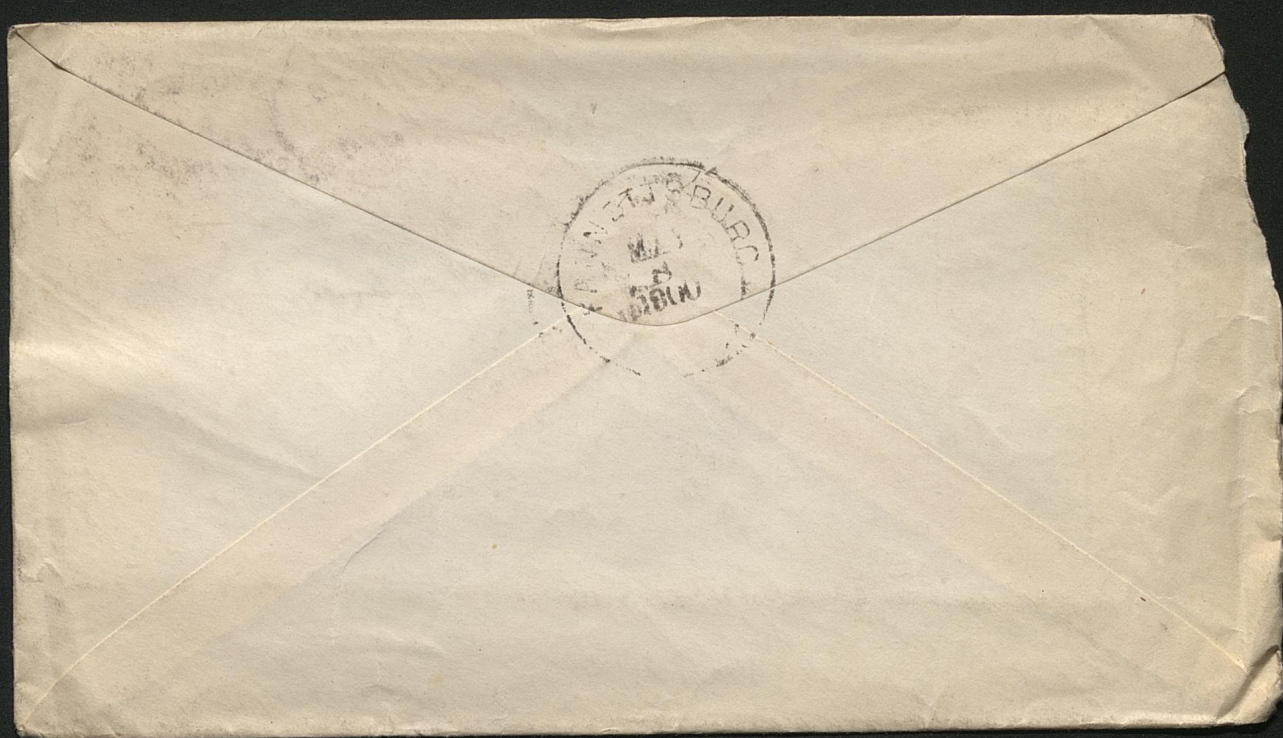
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Danville, Ky., May 17 1900

My dear Papa.

It just occurred to me that I had not written home this week. Everything is going all right - and I have had a trip to Richmond, Ky. - yesterday and day before making a visit and seeing a ball game between our boys and Central University boys. I shall not take time to write more now but try to give you fuller particulars in a few days. Our weather is very warm about 90° now but owing to my tennis playing or something I am weary it without trouble. Hoping you are all well and with much love -

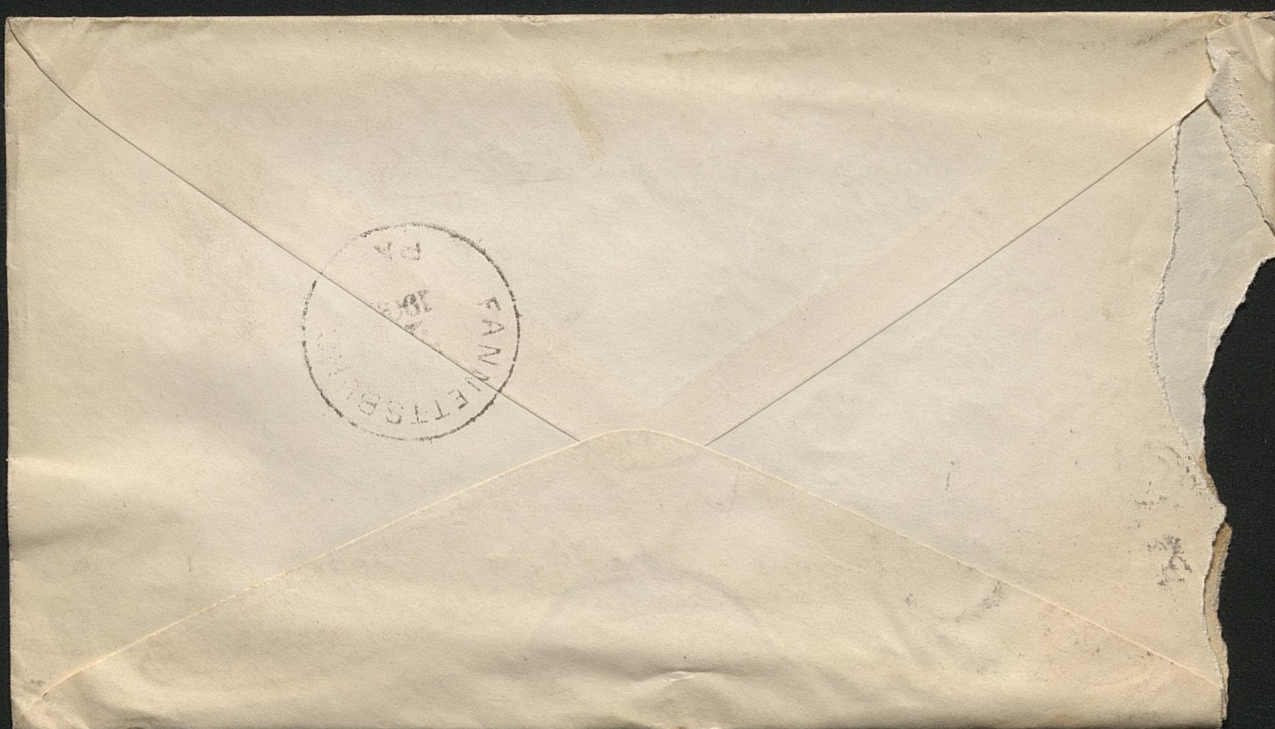
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Danville, Ky., Sunday May 20 1900

my dear Papa.

Will my letter of May 13th news
reached you, or at least I never wrote it
Yours was received yesterday as usual and
I was glad to hear that you had such a good
worker around the house, as George Snyder -
I suppose you have your girl too - or does he help
in the house. I shall expect to see the garden and
yard mudless. and the new horse dustless
when I get home.

As I told you in my letter of Friday - the
principal excitement of this week was a trip
to Richmond. Mr Walker, and I drove Miss
Sue McRoberts and her visitor Miss Norris
from Louisville, over to Richmond Tuesday
evening. We went partly for the ball game
between our boys and Central University and
partly to visit Miss Higgins - a cousin
of Miss McRoberts who lives at Richmond.
Clementine know who the McRoberts
are and she perhaps met Miss Higgins
also. It was a long drive 38 miles - and
we were almost afraid to try it. But we went

Tuesday evening and came back Wednesday night. Had a pair of good horses in a trap and made the trip back in less than five hours. That is faster driving than old Jack ever went.

Unfortunately the game resulted in a sort of a squabble - our boys refusing to play after the fourth inning unless they would change umpires and they refuse to change - Central University is an off-shoot from Centre - ~~made~~ started by the Southern Presbyterians and there has always been considerable friction between the two colleges. I am afraid this game will not bring them closer together. The managers of the teams got into a dispute over money matters. I happened to come along and did some pretty plain talking as a result of which I have got my name for plain speaking - rather more of a reputation than the facts warrant.

Our Seniors are now having their vacation and I have consequently less work - having only a junior class in chemistry and a junior class in Physics. Prof. J. has nothing to do now but Dr Roberts wanted him to be here for commencement so he is waiting and feeling in the time quite pleasantly. I think he had a letter from Mr Wolf of Dry Run a few weeks ago telling him that they did not want to engage a regular supply for the summer. I hope

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you met Mr. Hallod. He was a ~~fresh~~^{19th} college fellow in college - a classmate of mine - as I probably told you before.

I sent you our new catalogue yesterday, which will give you some idea of our college. The pictures this year are new and good we think.

I did not go to our own church today but to the Baptist. We seem to be as far from having a pastor as ever. So far as we know we have no one in view. Today a Dr. McNamee from St. Louis preached, but as I was not particularly in love with his preaching when I heard him before I did not go today. The Baptists have a good preacher - a little too energetic but a very sensible man. He is trying now to raise money for a church and I guess they will probably get it, as their present building is not large enough to hold nearly all their members.

Dr. Worrall and Mr. Robt. Brannen-
bury are attending the General Assembly the latter however is not a delegate - only a spectator.

In Sunday School yesterday our
infant department had special childrens-
day exercises and the most of the rest of
the school went in to see them. I

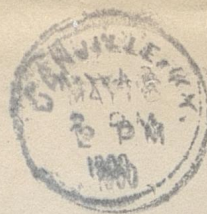
have a pretty hard class of boys in Sunday
School. I am inclined to give them up for
good when I go home.

Dr Roberts is up in Ohio preaching today
When will John be home?

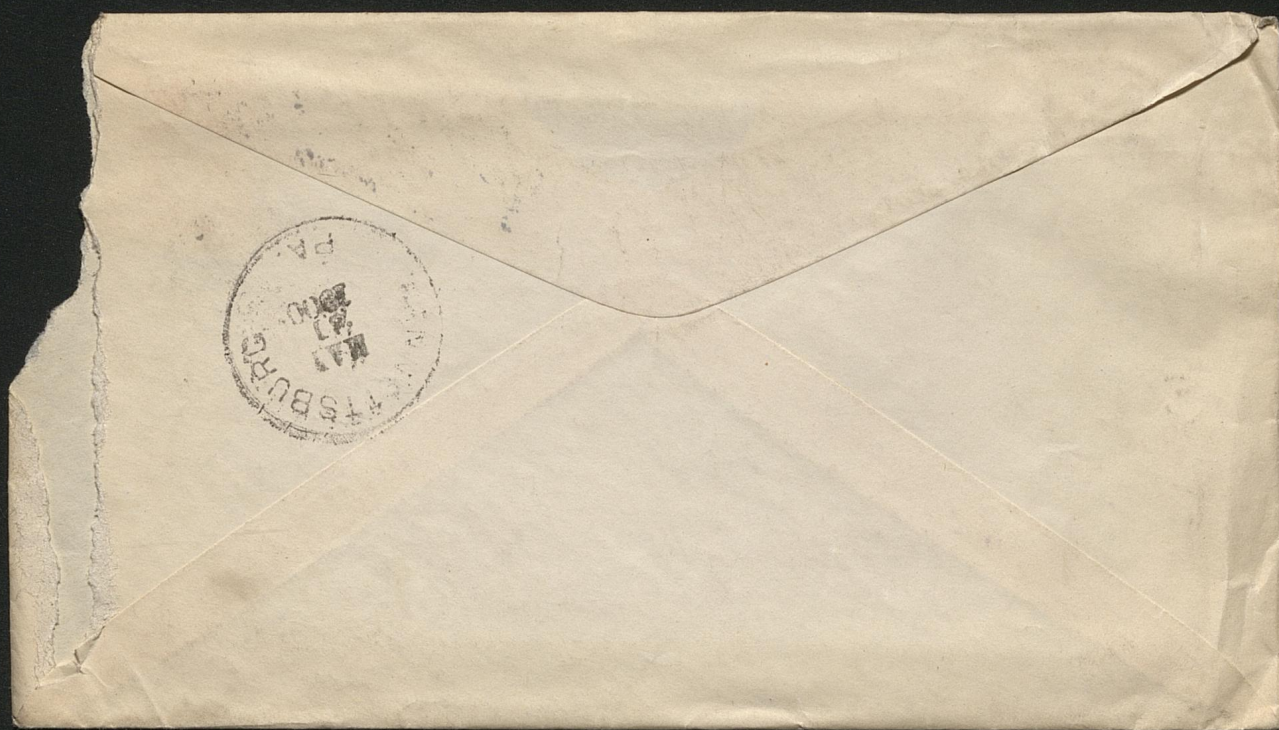
With much love to all

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Danville, Ky., June 13 1900

Dear Papa. Have been very busy with commencement and so have not written home. I had charge of all the public exercises - that is to see that they went right and arrange for them so I am glad it is over. Tonight Mrs Roberts gives a party but I have nothing to do there except take my girl and help entertain. Last night I exhibited the X-rays to all who appeared up at the college in connection with a reception.

I wrote John that I expected to meet him Saturday morning at Pittsburg and go home that day via Shade Gap. If he write you he is coming that way Saturday expect me too, but if anything should turn up to prevent our meeting Saturday morning - I shall go around the other way. and up by stage. The fact is I am not certain that I can get off Friday. I have not packed a bit and cannot until tomorrow. but think I can make it to leave Friday afternoon.

Margaret Hales is getting up a picnic for ~~the~~
tomorrow. Hoping to see you Saturday

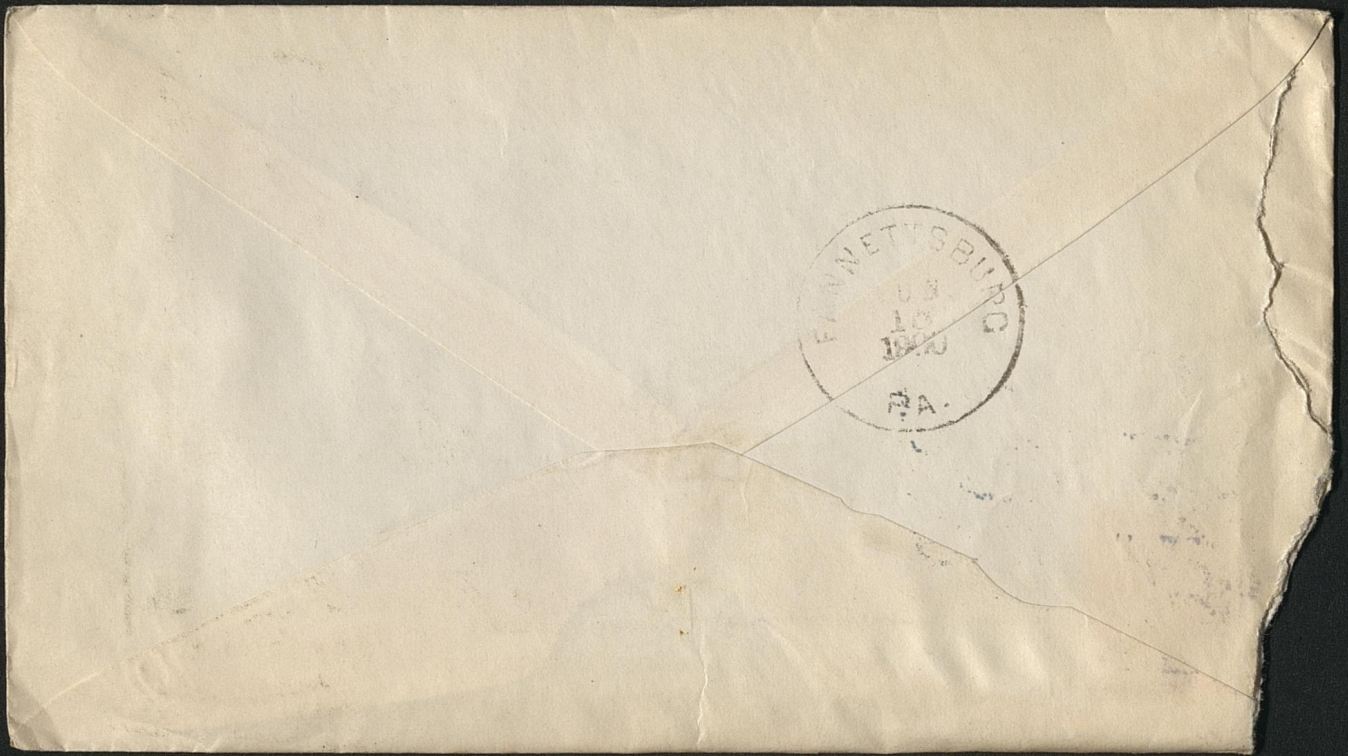
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Danville, Ky., Oct., 30, 1900

My dear Papa:-

I am very late in writing my home letter this week, due mostly to the fact that I am behind with my work owing to a trip with the foot ball team a few days ago. I went with them to Nashville, Tenn where they played and won a game from Vanderbilt University. They took me for an umpire but when we got there the Vanderbilt manager objected to any one connected with either institution acting as an official. It was finally agreed however to allow me to referee for half the time and one of there men for the other half. It came at a time for me that did not suit, but it was too nice a trip into an undiscovered country for me to let it go by. We left here Friday and did not get back until Sunday. I had planned to go to Cincinnati that day as there was a very low rate excursion to that point. Now I suppose I shall go to Cincinnati next Saturday, although there is to be an exciting football game at Lexington that day, which I do not like to miss. My trip to Cincinnati is to get myself a suit of clothes and various things for the laboratory as well as to visit some friends.

Nashville is a very nice city, the capital of the state, and has about 85000 population. Vanderbilt University is a very well equipped institution, a large fine campus with a number of large fine buildings. It is probably the best equipped college in the south as far as buildings are concerned. The faculty however is not correspondingly large. Visiting in such a well equipped college tends to make me dissatisfied with our own

and I am hoping more and more that I shall not have to remain here too long

I also missed an Anaconda supper by going on the foot ball trip, at Mr. Allen's. The next club meeting I am on the program to talk on the subjects of trusts. Guess I shall have to learn considerable before talking as I have not any well defined ideas on them. Do not consider them an evil but rather a good thing bound to come and lessen the cost of production. Possibly when I have studied the question more my view will be altered.

Had my first letter from John today. He seems to have a hard time in fixing on a boarding place. Possibly you will have him with you for the election.

Have I said nothing about Bosserman's wedding? If so it was because I thought I had better keep quiet until the invitations were out. No, I do not expect to go to it. Boss wanted me to be best man but on account of the expense of the trip and the work here I decided not to do it. It was very hard to refuse such an invitation as they do not come very often. After I could not go he wrote to Milligan but the results of his request for his services I have not heard. I have not selected my wedding present yet. Suppose I shall get it in Cincinnati if I go on Saturday.

Mrs. Buchanan got the cook to try the recipe for warm slaw the other day but it was not a success. It was cooked too much and did not have enough of vinegar in it. Well I must close for this evening. Hope this will find you all well. With much love to each of you,

Your Affectionate Son,

Clarence

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
VAN WERT, OHIO.
REV. JAMES A. GORDON, PASTOR.

Oct 31-1900

My dear Parents: Father's letter rec'd on
time. I am in haste this morning,
and will only write a little. I am
forgoing to go to Middlepoint to preach
at installation this evening. Alice
has been unwell for two or
three days - just makes, but
is about right again. She en-
tertains the Ladies Social here
this aft. and is trying to make
some Cream Candy & fudge to
serve them. The weather
continues to be warm and fine.
We had a good rain Monday
night & it threatens more today.
We have no fires it is so
warm & pleasant. Last week
used the carriage every day.

People say they now know a fine
October, I was surprised to
hear of Korah Davis going to
Africa. Tell us a little more
about it - when she goes &c. Is
it the Simpson Christian Mission
or Alliance place? Who is
Dr. Stuebert? I should
fear for her health in many
parts of Africa, especially if
their party trust in faith
alone. They are inclined to dis-
regard medical precautions &
help. Well this will
let you know we are all
well and I can write you
another time.

With love to all
Yours

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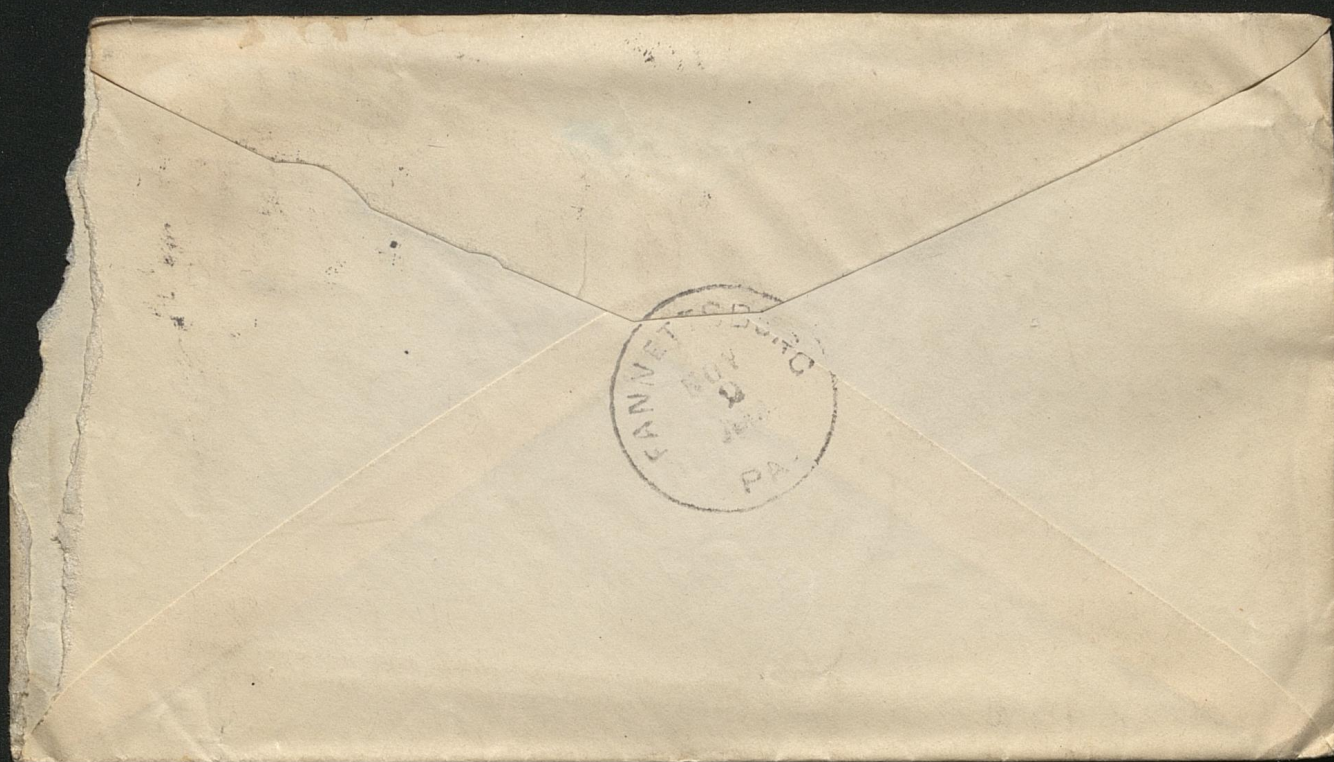


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Danville, Ky., Nov. 20 1900

My dear Papa:-

This is Tuesday ,so that this weeks letter will be probably a little later than generally. I am often too lazy to write Sunday afternoons and too tired after I go to church . Now that the election is over we are not having much excitement in Kentucky except football . And I am sorry to say that we had a game of football here last saturday which resulted in as near a general fight as I ever saw Nobody was badly hurt but several were knocked down and scalp wounds inflicted ,Fortunately and rather surprisingly considering it was a Kentucky crowd no pistols were used. The spectators took umbrage at the rough way some of the visiting team were playing and when the game was called on the same account the crowd rushed in and handled several of the visitors rather roughly. I was refereeing the game and in the midst of the fracas trying to pacify things ,--about the hardest thing I ever undertook.

Sunday at church we had a sermon from Dr, Ernest Martin, son of our Seminary Professor. He has been a missionary in India and of course he had very interesting things to relate to us. He is however an extremely bashful man not at all at ease in the pulpit. As a consequence he lost all idea of how long he was talking and preached for nearly an hour. He was only brought to a close finally by his father who was in the pulpit with him- jerking his coat-tails. The congregation had become very restless. A number felt that their dinner was spoiling. At night he was more circumspect and preached only twenty minutes.

I suppose you will have had before this a letter from John telling of ~~Pineeten~~ Princeton having her Waterloo on Saturday . It could not ~~be~~ have been a much worse defeat and has never been excelled but once and that was in my senior year while I was at home .

Thursday Morning----

When I had proceeded thus far I was interrupted and have been on a rush ever since . Not working all the time of course, but having something which it seemed I ought to do. I shall try to be more regular in the future, because I appreciate how careful you are at home to send me the weekly letter always on time. It is so nice to be able always to count on it at the same time.

The last two evenings I have spent parts of both trying to help entertain Miss. Settle, a cousin of the Fales from Bowling Green. Last evening Mr. Johnson and I were there for Tea and then later got in a game of Carroms which lasted until nearly midnight. Miss. Settle is a very pleasant girl. Mr. Johnson says that a nice thing about being a friend of the Fales family is that they have so many nice visitors.

Today I have two social functions in view. We are going to have Dr. Patterson with us at the Knott's for supper and there is a to be ~~and~~ a reception in the church this afternoon for Dr. Ernest Martin and his wife. Guess I shall probably attend. I expect to eat my Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Fales in the evening. Mr. Johnson is invited to the Presidents for a dinner at noon and is going to try to eat another one at Mrs. Fales in the evening. Tell Clementine to write me all about her music lessons. I will close now and begin the day's work . Hope this finds you all well. Have you a girl at present? Mrs. Buchanan tried the warm slaw several times but never succeeded.

With Love Clarence

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Danville, Ky., Dec. 3, 1900

My dear Mamma:-

Your good thanksgiving letter came at usual time. Now our vacation is over and I am down to regular work again in the college. Most of the time since last Wednesday I have employed either in looking over note-books and examination papers, or in visiting. I have done so much of the latter that I feel as if I had been off on a visit. Mr. J. and I went through with the two dinners Thursday and I stood the task better than I had expected. Both were large fine dinners. Naturally I ate more at the first one and the last few courses of the second were a little hard to get down. I am going to try to tell you what we had. At Mrs. Roberts: Raw Oysters, Soup, Turkey, White and Sweet Potatoes, Macaroni, Cranberries, Lettuce with nut and celery dressing, Pumpkin and Mince Pies, Cheese and Crackers, Ice Cream, Fruit and Coffee.

At Mrs. Fales: Raw Oysters, Soup, Turkey, cooked Oysters, Quail, ~~and~~ Chicken Salad, Ice Cream and Cake, Fruit and Coffee, vegetables, but what they were I have forgotten. At Dr. Roberts there were Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mustaine and myself with the three of the Roberts family. At Mrs. Fales They had the table cut down small so that it was just square and room for two at each side. This left no room for the Turkey or any of the eatables to be left on the table. They were all brought in on the plates. In the center of the table was a huge pumpkin cleaned out and filled with fruit of all kinds. This with the candles and the flowers filled the center of the table and made a very pretty picture. The ~~table~~ table being small we were all brought close together and the conversation was always general.

The guests were Mr. Robt. Quisenberry, Mr. Johnson and myself, and *Margaret Fales was attending a house party at Annetta*
of course Miss. Settle their cousin from Bowling Green. We had a very
Yerkes

jolly time, Mr Q, making most of the fun. He is a most entertaining
talker and we made him dilate on platonic freindships, love and matri-
mony, all for the benefit of Miss. Helm. After supper we had music for
an hour or two and then Mr. Q. entertained us with his experience with
the Goebel law as he had to contend with it as an election judge. He's
is a very ardent Republican although personally no great lover of Mr.
Yerkes. Friday afternoon we took Miss. Settle to see the college and t
the X-Rays. Saturday Mr. J. and I took Miss. Sandford and Miss. Breck-
inridge to the college. Miss. Sandford was here for the Thanksgiving
holidays. Yesterday afternoon I made quite a social tour and saw most
of my special friends among the girls, ending up at the Fales from
9:30 to 11 P.M. Tonight we are to have a little tea party at the Gov-
ernors and then later I have promised to call at the Yerkes' Tomorrow
afternoon Mrs. Boyle Rhodes gives a large Tea in honor of Miss Settle
which I expect to attend. Friday night I have an Anaconda supper and a
party at the Englemann's so you see that social life is rather rushing
for this week or more Fortunately I can do my college work in the day
time and do not have to sit up at nights studying as Mr. Johnson often
does. Guess he would not have to if ^{he} ~~it~~ did not take it so easy in the
afternoon. He puts everything off until the last minute, Friday our
stores here had their X-Mas openings and are said to have a lot of ~~and~~
nice things but I have not examined them. If you want me to get you
anything let me know as I shall probably have some time in Cincinnati
Glad to know that Papa is so well again. I never felt better in my
life than I have for the last month or two. ~~Will~~ Will close now to get
get this in the afternoon mail. With lots of love,

your loving Clarence

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Rev. J. Smith Gordon,

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Danville, Ky., Jan., 7th, 1901

My dear Father:-

This is the first home letter I have dated at Danville for a number of weeks. Well, I arrived here as expected at 8 P.M. on the day after leaving home. Dr. Patterson was on the same train ~~and~~ from Cincinnati, the two Wagners, Prof. and his Uncle, were on from Georgetown, and Mr. Johnson and a number of the students from Lexington.

Had it not been for wanting to have another try at my photos I should have come on through in the morning, but I suppose I have already given you this information in the letter written from there. The two new proofs came a couple of days later and one of them seemed to Mr. J. and myself fairly good so I ordered some of them. and I hope soon to be able to send you my likeness. It makes me feel old to see these new pictures There is considerable change from the last ones I had.

I have spent all my evenings since arriving here either calling or going to parties, Now I see a chance of a rest, as for some unexplained reason my invitation to Miss Bowman's wedding did not put in its appearance. It seemed strange that I was not invited, especially as the day before I left for home Miss. Bowman bade me goodby and told me to be sure to be back by her wedding day. Having said that, I think there is some mistake about me not being invited, but I am not bothering myself about it. Friday evening ~~the~~ McRoberts gave a very fine reception to quite a large number of people. The house was beautifully decorated with holly and the table covered with lovely real and candy roses. They also had a large candy hat like Clementine had at her

dinner party at Louisville. I had the pleasure of taking to it the finest looking girl there - Miss. Engleman. The next evening the latter also gave a euchre party in honor of the soon to be bride, which was also a very delightfully arranged affair, to which I took Miss Craft a niece of Mrs. Jacobs and the Misses. Young.

Sundayour ccongregation extended a unanimous call to Mr. Ramsey of Xenia Ohio, after having had assurances from him that if the call were unanimous he would accept. We suppose now that he will be with us in the course of a month or two. I am trying to arrange to have James make me a visit and fill the pulpit once before Mr. Ramsey comes. and can arrange ~~it~~ ^{it} if I can get him to come, Mr. Ramsey is to have a salary of \$2000. and the parsonage amounting, the way houses rent in Danver ~~is~~ to \$400 more. It is however specifically provided in the call that he is not to teach in any of the educational institutions of the town.

Everybody seems to be very happy over the prospect of having a pastor again and although we heard him preach only one Sunday all were much pleased. He is very much of an orator, not a doctrinal or probably a very learned preacher, but one who ought to please all

There are being renewed efforts made for the reunion of our college and that at Richmond which I hope will not prove futile. Please do not say anything about this in any way that it might get back to the friends of either college as Dr. Roberts says he has not told any one except Mr. J. and myself about it. He seems to think that this time it will go through. The greatest difficulties will probably be the legal ones.

It will be a question as to how much of the endowment of the Richmond institution can be applied to a college any place else. If the reunion goes through it will ~~be a question as to how much of the endowment of the Richmond institution can be applied to a college any place else.~~ ^{probably result in the seminary being practically}

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perhaps not technically, moved to Louisville and joined to the Southern
Seminary there. But I must close for this time. Hope this finds you all
well. With love ,

Your Son,

Clarence

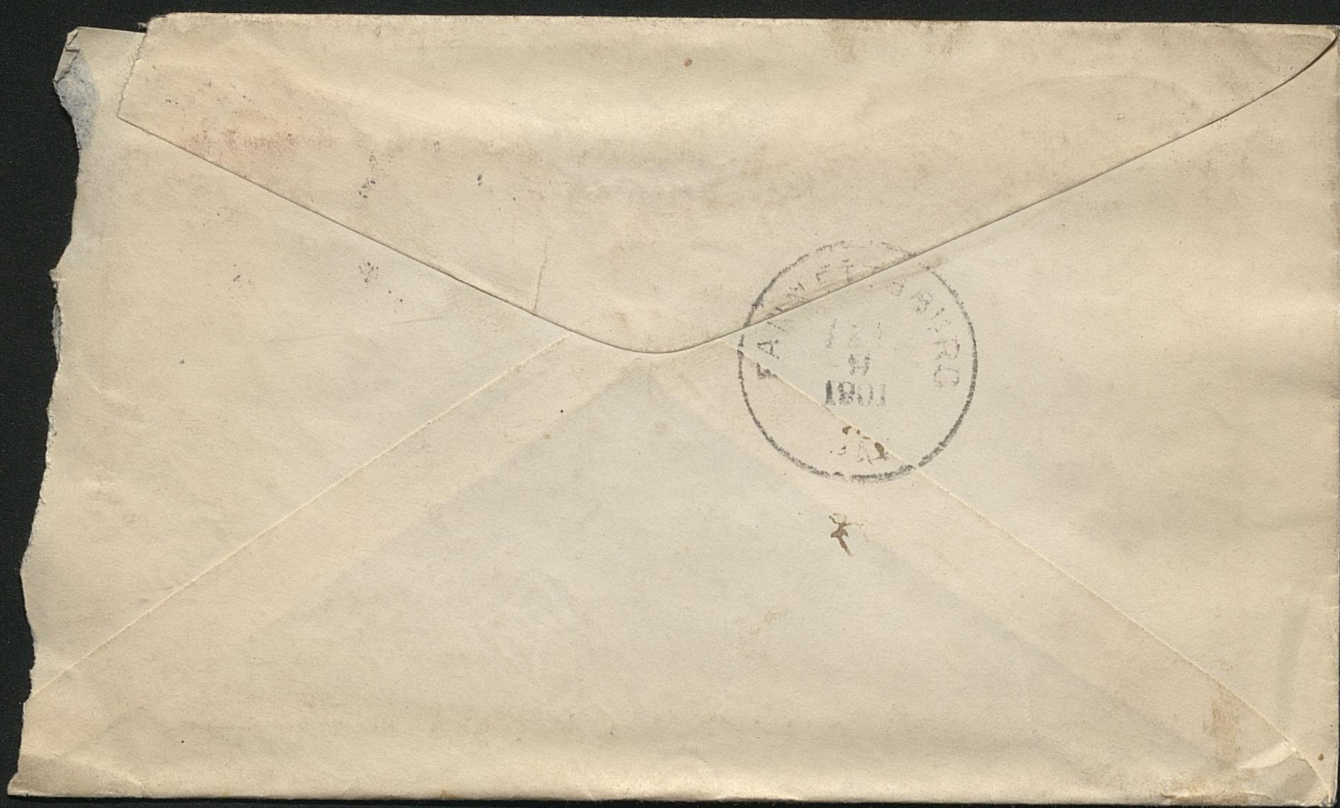
Have not received Mr. Clure's -
Please send me copy of paper
with resolutions on Mr. Walker.

I expected to meet May Hudson
y. H. b. but she did not arrive I think
because her pass was not good
until the next day

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My dear Papa:

This is later than usual for my home letter, but when I do not write on Sunday, I find I am apt to postpone writing for several days. Everything is moving along in about the usual way in the town. At the college we are having examinations from Tuesday until Friday of this week and as I am not having any ~~examinations~~ at this time I have a little vacation from teaching. Having been putting in a good part of my time the last few days in analysing the stomach of a cow for poison. A farmer near town had several cattle die for no accountable reason and wanted me to try to find poison. I never attempted anything of the kind before, and do not care much for such work. However as he was anxious to have it done and I seemed to be the only one in this neighborhood who laid any claim to being able to do it I undertook to try for several of the simpler poisons such as Arsenic, Paris green and strichnine. So far I have found nothing and don't think I shall. Wish now that something would turn up as it is a long piece of work to have no results. That is one of the annoyances of my position here. There is a good bit of this outside work which has to be done here or not at all. Dr. Roberts is still working with the Richmond college people on the consolidation plan and I guess they will soon have the details of it sufficiently complete to present to the boards of trustees. I ~~do~~ hope it will go through, as it seems the only reasonable thing to do.

We have been considering of course by this time what will be done in reference to the various departments in the college for next year. I am going to try to keep Dr. Patterson here .but I presume it will require a raise in salary to do it. He is already in correspondence in regard to a place at Princeton and will most probably have an offer from there for a place something similar to the one he has here. He does not seem exceedingly anxious to go. He has turned out to be a very strong man both as regards his educational qualifications and his personal characteristics. It is not easy to find so nice a man personally who has gone into Chemistry as his scientific study. Gov. Knott is somewhat better these last few days. He has been going to the post office twice a day lately and the air and exercise are doing him good. He talks and acts much like himself again.

Sunday I took dinner with Prof. Crawford. He spent a good part of, the time, as he usually does, when I am there, in telling me funny stories about his wife- she of course being present and enjoying them too. She explained that I was not to commiserate her, that he did it only for the amusement of his friends and that she always expected it.

Friday of this week we have the Anaconda at Dr. Roberts to discuss the subject of Politics in State Institutions. It was proposed by Mr. Rogers who is at the head of the Kentucky School for the Deaf. here in town. He probably knows something about the political interference in such things but I doubt if any of the rest of the club do. We are all sure to be able however to do justice to the dinner. We are having the finest kind of weather at present. Scarcely cold enough for fire, but too cool to do without. Hope it is as nice with you. Good night, With much love to all of you *Charles*

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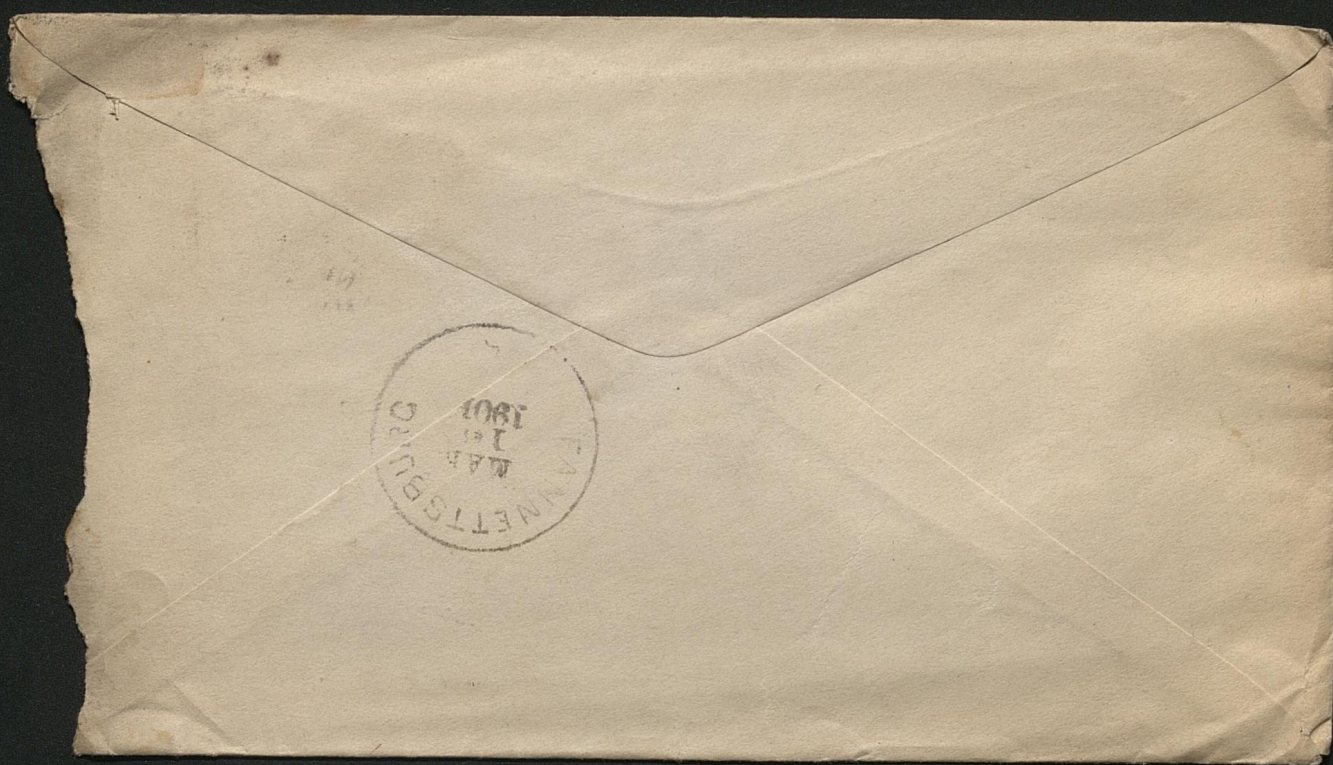


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Danville, Ky., April, 30th 1901

My dear Papa:-

Your letter was received a little earlier than usual that is on Saturday morning instead of noon. I ~~have~~ been expecting to learn more definitely every day about the Telephone business but have received no answer yet to my last letter of inquiry so cannot tell yet whether I shall want the money. Still look for news from Mr. Campbell from whom I was expecting to buy and from Mr. Knott through whom I was expecting to sell every mail. We have jumped into summer this week, the thermometer registering over 80 today. And I am glad to say that we have our tennis court fixed up and began to play today. If I can get to bed in due season now I think I can keep myself in good physical condition for the rest of the season.

I had supposed that everything would have been settled in regard to the faculty by this time, but it is not. Last week both the ~~south~~ Southern and ~~northern~~ synods met at Louisville and both voted very strongly in favor of the consolidation scheme. It has yet to pass the approval of the two Assemblies and the Alumni Association of the other college, but no one seems to have any doubt that it will go through. However the new boards are not yet organized and nothing officially has been done in regard to the faculties. Of course Dr. Roberts and his counselors have their plans and they have told them to some and it is now pretty generally known that Prof Johnson will probably be allowed to go in order to make way for a

man from Richmond, and that Prof. Thomas will likely be superseded because Dr. Roberts has in mind a man whom he thinks will be a stronger man in his influence outside of the college. It is rumored also that Dr. Nelson may be asked to share his salary and work with one of the Richmond men. I have been told by Dr. Roberts that he sees no reason to think that I shall not be elected to my place. At the same time I have been told by others that I am not a favorite with Dr. Blayney, the President of our board of trustees, and that he might try to push me out. The only reason I know for his being against me is that I have been asking the board for appropriations in order to push my department and he wanted the money in order to bring his son here as a Professor. Since I have talked to Dr. Roberts and his confidential friends I have felt pretty certain that I would be allowed to remain even if Dr. Blayney is down on me. And I do not intend to stop pushing my department. Our Board meets here Friday of this week and I think then they expect to do something definite in regard to the faculty. I am working to have Dr. Patterson offered enough to get him to remain and I think it will go through. Dr. Roberts expects to be a commissioner at the Assembly and I told him I expected he would see you there. I was basing my expectation on the last letter I had from John in which said he expected you and Mamma to visit him during the Assembly. I hope you will go.

Well I had my first entertainment of the club last Friday and thanks to Mrs. Fales it went off finely and with scarcely any trouble to me. It was certainly the most expensive dinner I ever gave. It cost me just about \$23.00 There were 18 people at the first table and five more of the Fales family to eat up the scraps.

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The bill of fare was as follows:

Soup, Mock Turtle

Fish, Pompano with Asparagus and brown bread

Spring chicken, with potatoes.

Tomatoes, whole skinned with lettuce and dressing.

Ice Cream and Strawberries with cake.

Cheese crackers and jelly, with after-dinner coffee.

Candy and salted almonds.

Chocolate was served with the chicken and Apollinaris water
throughout the dinner

The fish was the greatest hit as we sent away for Pompano
a kind I had never eaten before but it seemed the best I had ever
tasted. It cost enough to be good, 30cts, per pound and it took
eight pounds. The strawberries were also expensive at 40cts. per
quart. The Cheese was Schweitzer, it and the Appolinaris also
being special importations from Cincinnati.

The debate was on a subject which you probably have read about
Creationism vs. Traducionism, or the Origin of the Soul. I made
about a five minute speech just for the sake of getting in a few
hits at Dr. Worrall in return for the way in which he had torn
me up at the preceding club. And yesterday he was talking about me
to Prof Johnson, saying that he did not understand why it was but
that I was always on the other side from him. He said no matter

on what kind of a subject he talked I was always on the other side
My explanation of that is that I always consider him a very illogi-
cal sort of a man and I enjoy picking out what seem to his fallaci-
ies. His explanation is that I lived too long in Germany and have
become "warped", to use Dr. Crawford's term. This morning he told
Prof. Johnson that there were two classes of men that seemed queer
to him. The one was those who went to Germany to study and the
other those who studied Hebrew. He had Prof. Crawford in mind
in the latter case because Prof Crawford and myself always debate
against him whenever we get the chance. If present plans go
through we are going to lose three of our best talkers from the club
in Profs. Worral, Crawford and Johnson. Dr. Roberts has
told Johnson that he is likely not to be asked to stay but that
he is not to consider it definitely settled until after the boards
have acted. To night Prof. Crawford gives a party to the Seminary
students. Each one is expected to ask a young lady to go with him.
Prof. Johnson is there. We have Dr. Lorimer the great Boston
preacher lecturing tonight in our Opera house. I guess I should
have been there had I not had some tutoring to do.

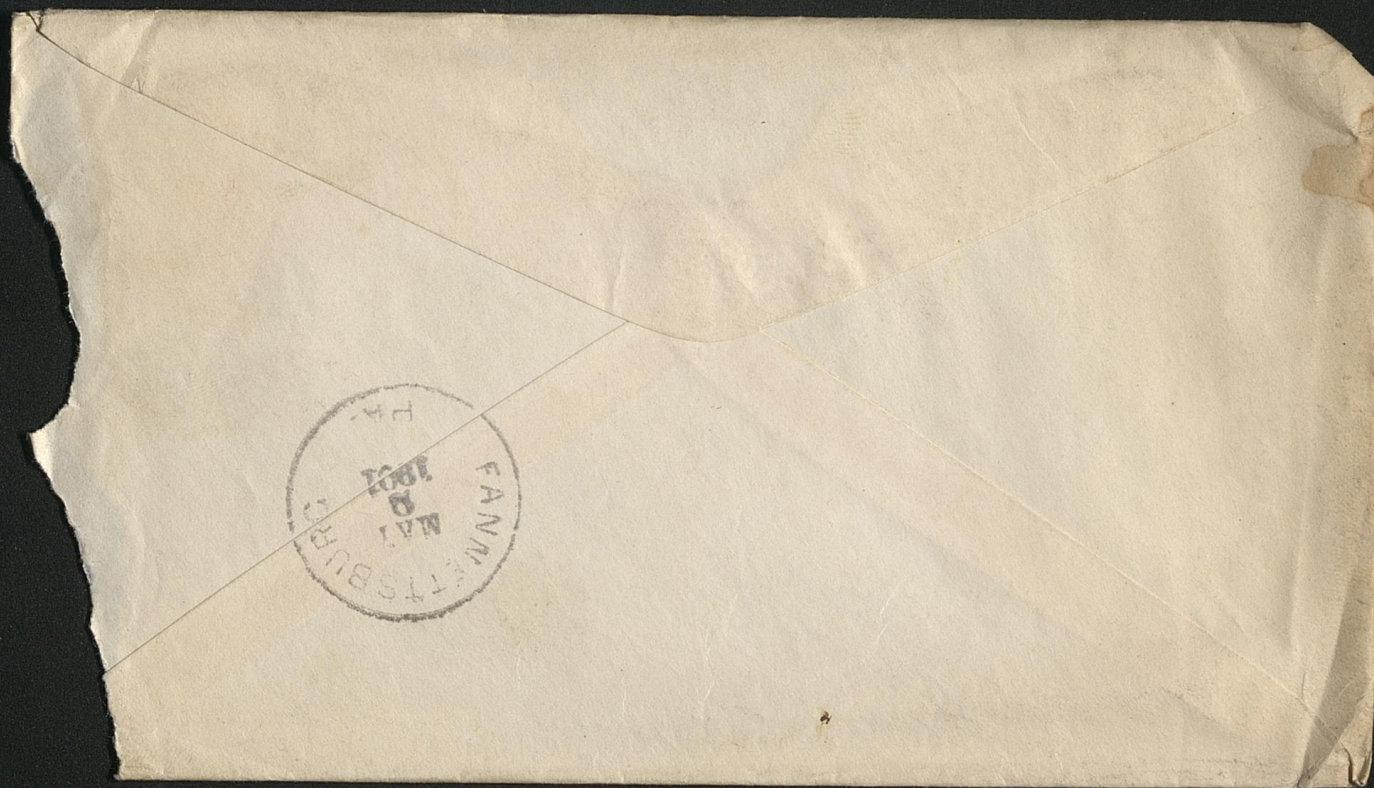
Last Sunday afternoon I went up to see Prof. Crawford and spent
most of the afternoon and evening with them, Although they have
two servants they let them both go Sunday after dinner. Dr. C. does
the milking himself always because he thinks the servants will not
do it right. I think I would do without milk were I in such a predi-
cament. Well Good Night. Much Love to you all,

Clarence

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Rev J Smith Gordon
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Danville, Ky. May, 11th, 1901.

My Dear Papa:-

It is too long that I have put off writing to you all at home, but I have been waiting for one thing to be able to tell you some of the college news. There has been plenty of excitement in our college circle for the last week or two and since the meeting of the board of trustees of the new institution last Friday there have been a good many people in a sorry frame of mind. I, fortunately, came out right side up. They even did more for my department than I had asked or hoped for, in that they elected a full Professor of Chemistry and elected me Professor of ~~Assistant~~ Physics. The one thing that I ~~did~~ did not like about it was that they did not consult me in regard to it and did not elect Dr. Patterson who should have been kept here. But the trustees took things in their own hands. I thought they would listen to Dr. Roberts and follow his guide. He and I ~~had~~ had the understanding that Dr. Patterson's salary was to be increased but that I was to ~~be~~ ^{remain} in charge of the ~~two~~ two departments for another year and then he would probably be elected Prof. of Chemistry. A teacher however in the Louisville Manual Training School persuaded the trustees that they ought to elect him Professor of Chemistry and they did it. It will not make my work ~~as~~ much less as I can find plenty to do in one department and since ~~that~~ that is the department I wanted I am very glad of it except in reference to Dr. Patterson.

Three others of our Professors have been left out in the election Nelson, Thomas and Johnson. Johnson and Nelson in order to make room for two men from the Central University faculty, and Prof. Thomas because the powers that be have concluded that they would try to get rid of him and they thought this would be the best time. He is a fine Professor in my mind but has never been a favorite with Dr. Roberts and I presume it is better that he should go now than be asked to resign later. Every one is sorry about Dr. Nelson losing his place. He is a man near sixty and will find it hard work I fear in getting in any place as good. Especially as he has never been regarded here as an especially good teacher. As a man every one likes him and has the highest regard for him. He is such a fine gentleman and thorough christian. Gov. Knott's work in the college department was taken away from him and the future of the Law School is still undecided. There may be one here and they may unite with the one at Louisville. If they do the latter I have my doubts if they ask the Gov. to go there. His health is so poor that he is likely to be sick a great part of the year and the authorities do not feel like putting in a sick man's hands such important work. The boys and the people in town are of course much interested and somewhat excited over all these changes and do a great deal of talking and speculating in regard to it.

John's Princeton friend Hardin Craig is going to be asked to take the position in English. I do not know whether he will accept or not. He is now an instructor in Princeton but with a much lower salary than he would get here and unless they offer him inducements in the way of promotion there he will probably come.

I shall miss Prof. Johnson very much indeed. I have grown to depend on him a great deal. I know of no other batchelor in towh that I should want to room with so I shall probably be by myself next year. He does not know at all what he will do. If he gets a good place to teach he will probably do that if not he will try to get a church to preach in. He is a first rate preacher and man and if you know of any churches ^{he} you might get, I wish you would let me know about them. He will probably be asked to preach in a church near Pittsburg, at New Wilmington in fact, where the U.P. college is. At least a man from there is trying to get him a date there. The church at Lexington where we hoped James might get a call has called a young man from Yonkers, a friend and classmate of Dr. Patterson.

The social season has already begun with a Glenside college reception to the Senior class. They invited the parents of the graduating girls the sendir class at the college and each senior invited two more boys. In two weeks they have another and from that on for a couple of weeks there are one or two parties every day. I have not been making any plans for the summer. I still want to go to Princeton but Dr. Roberts may make such strong objections that I shall not be able to do it. I am also anxious to go to the Buffalo Exposition. It would be fine if we could all go together for a month to be spent between Buffalo and Chautauqua. I think if we should plan it before hand we could arrange to do it without too great expense. Of course in renting rooms for a month we could not get them so cheaply as for the summer but still we could get them cheaper than for a week at a time. What I shoud like to do better than anything else is to spend July at some place where there is a good library and then meet the family for a month at someplace.

like Chautauqua. Aside from the pleasure of being with you all I am not dying for staying in Fannettsburg.

Now as to business. When I wrote to Mr. Campbell he was away and I did not hear from him for a good while. When I did he had no more of the Telephone stock for sale, In my letter to him however I asked if he might know of any chance for me to get into the telephone business and he replied that he thought I might do well in it, that he was new- still starting companies and that he thought he could give me some good chance for investment. He told me to hold what money I could and he would probably be east soon and would then like to have a talk with me. If he should have any good chance for me to make some money in starting telephones during this summer I should probably try it. So if you can hold your money for a few weeks I may be able to invest some of it at advantage. What I hope is that I can get into something like he is doing, selling stock for a commission with the chance of investing what money I can get myself at ground floor rates. This is of course very visionary but it may amount to something and I think I am practical enough to keep out of danger init.

Let me hear what you think of the Chautauqua plan. With much love

Charles

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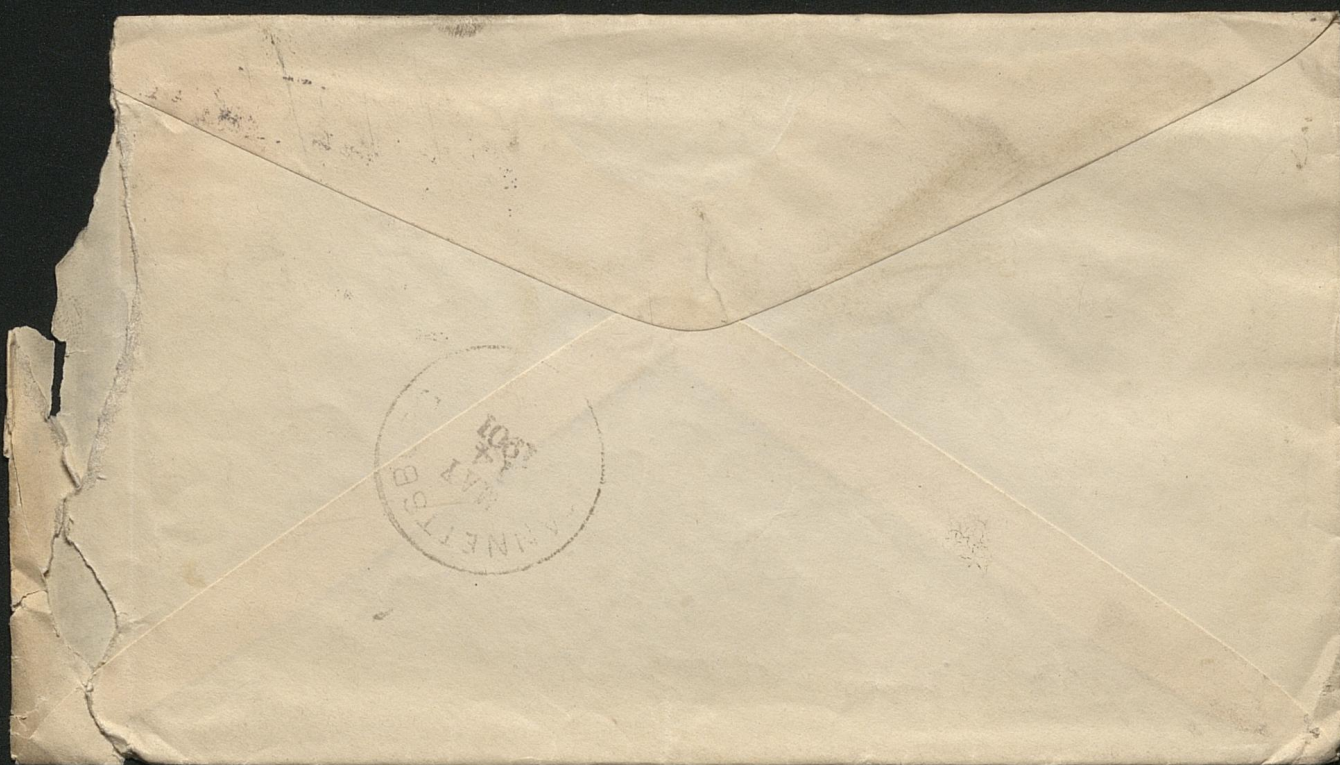


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DEPARTMENT OF

PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY.

CLARENCE McC. GORDON, Ph. D.

AUSTIN M. PATTERSON, Ph. D.

Sunday morning

My dear Papa -

Your letter received yesterday

I fully expect now to go to Texas
starting Tuesday at noon. Will land
at New Orleans the next morning
at 8.30 A.M. and I presume I shall
get to San Antonio the next morning

Mr Campbell has been rather
hurryng me up lately - but I think
I shall have time enough by
going next week - Am glad Clementine
is going to visit Bessie Fales and
hope she will make the visit.

They think at home that she
was going to leave Rochester
tomorrow. So if Clementine
did not write promptly on
my receipt of my letter, her

letter may have to follow Bessie
to Philadelphia.

The rest of the Fales family are
expecting to go to Buffalo and
Niagara for a trip later. If I
can arrange it I shall be there
at the same time. I wish you
all could be there too at that time.

Just what time that is,
I do not know. We are not
making any thing definite, as I
don't know just how long I
may be in Texas and they sure
will want to take advantage of
low rates when they come.

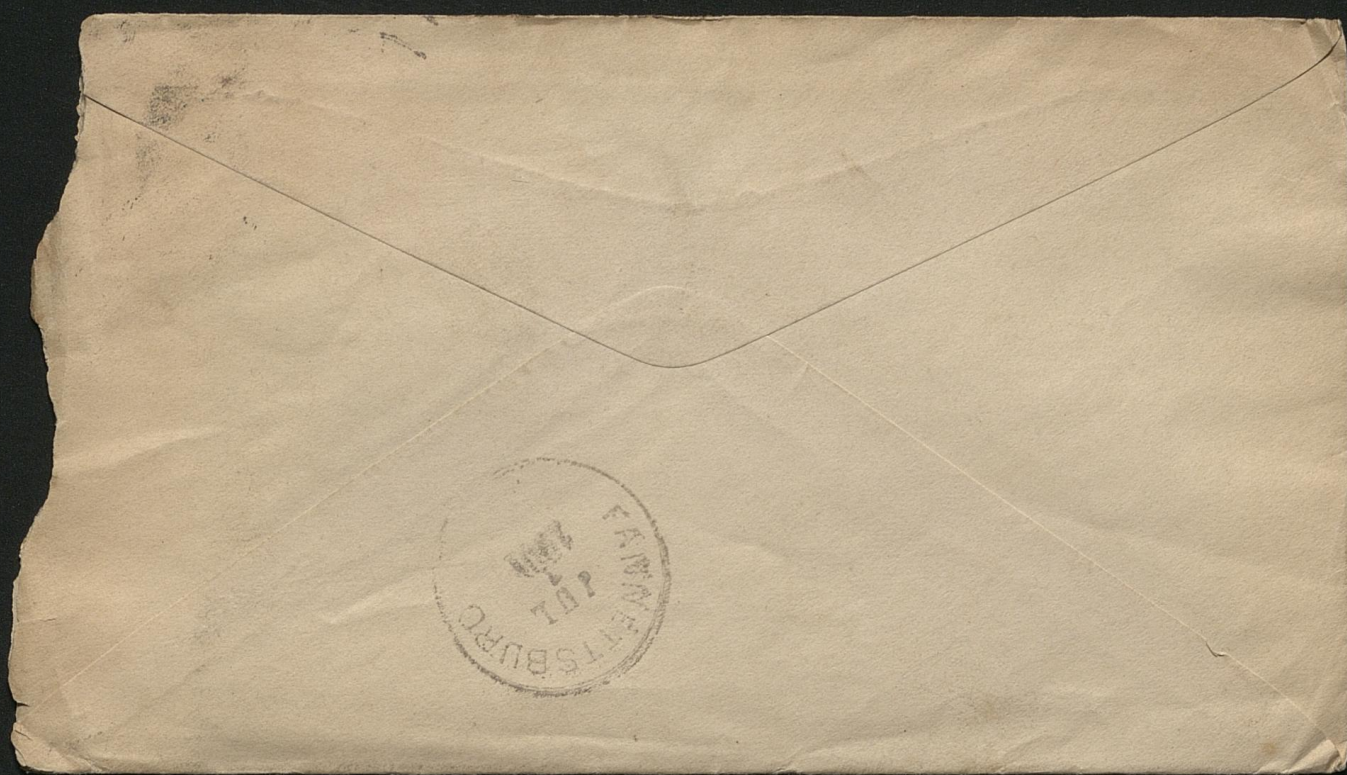
Write to me at San Antonio,
Texas. I do not know whether
there are more bonds for sale or
not but rather think Campbell
is going to leave me to dispose
of rest after I come back if
not before. I shall write as
soon as I get there.

With much love to all
Clarence

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Fannettsburg
Pennsylvania.



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Clarence McC. Gordon,

Professor of Physics.

Danville Ky, October 23rd.

My dear Father:- We are having the most beautiful weather these days so fine that it is a temptation to go out in the country every day. I have managed to keep to work most of the time however, about once a week taking an afternoon off and to go for a drive. Last Saturday Mr. Will Roberts took Bessie Fales Nellie McGoodwin and me for a lovely drive through the knobs which are out about four miles from town. And this afternoon I am planning to go with the Fales girls and their Auntie in the same direction.

This has been rather a busy time socially also. Last Friday Dr. and Mrs. Ely gave a large reception at which I enjoyed meeting some old acquaintances and making some new ones. They invited most all the people in good society in the town. Tuesday Mrs. Roberts gave a reception for the faculty, the Presbyterian preachers, their wives and a few from Caldwell College. We had a very pleasant informal evening. There were about thirty or forty people altogether and we roamed about through the whole first floor of the house talking to whom we felt like. I had quite a long talk with Mrs. Rodes, the mother of Boyle. We discussed the raising of children and many other important subjects. Boyle is now at work in a railroad office at Cincinnati. He goes to work every evening at six o'clock and is on duty until six in the morning. He had the choice between the night work and the day and took the former because the man who employed him said it would be harder and show quicker whether or not he had the true metal in him. I myself think it must be pretty hard for him. But it will be good for him if he can stand it.

Yesterday I wrote a letter to your old friend and classmate Dr. Moore, asking him for two hundred dollars. I am curious to know how he will reply. Dr. Roberts of course approved of my asking him for the money.

It is to go to help fit up a new room in my department which the trustees did not think they had the money for. Dr. Roberts told me that Dr. Moore had one year helped him to make up my salary. I had never known that before. Guess it must have been the year I first came when I know Dr. Roberts went beyond the appropriation.

My teaching work is still light mainly because I cannot get the laboratory in running order. I am really doing so little teaching that I am afraid they may be complaining about it if the authorities wake up to the fact.

At the Governors we have been having a gloomy time of it for a few weeks. Mrs. Knott is sick or thinks she is, and stays up in her room all the time. Tgis makes Gov. blue and he thinks he is sick. The main trouble with him is that he has nothing to put in his time at. He sits in the house reading and thinking most of the time but has nothing which presses upon him. His friends do not come to see him as much as he would like and so he gets very melancholy at times.

I was very much surprised to learn of the failure of Pomeroy and Mackey

I hope they will both be able to save something personally. It is especially hard on Mr. Mackey at his time of life and in his state of health.

Let me know what you hear about it.

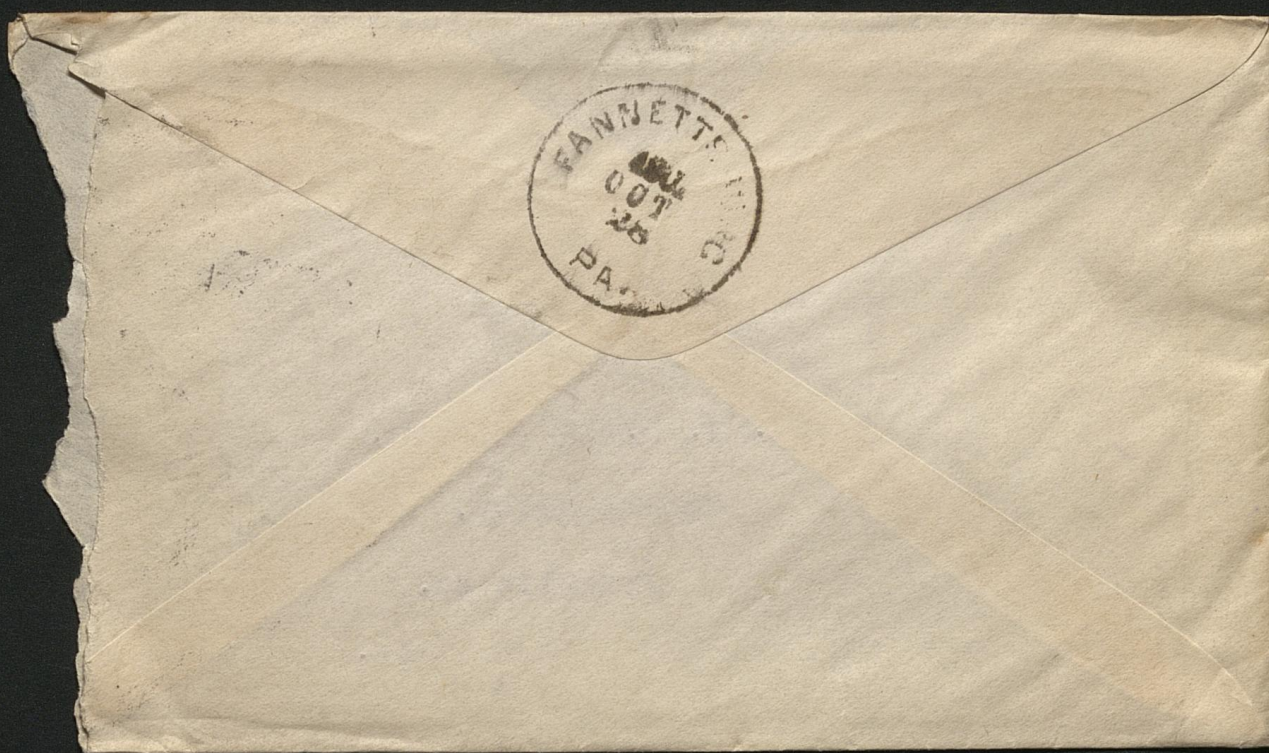
With much love to all

Clarence

CLARENCE McC. GORDON,
Central University,
Danville, Ky.



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Clarence McC. Gordon,

Professor of Physics.

Danville, Ky. Dec 2 '01

My dear Papa-

I guess you will have to count my postal card as my last weeks letter as I did not find time to write during the latter part of the week. I had rather a pleasant but too exciting a time of it in Louisville. That is I had a little too much on my hands - having to attend to considerable of the business of both the football game and the Alumni Banquet.

When I see there is work to be done I like to step in and help do it - and I felt that both these affairs were partly of my arrangement.

I am chairman of the Athletic committee and had to look after a number of the details in connection with the game - which we ~~were~~ lost by an accident. And the banquet ~~was~~ and formation of the Alumni Association was done at my suggestion & thought of it

first as a means of helping to arouse interest in the game and then became more interested in it as means of awakening general interest in the college.

I went to Louisville Wednesday afternoon and spent the evening in helping to arrange for things.

Then ~~on~~ Thursday morning I met a number of my old students and enjoyed talking with them. In the afternoon I attended the football game and in the evening the Alumni Banquet where I made a short speech.

There were about sixty there and among many fine speakers I felt my lack of speaking ability greatly. However I tried to make up for it by making it short. And I managed to work in several stories, so that if my oratory did not arouse admiration and enthusiasm - I do not think I bored them very much.

Friday morning I visited the Manual Training School - an institution which I have wished to see for some time. and in the afternoon I went out to call on the Browns where we were entertained so handsomely when

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Clementine was here. I got back at 8 o'clock Friday night. Saturday morning I spent in going over accounts of the foot ball manager and in trying to devise ways and means for the payment of their debt of \$250. I do not see how we shall get it, but I suppose it will be raised in some way. Saturday afternoon I spent in playing Golf. It has taken me about two days to get over my Louisville trip. The excitement and late sitting up at the Bangout and the riding on the train were all hard on me. I shall send you a paper with an account of game and Bangout. I have a notion at times to get out of all this outside business and yet I like to do it. The trouble is the more of it one does the more is expected of him.

Friday night of last week I had to fill a position which I had never filled before - that of presiding officer at a declamatory contest between our two literary societies.

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We have had beautiful weather the last week
but today it is raining again. Yesterday was
warm - like a May day - Almost warm enough to
do without fire.

Am glad to hear of the success of the evangelist.
I hope it still continues and increases.

Must close and get to work. With much
love to all -

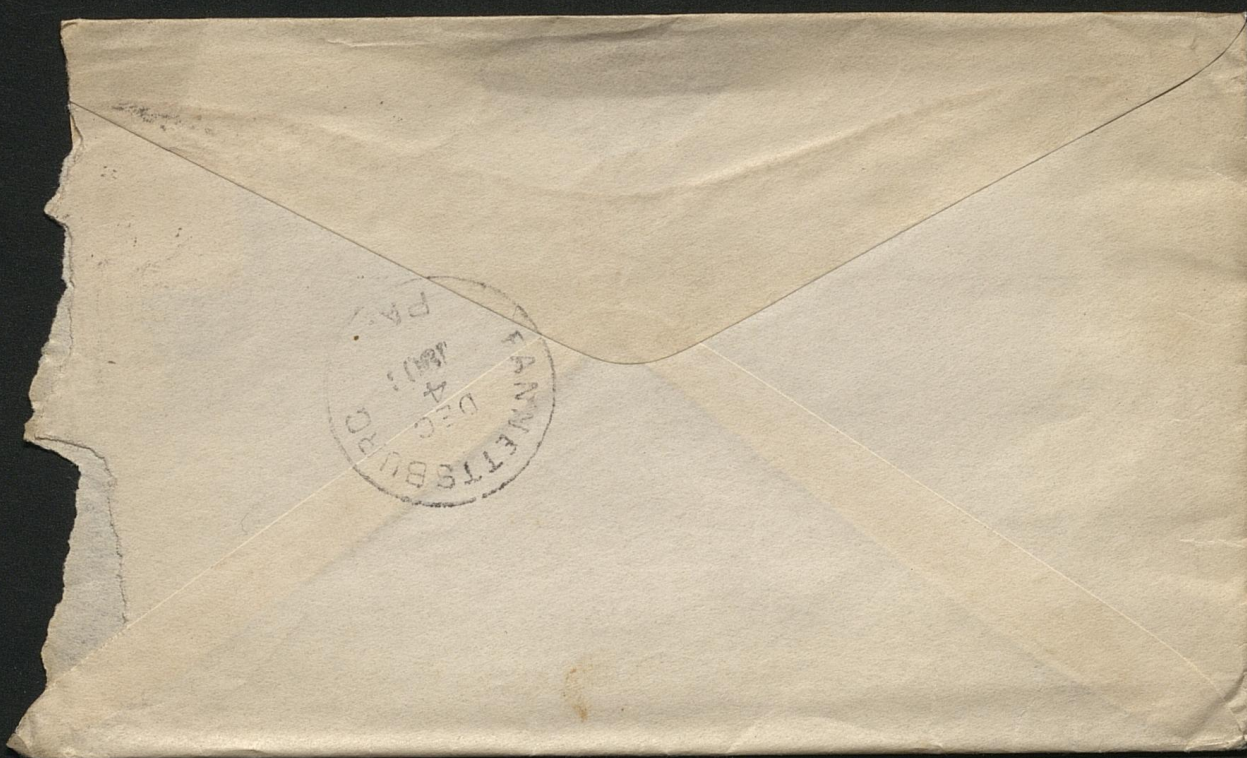
Sincerely yours

Clarence

CLARENCE McC. GORDON,
Central University,
Danville, Ky.



Rev. J. Smith Gordon
Fairmountsburg
Penn.



This afternoon I spent working with Roentgen Rays. Dr. Lee Knott has a sister-in-law visiting him who wanted her hand photographed. It was broken some six months ago and has never gotten well yet, as nearly as I can tell however the trouble is now not with the bone but with the muscles and that is something our X Rays cannot see into.

Last Sunday we had a preacher Dr. Hughes from Piqua, Ohio, whom everybody seems in the notion of calling. The question is whether we can raise enough salary to get him. It is generally supposed he would

Danville Ky
~~Th~~ Wednesday 8:30 P.M.

My dear Papa-

Apparently my letter day has been having some planetary or retarding disturbances. It is to be hoped that at the other end of the line the regularity is kept up. Last Sunday afternoon I was lazy and Sunday evening I felt it my duty to go to church - and as Mr. J. and I went with Miss Elizabeth Fales and her sister Miss Brown from Louisville - and went in to talk a while afterwards, it was nearly ~~very~~ bed time when we got home.

I seem to be busy all the time and not getting much

accomplished. Sunday was Mr Johnson's Birthday and Mrs Fales invited us both for dinner to celebrate it, allowing him to choose the dessert - which turned out to be icecream with warm chocolate poured over it.

They also had a cake with lighted candles on it. You know the custom is to have as many candles as the person is years old.

In this case Mr J seemed a little sensitive about his age and so Mrs Fales put only 21 candles on it.

They also fixed up a present for him consisting of a large cardboard with Princeton

and Centre ribbons and pictures representing some funny things that have happened in connection with Mr Johnson during the last year. It is very nice to have someone make a fuss over you when one is among strangers. Mrs Fales certainly does her duty in regard to the college professors and those at Caldwell. About once in two weeks she has us and Mrs Thomas and Mrs McCarrell there, for an evening. We were there last evening, played Alf Jenkins, parlor foot ball, Sir Hunkin, and had music and refreshments.

not come for less than
\$2500 and parsonage and
\$1800 and parsonage is
as much as they have
been in the habit of paying.

Preachers are better paid in
this town than in Penn-
sylvania towns. The Bap-
tists have just called a
new man giving him
\$1750 which is a couple
of hundred more salary
than they have given before.

Kentucky is still excited
over the election. The State
board is now going over the
returns. ~~They~~ This board
consists of three Goshel
Democrats, so that if
they give Taylor the
Republican candidate
the certificate to election
which he has on the face

of the returns, there will probably be no more trouble. If however they throw out enough of ballots because of technical irregularities the Republican means will undoubtedly make a contest - probably throwing it to the Legislature. The latter however can be expected to give the Democrats every thing that is asked for. So about the only hope for the Republican is that the State election commissioners act in a non-partisan manner.

I presume you have read the President's message. I have not done so yet but hope to get time for it

within a week or two. It will be up for discussion at the next meeting of our Anacosta club.

Had a letter from John this week. Am sorry he does not seem to like the canvassing business, as I had hoped he would stick to it for a year at least.

You mentioned that Mary's plan for a trip to New York had had a "let back". That is about all I had heard of it. Hope she still goes. I know she would enjoy it if she has good company. With much love
Clarence



Rev. J. Smith Gordon,
Farmington

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