

Princeton N.J.

Oct 2 - 98.

My dear Mother -

Rob has just been
in for a little while and
now left, so before anybody
else comes I will answer
your good long letter
which I received last
evening.

When I received Don's letter
in the early part of the
week with the balls for
the pedal I thought from

what was written on the paper
that the balls were wrapped
in, that Aunt Lizzie must
be with you.

I was glad to hear that she
is so well and in such
good spirits.

Does she expect to spend
the Winter in Laketown.

After getting the balls for
wheel I got the wheel
fixed and have been
riding most every day
since until today.

On Friday Rob and I went down to Trenton to the State Fair and stayed over and came home by moon light. It was a fine night ride both going and coming. It is only ten miles and the road could not be any better.

All the roads are so good around here and so very few hills which makes riding so much more enjoyable.

Yesterday we had our first
game of foot-ball with Deluge
and we won by score of 21-0.
It was a rather poor game
as the first game usually
is.

I suppose from what you say
that Don has given up the
idea of going to Danville.
You will be turning our house
into a regular preparatory
school next I expect, but
I wish too that were a few
more, for it would be
nicer all around for

Teachers & scholars and
especially for the Teachers from
a financial point of view.

The family would indeed seem
small when Papa & Aunt
Lizzie left gone.

I read in the Ledger about
the meeting of Presbytery in
Newville.

We have a scheme for Chapel
now on week days, the Seniors
and Juniors do not go until
nine o'clock but the first
recitation is at eight, formerly

we had no recitation before chapel which came at eight instead of nine.

The new plan is a little nicer for the fellows that do not have the first hour recitation, but it does not make much difference to me as I have five first hour recitations, one every morning during the week except Monday, so I get up very regularly now every morning at seven.

I had my conditional examination in Economics last Friday and think I got through all right this time but it is most too soon to hear from it yet.

When I left home I did not know how much money I would need for books, but find now that I will need a good deal more than I expected. In my Chemistry course I have to make a deposit of \$10.00, but I think that will go home as my bill, but in Anatomy I had to pay down a deposit of \$3.00 the other day.

Of course I will get part of these
deposits back at ^{the} end of the
term, but I will need \$10.00
for my other books, and \$5.00
for a pair of shoes, the shoes
I suppose may wait for a
while if money is scarce.

The Physiology came all right and
and the pictures enclosed in your
letter last night.

The pictures are fine I think, and
I intend to get some cards right
away to put them on.

Must now close, with
much love to all.

Your affectionate son John



Mrs. Mayl. B. Gordon
Fannettsburg
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was a great time.

It was almost more than we could hope for, but it has been my experience since I have been in College that we win when we least expect, and lose when we are sure of winning.

It is the first time I have ever seen Princeton defeat Yale in foot-ball, for two years ago when we defeated them I was in Philad. at

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My dear Mother -

Your nice long letter came on Friday and since then a great event has happened in Princeton which it will take a long time for me to forget, I hope never,

We won the game yesterday from Yale and I surely

the time of the game.

The town was full of people, about 16000 at the game and the cheering and waving of the orange & ball and blue colors & flags was a fine thing to hear and see but the game was the thing.

Walter came down on Friday evening and has been staying with us, he will go on to New York for a few days next week. Horace Henderson has also been sleeping in my room for the last two nights, but intends to go back to Philad. this afternoon. He did not want to stay with me when he found out that I had one extra man, but I told him that I could just as well sleep in room above mine, where there

of prayer for Colleges.

I went around with Allan and Miss Eirley for several hours yesterday before the game showing them or rather helping Allan to show Miss Eirley the points of interest about the College. She had a brother at Yale several years ago and naturally was somewhat disappointed at the outcome

as accommodations for an extra man, so he concluded to stay.

Walter, Will, and I have just been out taking a walk and now I will finish or try to finish this letter before supper time, as I want to go to church tonight.

Dr Purvis preaches a sermon especially to the College boys tonight, this being the beginning of the week

of the ~~for~~ game, but I am afraid I did not
sympathize much with her.

I met several other girls from Waynesboro
who were up to see the game yesterday.
Last Friday evening one of the boys in my
Club told me he had a extra ticket for the
Glee Club concert and he would take me
to go along with him as he had his mother
and sister here, of course I went.

It was the first time I have been to the
Glee Club concert since freshman year.

They give two or three concerts here every
year, but as they are very much the same
year after year, I never feel like paying
fifty cents or a dollar for a ticket but

beer of the prospects of getting
a new horse and hope when
I get home at Kansas that I
will see a corral horse down
at Richmond instead of a
bag.

I hope Papa will get him on
trial at least and if he
fulfills all the conditions which
he is said to have, I don't
doubt much about your
keeping of him, after five
years of Jack.

Of course when I don't eat
any thing I can enjoy it.
Your supper for the interest
of the Missionary society
must have been a big
affair for our house and
sorry that I did not ^{get home} to
help eat some of the
remains.

You must have feasted
the next day.

I am very much pleased to

Jack would be all night on the farm, but
I don't think he was ever meant for a driver.
Let me know in the next letter what the
result is.

I'm glad to hear of Don's getting along so well
in his studies, six o'clock these cold mornings
is pretty early to get up. I have been getting
up pretty regularly at seven.

I was very well satisfied with result of
the election in Pennsylvania, N. Y. and N. J.
and can congratulate myself on helping to
elect Foster M. Voorhees in N. J.

I think I was needed more here than in Pa.
I was glad to see Stone elected, but hope
that Quay made be defeated for Senator
in the ^{next} Legislature.

My vacation on Thanksgiving will only be

the one day and I don't
know just where I may
spend it, from present
prospect in Princeton I
guess, but suppose it
is to soon get to be
expecting an invitation for
dinner.

I had an invitation to
Fred Franklins wedding
last week, which perhaps
you know as it was

forwarded on from Frammetburg by Pape.
He was an old Mercersburg boy and one of
the wisest fellow there when I was there,
I was much surprised to hear of him being
married, for he was not the kind of a fellow
that I would have expected to get married
very young.

We had a big bonfire and a general rejoicing
last night over the game, and the town
is still full of strangers.

It was hard to get a seat in Chapel this
morning, and that does not often occur.
As it is about supper time with stop
for this time.

With much love to all

Your affectionate son
Jno.

Nov-13-98.



Mrs. Margt. B. Gordon
Fannettsburg
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It's getting colder tonight and I am very glad it is, for we have had three days of rain and that is about enough for one time I think.

I have been working a good bit the last week and guess I will continue to work pretty hard until the Xmas vacation, for now is the time we are expected to do the most work, after the foot-ball season is over and the weather is not so pleasant for out door.

Princeton N. J.
12 So. West

My dear Mamma —

Last Sunday night I went to church and was troubled a little with my misfortune — getting sleepy, so tonight, as I have been at three services today, I guess I will not go out but will, first thing answer your letter which I was very glad to get last evening.

sports.

I have three laboratory courses this term and they take extra time, in fact you can put all the ^{extra} time you want on them, but you must put a certain amount.

Last ~~Thu~~ Friday afternoon I went over to Lawrenceville to see the Lawrenceville Andover foot-ball game. It looks for rain when I started and I was almost afraid to try it on my wheel, but a lot more of the boys were going and I thought I could stand it if they could.

It was all right until the first half was over and then it came to rain.

I started home right away and did not get much wet but it drizzled most of the way. But some of the other boys waited until the game was over and I guess had to walk a good part of the way home for it got worse & worse as the afternoon went on.

Champions, now we will have to take second place in the foot-ball world.

Was a little disappointed about the horse, as I suppose you all were, but expect that another suitable one will turn up in the near future.

I don't know how I will spend my Thanksgiving yet but, perhaps I will take a bicycle ride. It is one day in the year I am always sorry that I cannot be at home for, but I will have to forego

I had been wondering what Clarence would do during the Xmas vacation and am very glad to hear that he had decided to come home.

I guess he wants to be sure of getting Dan with him after Xmas. I had a little note from Clarence - congratulations on the game - and want to write to him tonight if I have time.

We Princetonians were sorry to hear of Yale's defeat by Harvard yesterday, for if Yale had won we could have considered Princeton

that pleasure for several weeks yet.
I had expected to go home for Xmas about the
17th, but I find I will have an exam. on that
day and may not be able to get through
with it on time to get home Saturday, in
that case, don't suppose I will get home until
Wednesday of the next week, but don't know
how it will turn out yet.

When does Clarence expect to get home?

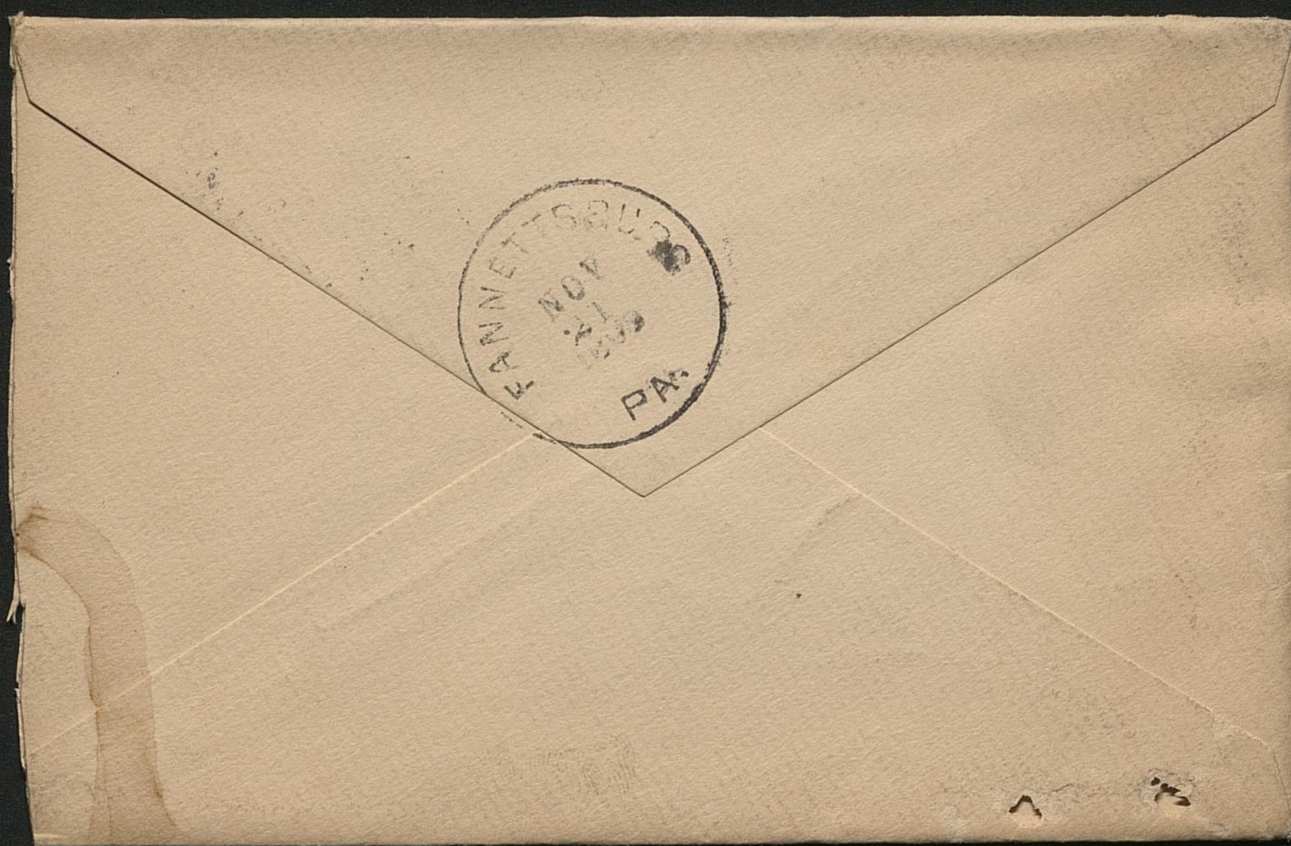
Was glad to hear that you made such
good use of your time while you had
a girl, suppose it will go a little hard with
you not to have Nannie to wash dishes etc. for
you this week.

Just had a note from Clem McAllen wanting me
to go to New York for Thanksgiving or any time this
week, as she ^{is to} have sort of a vacation, at least all
of her evenings. Would like to go very much, but
am afraid my drachmas are too scarce for
a trip to New York just now.

Hoping that you may all have a pleasant
and thankful Thanksgiving I will close
With lots of love for all your affectionate cousin

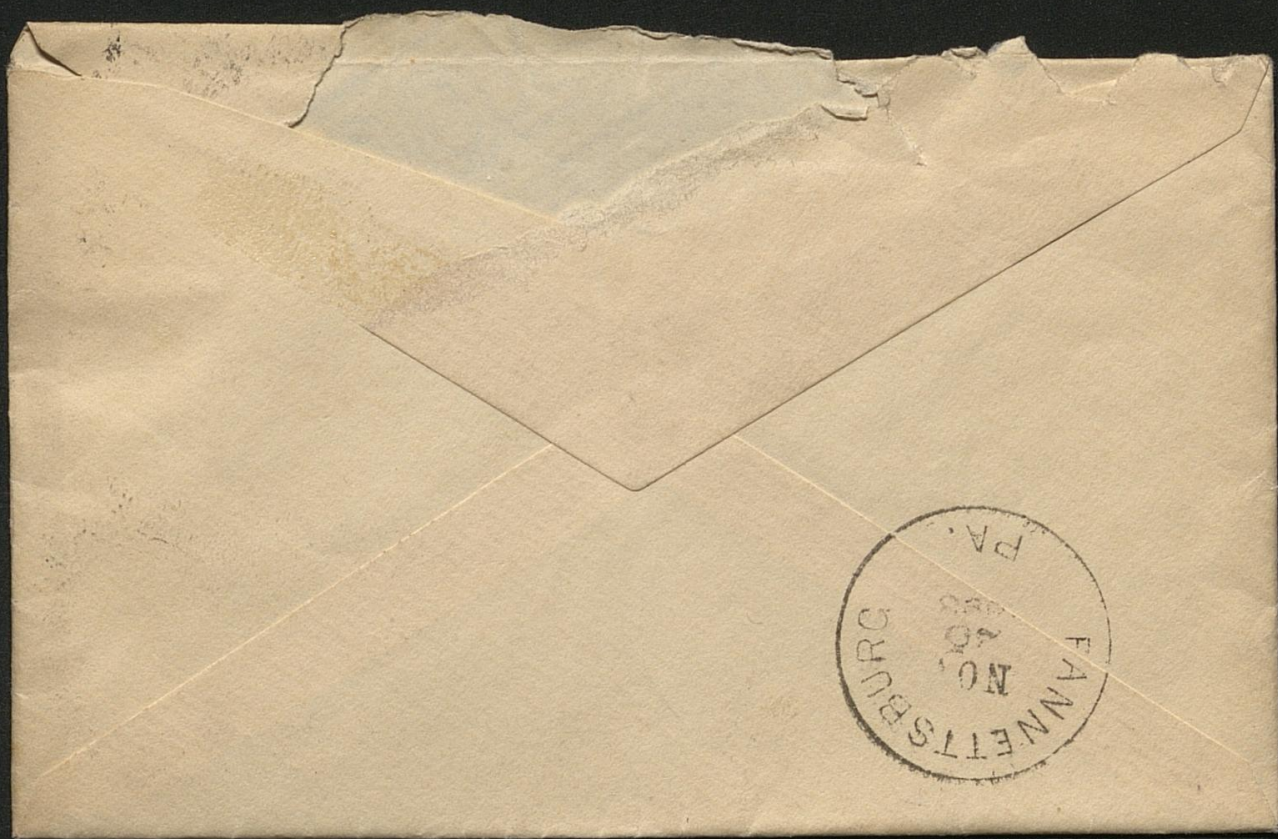


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Miss Mary B Gordon
Farmettsburg
Pennsylvania



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Philadelphia
Sunday, two P.M.

My dear Mamma;

I will address ^{this} to you
as your letter came last,
although I know I should
have written to Papa before,
in reply to his letter with
the checks enclosed which
I received on Thursday.

I fully intended to do so,
Especially as he answered
my letter so promptly, but will
have to answer them both now.
I have paid my tuition now
for this year, and think it

best to pay it all at one time as I did.

This last week has kept me busy all the time through the days and most of the time in the evenings, but took several evenings off.

Monday evening I was down town and went around to the Windsor where I found Elmer's name on the register but did not find him.

As I had made no engagement to meet him, hardly though I would find him in.

On Friday night I went around to a reception given by the Medical faculty to the first year Medical men.

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Did not intend to go, but
Billy Schultz came around
and wanted me to go, so
I went with him and had
a reasonably enjoyable time.
Met quite a number of the
faculty, among others Provost
Harrison.

Receptions as a rule generally
drag a little and this was
not an exception.

I suppose you have heard,
and perhaps just now are
hearing for the second time
Dr. Harburt. I am rather anxious

to know what kind of a man
he is and what you think
of him, whether he is married.
H. Core is engaged to him etc.
I wish very much Clementine
could come down here for
voice culture too, and it
again brings to your mind
the inconvenience of not having
a little more money, but I
suppose ^{people} with much more
money have the same trouble,
for the more people ^{have}, the
more they seem to want.
It seems a pity that she
cannot go ^{to visit} for a year once
a week, for half what she
would pay for twice a week.
I shall be anxious to know

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What you will finally decide on, I have about decided to take a room in a house next to where Jno. Park has his room 3336 Walnut St. where I am to pay \$5.00 a week for my room and boarding. I have been boarding there this week.

It is rather a private boarding house only six people boarding there with myself. Two old maids, one woman between thirty and forty and a girl between sixteen and eighteen.

and a dental student.

Isn't a combination isn't it?

The room is going to be very nice I think and the boarding is good home like and clean, not quite like the regulation boarding house style.

It is quite a central location and I think I will like it for a while at least, if I don't I will change if I find some thing I like better. Had another place in view but think I like this the better of the two.

Just address my next letter to 3334 Walnut St C/o Jno Park, and I will be on the

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lookout for it.

It seems strange, after our talking
of rooming together I should get
so close to John, perhaps I
may like that better than
rooming with him.

We can talk to each other
if we open our windows
from my Walnut St. room.
Joe, and I went to hear Dr.
Chas. Wood in the 2nd Presbyterian
Church this morning, and we
are going to hear Russell Conwell
tonight.

Yesterday afternoon Allan and

I went down to Republican head
quarters to see about "passes"
to go home to vote.

We both had letter from Chamberlain
also, and they said they could
tell us nothing definite until
the latter part of this week, but
if we did not hear from them
to call again Friday night or
Saturday morning, but I think it
is doubtful about our getting
home. If we go we will
leave here likely Friday night
and will come back Tuesday
after casting our ballots. I
do although I think it may
be possible I will be
home with you next
Sunday, still I think it is

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very uncertain, and I shall not
pack my suit case until I
get the "Pass".

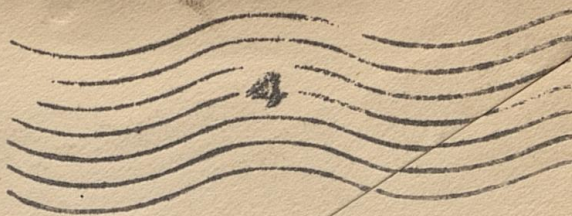
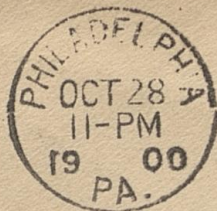
Should there be anything you
would want me to bring home
or do anything in the City
before coming home for you
write to me by Thursday, or
you had better write a little
early anyway this week.
As I want to write a short
letter. Clarence will not write
more now to you, hoping
but doubting that I may
see you all this week with love
Your affectionate son Edw.

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Franklin Co.

some
some



Mrs. J. Smith Gordon,
Fannettsburg
Pennsylvania.



He looks well and says he is getting along nicely.

Mrs Park is also in the city for the C. & C. Convention. Mrs Park was telling me last night but I have not seen her yet. Chas. Flickinger & Mr. Reamer both called to see me this evening; but as I have been out since seven thirty at my "guig" I missed them both.

As it is late will stop writing now hoping to hear from you soon with much love to all. Duo

Thursday evening.
Ten thirty P.M.

My Dear Mammo:

I have just come in from having a "guig" and will write you a few lines before returning. I have been pretty busy this week, had an examination on my dissection of the leg on Tuesday, which I got through very nicely.

I will not have any more
dissected now until
February. I rather enjoyed it
though and would just
as soon go on with it again
now.

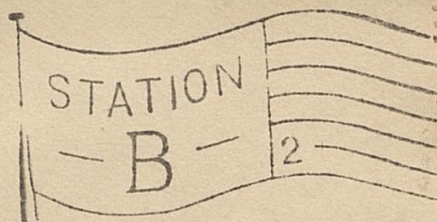
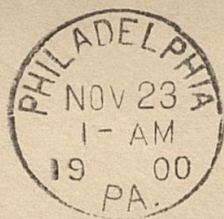
Tuesday after my exam. I
went down town and looked
around for a suit, shirts etc.
Did not buy anything but
one shirt, but went back
and ordered a suit on
Wednesday morning. One

which I had looked at
on Tuesday at Reed's Bar.

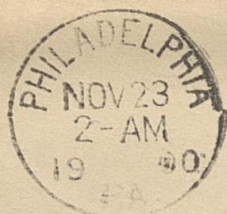
Aunt Hallie is down in the
city and wrote to ^{us} that Walter
was coming, but then she
wrote again that he had
given up his trip.

She is in company with
Mrs. ~~Walter~~ Alcesta Gilmore
and they are doing some
shopping she said.

Saw Geo McAllen for a
few minutes on Tuesday



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After this week however
when I have my examination
on my dissection of the head
and neck, I don't expect
to be so busy until after ~~then~~.
I went to hear Profr. Spear
in Houston Hall this morning,
spent most of the afternoon
in my room reading, but
at five o'clock took a
walk for an hour with
John Park.

Thought I would stay at
home tonight and try to

Philadelphia Pa.
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My dear Mamma:

I suppose you and
Mary are safe at home
again this Sunday evening
and are enjoying the comforts
which are not possible in
any boarding house, or any
place but home. I

When you and Mary
left last Friday evening
I almost wished I were

going along, but when I thought of how much I had to do here I quickly tried to ~~put~~ ^{drive} those thoughts from me.

I did enjoy having you both here so much and felt several times that I was not going around with ^{you} as much perhaps as I should, but I have so much work just at present that it seems must be done each day, or I get away

behind.

They seem to give us just about twice as much here as we can get accomplished in a satisfactory manner at least but guess they don't expect us to do all they plan for us.

I heard a fourth year man say last year, he thought if each week were 14 days instead of 7, he would be busy every day, but I am always thankful that Sunday comes every seven days.

get entirely free of my cold.
Which has not left me
altogether yet.

The game at New Haven
yesterday was very
disappointing, for we had good
hopes of winning.

Several of my Princeton friends
from here were up to see
the game.

I went down town and watch
the score boards of both
the Princeton-Yale and
Penn-Indian games from
a nice easy chair in the

Bingham hotel.
They were hosted as the games
were played at the Dugan's
office, just across the street
and I could see them nicely
and did not have to stand
out in the cold as the great
crowd of people did.
After you left on Friday I
went right down to Strawbridge
and bought an umbrella, and
a nice and good looking
one. I think.

It will surely be a useful
Xmas present and I am

glad you did not put it off
until Xmas, for I would have
likely had to buy one myself
in the mean time.

I will enclose a little
memorandum of our financial
transactions of the last few
days you were here, perhaps
you may ^{have} some corrections.
If you see any mistakes
do not hesitate to tell me
of them. I hope I will
hear from you tomorrow telling
me of your journey home.
With much love to all
Your affectionate son, John

Received from Mary
on Monday

\$ 2.00

Received from Mamma
on Tuesday check

\$ 20.00

Received at Broad St Station
on Friday

\$ 7.00 for lunch

Received - Total \$ 29.00

Paid for boarding 12.35

Dumont Unshel tickets ~~40.50~~

Tickets & car fare to Hama ~~30.30~~

Umbrella 1.25

Tickets to Harrisburg \$ 14.40

6.30

Paid out total

\$ 20.70

Received total 29.00

Paid back "

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"

20.70
\$ 8.30

Really received

It goes rather hard as usual
to get down to work after
such a good vacation as
I have had the last two
weeks, but I think I will
be in good working order
this week.

Miss Daisy came on Friday
and we went to the
theatre on Friday night to see
the "Roger Brothers".

The principle reason we
went to see them was
because Miss Shaud's sister
is in the same company

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Sunday Evening 7.30.

My dear Mamma:

I have decided not to go
to church tonight, but instead
will write home and if time
do a little reading.

I received my glasses yesterday
morning and Taffie's letter
which was forwarded last
night. The keys have not
arrived yet but suppose they
will be along soon if you
can find them.

and as we both know Miss Shand
so well we were anxious to see
her sister on the stage.

It was a very funny comic opera and
we had a good laugh.

It is the last evening I expect to
go anywhere now until after
February the first.

Everything is going along as usual
here and most of the boys are
back, quite a number did not
come until last night or today.

This morning I went to church
with Mrs. Park and this afternoon
Tara and John both came around
and we walk out as far as
Miss Eliza Witherows and stopped
to see her for a few minutes.

She inquired for you all at home
and wanted to know about the
wedding which Mary was at, suppose
she must have had a letter lately

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from Fannattsburg,
I could not tell her much.
I am anxious to hear about
it myself and hope
Mary will write to me about
it. I suppose Mary is home
by this time, think she
said she expected to get
home last night.
My new cover for my bureau
is a great improvement over
the one I had, and looks

so nice and clean.

Taffie wanted to know about an insurance policy in the Equitable. She says her Aunt is thinking of making her a present of one.

It is rather hard to explain all the points very clearly by writing, but I tried to do the best I could.

If she takes a large enough one and takes it out with me, I might find time to go up to Gamberville some afternoon and explain it to her more fully, but would rather not go away during this month.

I will not write more now.

I hope I will hear from you soon and that you will all keep well during this cold weather which are now having.

With much love to all

Your affectionate son, John

The vacation I enjoyed so much that I can hardly see where it went. I wish I go in and talk with you all a little while tonight. John

CLARENCE McC. GORDON,

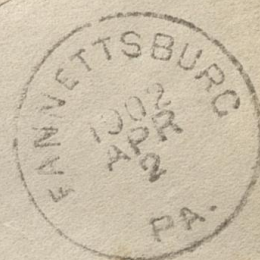
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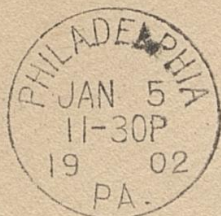
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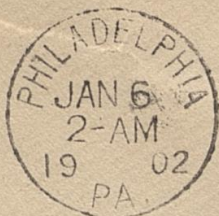
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Mrs. Margt. B. Gordon,
Franklettsburg
Pennsylvania
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Vaccination is taking, and hope it
will not make her very sick,
I was surprised to hear of Susan
Markey's death, and wonder how
the Dr. will find anybody to suit
him as well as Susan did,
Am glad Papa has recovered
from his cold, and hope he
will not be troubled any more
with it coming back,

I will look out for Mary's shoes
when they come.

As nothing very special has happened
since I last wrote and it is
nearly church time, I will not
write any more this evening.
With very much love to all
Your affectionate son John.

Sunday evening 6.36
48 House P.
Phila. Pa.

My dear Nanna:

Your welcome letter
did not reach me until this
morning, I guess they overlooked
it in the delivery last night
for it should have been
delivered yesterday evening.

The check for \$25.00 enclosed
also reached me safely.
This has been a very rainy
Sunday and I have been
in my room sleeping and
reading most of the afternoon.

Went to the Northminster Church
this morning and am going out
to 40th St and go to a Reformed
church taught with Gearhart
a classmate and friend of mine.
You still seem to have a good
many things going on at
home even without your
extra meetings and vacations.
~~over~~

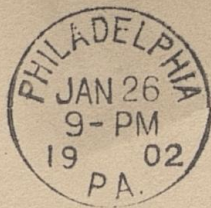
Am glad you enjoy the Morning
Gley and if you can keep it
well regulated, should think it
much less trouble than the
little stove in my room.

The weather has not been cold
since Xmas and I wonder if
we will have much Winter
this year.

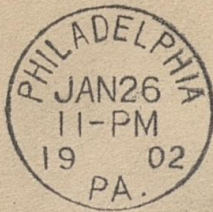
My new blanket is quite a comfort,
and now I get along very nicely,
before I was usually a little
too warm with my "Comfort" or
a little too cold without it, but
now I seldom use it since
I have the new blanket.

I have not change my boarding
place since Xmas, strange as it
may seem, and am still at 342
Walnut St.

Am glad to hear that Clementine



Mrs. Mary T. B. Jordan
Fannettsburg,
Franklin Co., Pennsylvania.



there and, the girls about
the same crowd with a
few additions.

The trimmed hats i.e. the boys
did and they all said I
showed good taste in
my trimmings. I happened
to get the same trimming
that was on the hat before.
The girls were to wear the
hats to church but I fear
they would not fulfil
that part of their contract.
I invited Ray Hudson and
Miss Smith to come over
to a lecture at the University

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Sunday Evening
7. O'clock.
Phila. Pa.

My dear Mamma:
Your good long letter
came a little ahead of time,
Saturday evening instead of Sunday
morning this time and of course
I was glad to get it, and glad
to get it Saturday evening.
I did not realize that you
had such a storm at home
last week although Father
had written that the mails
were delayed.

This has been a rainy day most of the time although it has not actually rained much until this evening.

I went down to the 1st Church (Dr. Baker's) this morning and heard Dr. Patton of ~~Frederick~~ and as usual heard a good sermon.

This evening I do not feel much like going out, but Dr. Woods, who used to teach at Mercersburg when I was there, and who since that graduated in Medicine and has been a Medical Missionary in China for two

years is going to speak at the Houston Hall, and I want to hear him.

I have ^{been} quite ~~rushed~~ the last few days, have been out two nights in succession to parties, very informal ones.

On Friday up at Hendersons to a card party with Ellen & Harry Douglas the Henderson girls & the girls from McCarthy's who Clementine can tell you of. Then last night I was up at McCarthy's with a Fannettsburg crowd, Jim Charlie Walker & Tom Park. Chas. Henderson was also

I think I will write to Mr. Parsons some of these days. It is about the best thing I can do in some ways, being a complete rest from study and the outdoor life.

I wish you would inquire of Mr. Fisher of about the work his brother in law did if ~~not~~ you get a good chance. I fear though that canvassing for anything is about the hardest thing I could get at, and I never imagined I would make a great success at it, especially

here, today at four thirty, and got Allen to help me take care of them while here.

It was a very good one, and was on the proof of the truth of the old testament historically i.e. by means of old monuments etc, which they have late excavated. It was very interesting, and much more so to one who was better acquainted with the history that I am I should think.

Tom Park told me that Carrie Seibert has arrived safely in the city yesterday, and has

gone to Norristown to spend
Sabbath.

He met her at Broad street
station yesterday afternoon.
I believe she expect to begin
work tomorrow.

My boarding still keeps good
The only trouble is Mrs. Evans
has been sick for two weeks,
has had trouble with her eye
and likely will have to have
it removed.

She has not seen out of it
for several years I think.
However the boarding house
still runs and the boarding
this keeps good, and I think

Mrs. Evans will soon be better
whatever they do about it.
The Henderson and girls up
at McCarthey's were asking about
Clementine, and Chas. Henderson
asked for you all at home
and wished to be remembered
to you all.

I suppose in reality this was
meant for Mary though.
I am beginning to think of
my summer plans but have
not done any thing but think
so far, but I suppose if nothing
better turns up I may go
back to Curtisville.

if it was same thing that ^{3.}
I felt many people would
~~be~~ be better off if they
did not buy it, as ~~as~~ so
many of those things are.
Of course I do not know
any thing about this
however.

I met a Mr. Swan from
~~the~~ over near Burnt Cabin
this morning at church.
He was with Tom & Archie.
I guess Papa will know of
him, he is studying medicine
at Jefferson.
I have not heard or seen

anything of John McAllen since
he was out here, and think
it best perhaps if I do not
I do pity him too, but think
he is still very unreasonable
in his requests & expectations.
He has changed I think
a good bit however and was
very pleasant and more
reasonable in most of his
views than usual the day
he was out here.
He stayed and took lunch
with me that day.

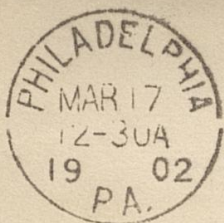
I am sorry to hear of
Mr. Vanne's breakdown

and hope that he will soon
be able for his work again.
"Peripheral Neuritis" is an inflammation
of the peripheral nerves, and
I suppose comes as most
nervous diseases from overwork
or worry.

Must now close as it is
time to go to service.

I suppose you are just
getting home from the C. E. Underwood
meeting at home.

With very much to all
your affectionate son
John.



Mrs. Margt. B. Gordon,
Fannettsburg,
Franklin Co., Pennsylvania.

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Some what on the order of a big
auditing firm, as near as I
could make out.

He will have a salary of \$50.00 a
month and expenses the first
year, ~~the~~ living expenses of
course and travelling.

It is very good to start with I
think, and if it develops
accordingly ought to be a
good position. ^{a month}
Of course \$50.00 in a city does
not go so very far.

I don't know what will be
best for me to do about
my summer vacation, but I
guess I had better write
to Mr. Parsons this week

Phila. Pa. U. of P. Penn.

April 13-1882.

My dear Mother:

Your welcome letter
full of news I received this
morning, and I was hoping
you would write to me
this week, and tell
of your & father's trip, as
you did.

I am glad to hear that
you did not suffer from the
storm which happened while
you were in Chambersburg.
The winter seems to hang on
a long time, and longer

with you than down here. We have been having nice weather how ever, for the last two days and I hope now that it may continue. I went to see the American League team and Princeton play base-ball yesterday afternoon. Princeton was defeated but a College amateur team very seldom wins from a professional and I was not surprised. It is the only time Princeton plays in Phila. This year I was anxious to see the team play. Rob. Gordon was at the

game and I came in from the field and had quite a little talk with him. He was going right back to Princeton as soon as he got his degree. He thinks now he will go into business for a few years and likely he will continue in business. He has an offer from a firm in New York, although he will not likely be in New York very long. The business he said he could not give me a very clear idea of as he did not know much about it himself.

Emma since she is Mrs. Wolf
but I suppose she has
not changed much.
Tom and Archie are busy
with their examinations now.
I was down to see them
yesterday afternoon but
did not find either of them
in. I think they will get
through about the 23rd of
April. Must now close
with much love to all.
Your affectionate son
John.

P.S. Mrs. Coons wished to be remembered
to Clementine. She is much better
now & was down here a few days ago.

that I will go to Curtisville,
and if in the mean time
I get a chance of a nervous
patient from Dr. Mills, I
could get some body to
take my place at Curtisville.
Of course Dr. Mills does
not know now whether ^{or not}
he will have any patients
~~at~~ the first of June.
I intend to go down and
have a talk with him
again this week, and
likely will hand in my
application to Dr. Ken Mitchell
for a patient.

Of course the chances in either case are very slim, however I does not cost anything to apply.

I wish I could get a case for June and July and then could be at Thane through August, but will be glad to get me anytime.

Bursey my friend who went in the case I spoke of is getting along nicely, and he said possibly Dr. Hulls would want me in that case later in the summer, but of course there is nothing certain about any of these cases.

Has Clarence spoken of his plans for the summer? Father said James said he would be home and I suppose he will come in August.

What about Uncle Mills? Do they expect to open up their house this summer?

Have not seen or heard anything of John lately. I am glad Father's pictures ~~were~~ turned out good, and I will want one when he has them finished. I would like to have seen



Mrs. Margt. B. Gordon,

Fannettsburg

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Pennsylvania.
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but of reviewing to do in
the new two weeks, and
consequently will be very
busy.

Today seems almost like Winter
again, and we have no fire
or steam heat here, so I
have made myself comfortable

this evening in my room, by
putting on my Jersey and
sweater in addition to

my ordinary clothes.
I have heard too of the
engagement of Harry Douglas
and Ethel Jones and

Philadelphia Pa.
May 11 - 1882.

My dear Mamma:-

It is getting rather late
but as I ^{have} taken a little nap
already this evening, I still
think I can write to you
before I go to bed.

This afternoon I went out to
Walker's and while I was there
May Hudson and the Henderson
girls came out, so that I
spent most of the afternoon
out there.

Your welcome letter came
on Saturday and was full
of news.

I have heard nothing more
one way or the other from Mr.
Jones and am beginning
to doubt now whether he
got the position he was
expecting, but will hope
to hear from him soon one
way or the other.

I went to church this morning
with John Park and he told
me he expected his mother to
come down to the city tomorrow

and then on Wednesday or
Thursday they were both going
down to Ashbury Park for ten
days.

John thinks it will be a
good place to study and get
in good shape in health for
his examinations which
will commence about the
time he expects to get back.
I am beginning to get down
to hard work now for my
exams. and I think they
will be much easier than
the ones I had in February
however I will have a good

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this evening Mary Hudson
told me that Henrietta Brown
was engaged to Mr. Joe
Kennedy of near Shady Grove,
(I think) that was who it
was, but they did not think
that the wedding would be
very soon.

When I was over in Harry
Douglass' room ~~to~~ a few
evenings ago he said that
my sister was coming over
to Shady Gap as a visit
the latter part of June, and

I had better come along.
Just about that time some
body else came in the room
or I would have asked
him more about it, if that
was to be the time of the
wedding etc, but I don't think
it is to be so ~~of~~ soon.

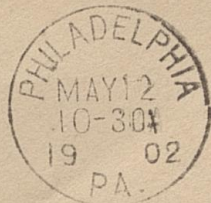
Does Clementine know anything
yet of ^{such} a visit?

Alan does not know at
all where he will settle
when he is through, but
does not seem to be

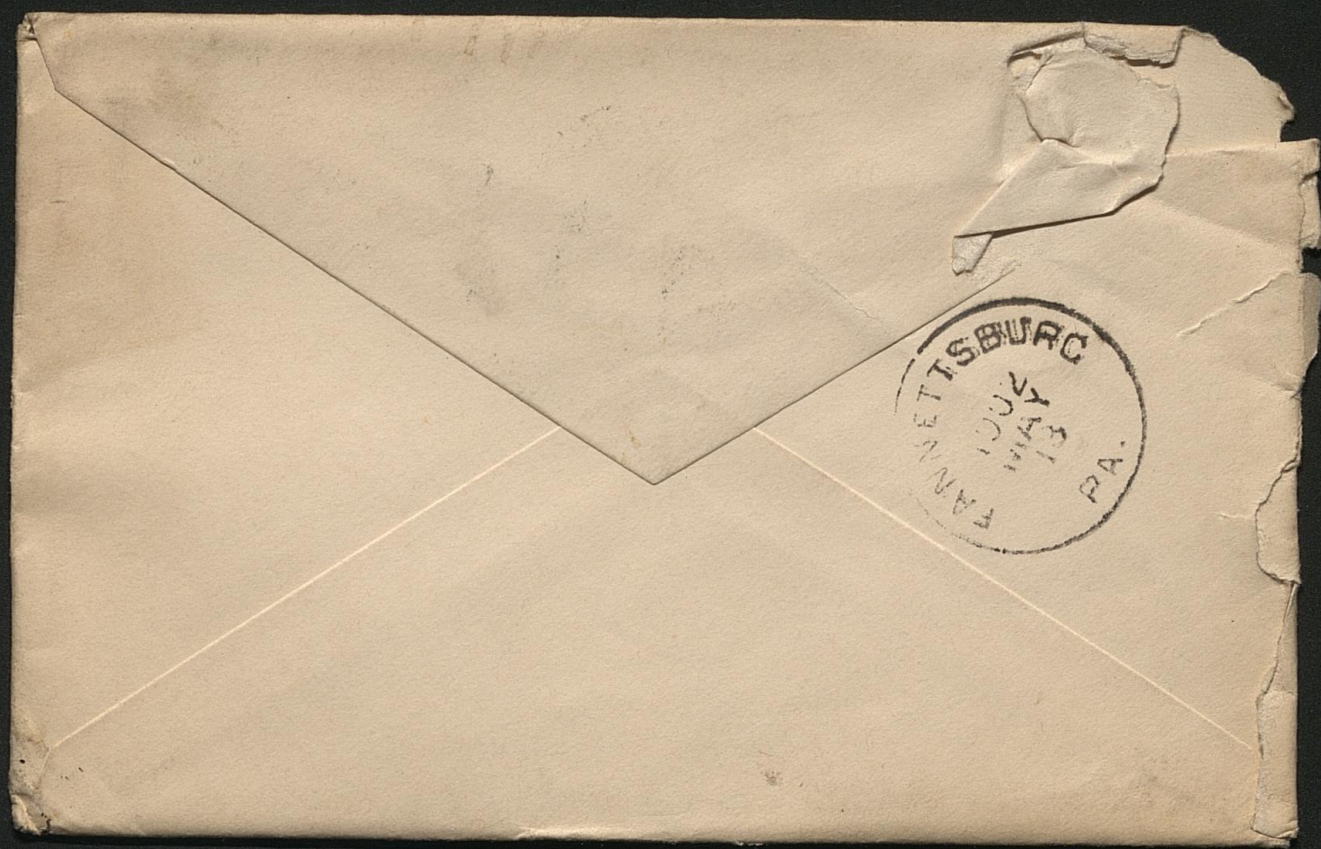
worrying much about it.
I think Harry Douglas expect
to go to Arlisania.
I will not finish this letter
until tomorrow morning as
I see it is too late for the
collection tonight now, so
Good night, John.

Monday morning 8.45.

I am just going to breakfast
so will close this letter and
mail it on my way over to
3800 Locust. With much love
to you all
Your affectionate
son. John.



Mrs. Mary t. B. Gordon,
Frankelburg
Franklin Co. Pennsylvania.



It will of course be a rather hurried trip for you but when you are going for sight seeing alone and not to visit you will have time enough no doubt, to take things easy.

Will you leave on Friday when James and Alice leave or stay longer?

I was out at Walker's apartment house on Friday night, met Bird McAllen there and gave her her shirt waist, which

1.
Philadelphia Pa.
Oct 12 - 1902.

My dear Mamma;
I was glad to receive your letter with Clarence's enclosed last night, and hope that this will go tonight so that it will reach home before you start away.

I rather thought that you might still go to Washington and I think you will be very glad that you have decided to do so.

I brought along down to the city for her.
I had seen Charlie Welker in the afternoon
and he told me Bird would be there
so I thought it a good chance to
make a call and deliver the package.
Bird is visiting at the Hanna's and
told me that Mr. Hanna had decided
to give up his church at least for
a year or two and quit preaching.
She said perhaps I had better not say
much about it yet, as she did not think
Mr. Hanna had announced it yet.

It will seem hard for them but have
not doubt it will be the very best
thing he can do. Bird said that he
was not able to preach now and
spent a great of his time in bed or
lying down.

If James could take in Phila. now
on his trip he might get a chance
to preach for him, and I suppose they
will be looking out for a new
pastor now too.

9,30 P.M.

Since I started this I have been at church. Went up to Dr. Henry's tonight expecting to see a classmate of mine who is his assistant now, but found out when I got there that he is away on his vacation this month.

Last night I arranged to meet Cham. Flickinger down town, and we went to the Republican mass meeting in the Academy of Music. There was a good

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crowd for the kind of a night
it was, and we heard
Penny packer, Elkins, and
Jesse of Texas. Shaw, speak,
Jesse. Shaw was the only
one the made much of a
speech, but he made a good
one, I think the best political
speech I have ever heard.
My room looks nearly natural
now, although I have not
fixed it up altogether yet.
It looked very bare when I

Thursday morning, and expect
to start into attend lectures
again tomorrow.

I don't know just how I
caught it, but it seems to
come on suddenly on Wednesday
night.

I had the Dr. come out on
Thursday afternoon and he
gave me medicine, and I
was ^{much} better by Saturday but
he said I should stay in bed

48, House P. Univ of Penn
Phila. Pa.

March 16-1903.

My dear Mamma;

This letter will be a
little late this week, but I
have had a little case of
 Grip and thought I would
wait until I felt more like
writing.

I feel about well now, was
over for my dinner this evening
for the first time since I

until today.

It went pretty hard, but now since I see more of the advantages of such treatment (by rest and taking care of yourself) I guess it goes easier that it did when I was younger.

I have been up all day today and feel all right this evening so that by tomorrow I think I will be ready for light work. Was so glad that you did write to me at your usual time for I was especially glad to get it on Saturday evening.

No I have not see John Walker lately, and he did not mention anything about a letter from Herman the last time I saw him. It has likely came in the mean time. I hope too it is not like the telegram. I had not heard of that not being genuine.

I almost forgot to tell you
I received the Hospital Appt.
at Atlantic City.

I heard about it last Wednesday
and have been laid up
with the Grip ever since so
that have not had much time
to think about it.

It will run from June 1st until
September the 1st, so that I
will have a month's vacation
at home during September.

It will be a disappointment not to be at home when Clarence and Elizabeth are here, even if I could not go to Danville but I think it will be for my own good, and I hope you all can get down to the Seashore some time during the summer to see me for awhile.

I wrote to Clarence, that I would expect him to include

Atlantic City in his wedding trip, and I think it would be fine if the rest of the family could come at the same time. It will seem a long time not to go home, until next September so I hope you can arrange to get down to see me. I found my umbrella. The Digest came today, and I spent most of the afternoon on them. With a great deal of love to all, your affectionate son John

1.
Children's Seashore House

Atlantic City

June 6-03,

My dear Mamma;

Your letter welcomed me when I went back to my room on Thursday evening, and I was glad you had not forgotten to write when you were so busy.

I came down here on Tuesday and found things very much

as I had expected, from the
descriptions of the place.

I was more what disappointed
in Atlantic City until today

When I took a walk on the
boardwalk and even after
seeing it I am glad that my
home has been among the
mountains instead of at the
Seashore,

I went back for my last
examination on Friday and
got through it nicely I think
even if I did not have
much time to study for it
after coming down here.

Sunday Morning.

I started this letter last night but did not get much done at it so now instead of going to church this morning, I will write to you at home. Two of the other Drs. have gone away so that I thought I had better put off my going to church until tonight. I don't have anything to do except dress one case this morning, but still some body has to be around. They do not do any dressing.

here as a rule on Sunday but
this one case needs attention.
My work so far has been
very easy, hardly enough to
keep me busy as I like, after
my busy time this last
month, but I will not complain
about having not enough to do
at least for a while.

I have a very pleasant
room facing on the beach
and am about as far from
the board walk as our
house is from the hotel.

We four Dis eat with the
mahar and another young

lady who looks after the ³¹
office work of the institution.
I don't like the matron much
so far, perhaps I will get
to like her better.
She is like all persons get,
who have live in Institutions
and have forgotten of the
influences of a home.
I hope I shall never have
to live in an Institution many
years of my life, for although
this is an ideal one in
many ways, I cannot get
to like the way of living.
I am pretty well tired

out with my examinations
now I guess, for I never
felt in poorer condition for
such hard examinations as
I had this year.

I was not sick, but never
felt just as well as I ^{usually}
do after my little spells of
grip.

That is all over now I
hope and I think with
a week or two here I
will feel all right, for
my work is very different
and pleasant as well as
interesting and instructive.

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I took my first Ocean bath yesterday and although it was a little cool I enjoyed it very much. We only stayed in for a very short time.

We have large buildings here and room for about 300 children, but at present have only 100. These children of course are not all sick, but many of them Convalescents and have come from some of the hospitals in the city. We have a number of cottages so called, which mothers

Came with sick babies or
small children, for a couple
of weeks.

Each cottage consists of a
one large room with several
beds, and each mother can
bring with her three or four
children if she desires, or
as many as can get in
the one roomed cottage
with out to much crowding.

I was glad to hear of
your trip to McCamberg.
It must have been a very
pleasant time for Mr. West
as well as all the rest who

were there,

3,30 P.M.

I was interrupted this morning so did not finish this but will do so now so that it may reach you tomorrow.

I will need about \$15.00 for although I have no expenses here I need a little on hand for care fare etc, and my last suits which I bought just before coming down about finished up what I had. I bought three coats and two new pairs of trousers

which with what trousers
I have I think will be
enough, but as we wear
dust suits all the time
except when we leave the
hospital, I think I will
need all I have.

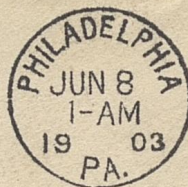
I bought some new
underclothes for summer
before coming down, and
think now I am fixed
for clothes this summer.
This letter will I fear be
rather disconnected as it has
been written at several
different times.

The wedding which I told^{b.}
you I had been asked to
be an usher at, was Rose
McKinzie and Charlie Davis.

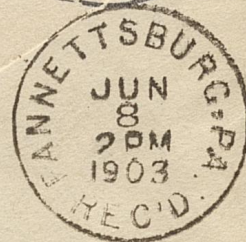
I just received an invitation
a few days ago, and may
go up to the wedding, but
as I did not know how
things would be arranged
down here I thought I
had better not be one
of the ushers, then too
I would have had to go.
The wedding is to be in Phila.
on 18th of June.

With a great lot of love to all
Your affectionately
John

CHILDREN'S SEA-SHORE HOUSE,
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.



Mrs. Mary T. P. Gordon,
Fannettsburg,
Franklin Co., Pennsylvania.



Sunday Afternoon 4.30.

My Dear Father & Mother;
Your letter with check
enclosed were received
yesterday and I was very
glad to get them both.
When after going to a
new place and I
commence to get some
mail it always makes
me that I am not so
far away from those
whom I often think of

and love.

The papers also came
this morning and were
full of interesting news.
Some how each year
my vacations keep
getting shorter and
shorter, and consequently
I hear less of what is
going on around you,
and the home papers
fill in to some extent
for that.

I went to church this
morning as there did not

seem to be anything for^{d.}
me to do around here
and Sunday always
seems more like Sunday
if I go to church in the
morning (I like to go to church^{for afternoon})
The churches here are
not very fine, although
this morning I heard a
fairly good sermon.
The church was full
but it did not hold
every people compared
with those on the
board walk. I walked

to the Church on the
board walk, it is about
two miles from here, as
we are nearly at ~~the~~ the
one end of the board
walk.

The board walk which
seems to be the chief
diversion for the people
here does not increase
in interest for me, and
Atlantic City has not
come up to any expectations
by a good bit, perhaps they

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they were too high.

My work went along very nicely this week and I have gained four or five pounds in weight, so I guess the boarding, which is very good and the sea air must agree with me. I have not been in bathing this week as it has been, so cold and do not think I will go in until it gets a little warmer. I hope it

will warm up soon, for
although we are not
cold in our duck suits
we would be more
comfortable if it were just
a little warmer.
It is too cold for the
mosquitos however so
the cold weather ~~does~~
is not all bad.

Dr. Martin went home to a
wedding of his sister last
week and just return
yesterday and one of
his classmates was here

this week to take ^{place}
so, if Clarence's wedding
comes off this summer
possibly I may get a leave
of absence to attend it.
I am afraid now that it is
not to be one of the events
of this season.

I was glad to hear that
your Convention all went
off so pleasantly, and
I expect it will be a relief to
Mamma and the girls to
have it over, for I know
it would cause them much

extra work,

I am sorry that Uncle Will
still stays in such a weak
condition. I saw John
about a week before I
came down here and he
told me Mudge had telegraphed
for him to come home.

Norman's notice in the Repository
was interesting and I shall
be glad to see his book
when it is printed.

I wish I had it here
now or some interesting
book for I am beginning

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to get tired sitting around
when I am not busy, and
do not feel much like
getting much out the practical
side of medicine at least
for awhile yet.

I am thinking of going up to
the city some afternoon this
week as I have some things
to be look after there.

I may go on Thursday, and
go to Rose Jackson's wedding
in the evening, but I think
that is the day Martin and
Andrew graduate, and I
do not know whether

so many of the medical
staff can be off at the
same time.

It may suit me a little
better not to go until
Saturday afternoon and
then I need not come
back until Monday morning
but I have not decided
just what I will do.

I don't know what about
a present if I go to the
wedding. I had a letter
from Charlie Walker today
saying that Jim was going

but he was not sure about
his going
If I thought I would have
good time and would
not leave to give a present
I expect I could arrange
to go up on Thursday evening
I will finish this later this
evening as I have an extension
on a little boys leg which
I want to fix for him before
our tea time and he goes
to sleep.

My boy is just eating his
supper so I will not
interrupt him, but will

finish this and mail it
so that it may reach you
tomorrow

Let me know when you
receive this so that I
will know how ^{long} it takes
a letter to ~~be~~ reach you
from here.

I suppose it is a little early
for you to make your plans
Atlantic City, but I will hope
to see you all here some
time. I wish you could
all be here together in
a cottage but I suppose

the expense and trouble?
would not pay for only
a month, and you ~~would~~
could not all be away
longer at least Father
could not, and ~~he~~ ^{it} would
not ~~very well~~ pay at all
if you could not all
be together,

I must now close with
much love to you all.

Your affectionate son,
John.

CHILDREN'S SEA-SHORE HOUSE,
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.



Mrs. Margaret B. Gordon
Fennettsburg
Pennsylvania.



Some of them are nearly ready
to go home and others I
am afraid will never get out
of the hospital alive, two of them
especially look so much worse
that I hardly knew them.

It reminded me of the fresh
children when I went in the
ward, and ^{they} all called to me
to come and see them.

I often think if I should take
a specialty I would take up
children's diseases.

Philadelphia Pa.

Oct 11-1903

3702 Locust St.

My dear Mother;

I was glad you did
not forget my Friday letter
and now I will start my
regular Sunday letter.

I have just been down at
the hospital seeing some of
my old friends, that were
in the hospital down at
Atlantic City.

I wonder if you are having the rain
and now cold weather that we are
having. If you are you will have a
chance to try the furnace. I do hope
it will be satisfactory, and I don't see
why it should not.

They have started the furnace here and
my room is very comfortable. I don't think
there will be much trouble heating it, as
it is not such a large room, and is
well protected on both sides.

I have started in to board at my old place
and it is just three houses farther up
Laurel St, so that it makes it very
convenient for me. I think from what
Mrs. Baxter says, she might be willing
to give me boarding here in the house
but I am always a little afraid ~~to something~~
^{if I board the same place I room}
may go wrong, or if I do not like the
boarding, I cannot change without changing
my room, and that is not as easy
to do as change boarding places.

Tam Park was telling me of James Walker's attention to Miss Shryock, but I was very much surprised also to hear of the engagement, which I did not know of until your letter came.

Tam also told me that Will and Charlie and Mr Hollinger had sold their interest in the store, but that Jim was going to stay and keep his interest in it.

I have a good appetite now^{2.} and the boarding is very good. My work is going along very nicely, but have not been able to study much at night yet, always feel tired and sleepy, but will be able to do better this week I hope.

I am glad you have a girl if even for a short time, but if you have the house cleaning going on, fear you will not get much rest.

I went in to see Cham. Fletcher a few days ago to congratulate him. and since that I have received an announcement of his marriage to Margaret May Heller West on Sept 17th. I would send it to you but suppose you will likely receive one also.

Cham. said that they made up their minds very suddenly, I think only a week before. I suppose they have been engaged for some time, as it is the girl he had been paying attention to during the winter.

He said they were boarding now out in Troy but were coming into the city if they could get a suitable place but think they are going to board this winter.

I hope your cold will be well by this time. This weather makes it very easy to catch cold. I had one last week for a day or two but it did not amount

to anything.

What time in November is the
mussewing meeting? It will keep
Mary very busy with her school
work and the mussewing
report also for the next few
weeks.

Has she any more scholars?
It must seem rather strange to
Clarence to spend so much time
at the Hales under the circumstances
and stranger yet to Elizabeth
if she is at home.
The getting up at six in the

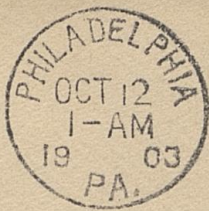
morning shows that he must have really been interested, at least any body who knows Clarence's inclinations would think so.

I went to the foot-ball game yesterday afternoon and although it was a damp chilly afternoon I have not felt any bad effects from it, not even a cold.

It is nearly time for our supper, so I will close, with a great deal of love, John.

I will send Clementine a little box of boric acid to make a solution for her eyes.

She can put a teaspoonful in a ^{tea} cup of boiled water, mix it until as much as possible of the acid is dissolved then strain it through a clean cloth, and put it in a clean bottle, and put four or five drops in each eye at night when they feel weak, John.



Mrs. J. Smith Gordon,
Hammeltburg Pa.
Franklin Co.



Pam and Archie to see
Archie's Uncle from California.
He is here taking some special
work in Medicine, and is going
away on Friday.

He seems very much like
Dr. at home, with the ways
of a Western man in addition.
He was asking about Father
and wanted to be remembered
to him.

Yesterday afternoon I had
my final examination on the
Eggs, and although it was
long, it was very fair and I
think I got through with

Philadelphia Pa
3702 Locust St.
2-7-'04.

My dear Mauna:

I was glad to get your
letter in such good time.
This week also your card
several days earlier, and
to know that Father is feeling
better, I hope he will continue
to improve, and I am glad that
he is going to take a vacation
from preaching, for the feeling
that you ought to be at work
often is nearly as hard on people

as the doing it.

We see so many cases in the hospital here, also it seems almost impossible to do much permanent for good for, simply because they cannot afford, or have nothing to live on when they stop working. I know it would be a satisfaction to have Dr.

Ramsey over to see him, and I expect the Ramsey-Swan combination will work better. Although I still have respect for Dr. Alexander's opinion, but think he has gotten into

a number of careless habits. As Dr. Ramsey said however, ~~to~~ ^{respect}, Dr. Swan will do as he tells him. I hope that there will not be much need for either of them now, and that Father is feeling the benefit of his rest and medicine, but he will of course feel a little weak for some time. Anybody gets weak by simply staying in bed, even if they are not sick. I am glad his appetite continues good. I went around with

a good margin,
I have been working on it
for the last couple of weeks
pretty hard and am glad it
is over although I did not
fear it much, as it was
comparatively a small subject
still it counts just as much
as any of my others, which
will come the latter part of
May.
A couple of the boys were
in wanting me to go to
church but I thought I
had better finish writing
this and then go if it

is not too late

It is much warmer here now
and I suppose it is so at home
and will find you sleighing.

I had not known of James going
to Wisconsin to preach.

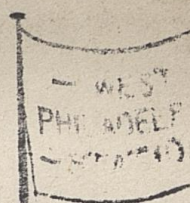
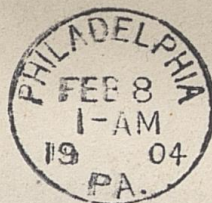
It does seem to be pretty
far West. I wish he would
come East if he makes
a move. Let me know what
his impressions are when he
returns.

We have been having quite a
time at our boarding place the
last few days with the waiter.
An old waiter has gone to

his old position in a hotel at
Atlantic City, and got his
brother who never washed on
a table before to take his place.
Consequently he gets things
pretty badly mixed sometimes,
he is learning and I think
in a week or two will be
all right.

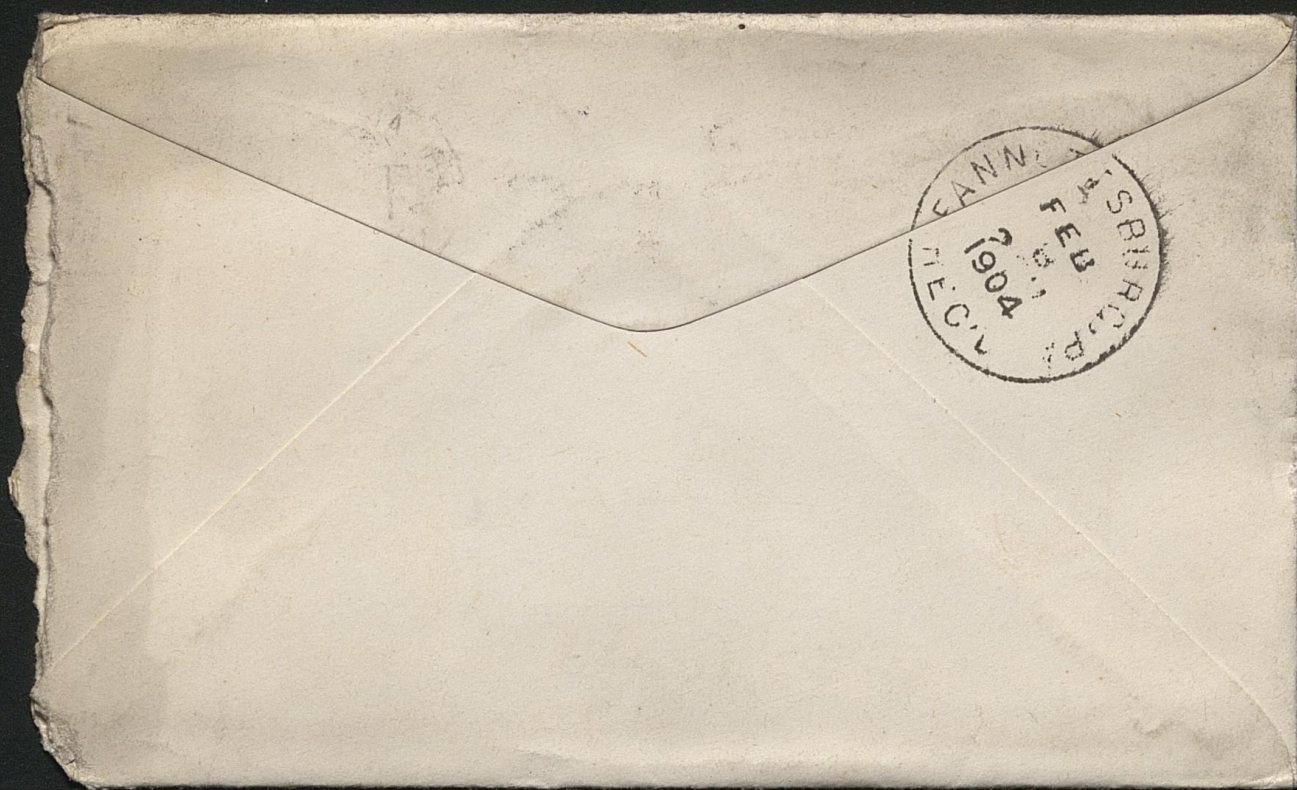
I must now close and hope
I will hear from you soon.

With much love to all
Yours affectionately
John.



Mrs. J. Smith Gordon,
Fannettsburg
Pennsey Wania.

Franklin Co.



I went to the University chapel
this morning and have
been in my room all afternoon.
Allan was over for a while
after dinner.

I was very glad to get your
letter so early in the week
a very pleasant surprise, and
also to get Mary's last night.
I have been working every
day this last week and trying
to work at night, but so far
have not accomplished much
in the evenings get sleepy
so soon when I try to
study. But will I think soon

P.S. Thank you for 1.
forwarding the ~~regular~~
letter. Attended to it
yesterday.

Philadelphia Pa.

3706 Spruce St.
Sunday 4.30 P.M.

My dear Mamma:

I suppose you have
just come home from
Sunday school now. I wish
I might walk in now and
stay until after supper at
least.

This has been a ~~rainy~~
rainy day and I was just
going to start out for a
walk before my supper, but
when I got down to the
door, it started to rain again
so did not go.

be able to train myself to stay awake.

Last night Jua. Park and I went down to hear J. Campbell

Morgan (Moody's successor)

I like him very much and think he is a little odd, but a strong man and will do much good as an evangelist.

I like my new room very much. It is not a large room but furnished very nicely and is plenty large enough for me.

It has a folding bed, so that the bed does not take up much room. It also has

table, four chairs one office a rocker and two other chairs, a bureau washstand etc. but as you and Mary will be down soon you will see for yourself.

The people that own the house are two women, one maiden lady and a widow I think, both between 45 and 55.

They keep a servant, so that the house is well looked after and the rooms are kept clean and tidy.

I pay \$2.00 a week for the room. I did want to get one a little cheaper but it seemed

I think I can get a room for you and Mary here when you come down as they have one room which they do not rent regularly, but I know do it rent it for a short time once in a while.

One of the sisters rooms in it but I think they double up some times, and rent it.

My boarding costs me \$3.00 this week but don't believe I can stand it much more, and think I will go to a \$3.50 place next Wednesday.

It is hard to get good boarding for less than \$3.50 and a room for less than \$2.00.

Impossible to get into a good one, and room alone as I want to do for less.

This room I left the woman did finally offer for \$1.75 a week.

I told her if she would make it \$1.50 I would stay but that

I thought this room was worth 25c more a week than that, if for nothing else than 'it

got the sunlight and that did not get any.

I have a 3rd year Medical and a 2nd year Dental man on either side of me and a Drexel man below me all seem very nice fellows.

Sometimes it is possible to combine them and get it for \$5.00 which I would like to do, and hope to later.

In my hunt last week I enquired at a Miss Dennis.

She had a nice house and I should think would give good boarding, but said she had nothing for less than \$6.00 and I told her I could not stand that.

I had quite a talk with her and found she was related to Clarence's friend Dennis & Miss Dennis at Wilean. They would have been nice

people to have gotten in with and she told me she might have a room later to offer me which would be cheaper.

Allan and I were down town yesterday afternoon, and I called in to see Will Kinter who is practicing law here now. He says he has not much business, but thinks he is likely paying expenses or more.

He said Rose was coming down yesterday evening and was going to teach some where here in the city.

you want too you might have
Dr. Alexander do it, but I do not
think it necessary.

You see we are more exposed
being around the hospital etc.
If you have it done through I
would have it done right away
so it may be mostly over, if
it takes by the time you start.

I can get some fresh vaccine
and send it to the Dr. if you
decide to leave it alone.

It is nearly time for
supper so will close, with
much love. Your affectionate son
John.

He wanted to be remembered
to you all at home.

Am glad that Mudge really
got started, but she must
have had a serious time
and that wait at Richmond
would be hard on her.

It must have gone hard
too to finally shut up their
home and all leave it.

Was surprised that the Harrows
would leave so soon and
am sorry that Fannettobury
will lose Agar and Mrs.
Morrow too, for they were
good neighbors and citizens.

Mary's description of Mr. Finney was very good and quite to the point. I think I saw him four or five years ago. November the 7th or 8th will suit me all right for your visit, but now you must now let anything come in your way or just if off any longer.

I had a cold in my head this last week but it is about gone now, and now that I am fixed in a room and will be more regular

in my living, I think I can take better care of myself. I always do feel better. Most of the boys are being vaccinated as there is said to be small pox in the city. As I was vaccinated about three years ago, I don't think I will have it done now unless the Dr. who I intend to see this week strongly advises it. The professors all advised us to have it done unless we were vaccinated recently. It is not in this part of the city and I don't think there is much danger when you make your visit. Of course if

unsettled so far, but hope
to get fixed up tomorrow.
Have seen a good many
of the people from team
look dinner with Tom and
Archie on Sunday, and saw
Cham and Harry Stewart at
church.

Hope you had the visit from
the Jones' and Mr. Finney.
You must write to me about
Mr. Finney I mean one of
the girls.

Must now close and start
in to work for a full day, from
9 to 5 with one hour off for
lunch. Write soon to 3706 Pine
With much love
Your affectionate son John

Tuesday Morning 8/10.

My dear Mamma:

Your letter did not
reach me until yesterday
morning and I was a little
disappointed that I did
not hear on Saturday, but
knew it would take longer
for a letter to reach me
by having it addressed to
Medford Hall.

You may be sure I was
glad to hear from you
It seems much more than
a week since I left home

although I have done very little real work yet. I have been rooming at 3631 Walnut for the last week but have not been very well satisfied here and expect to go to 3706 Spruce tomorrow.

So you can send your next letter to 3706 Spruce.

My room here is a fair room, but my chief objection is that ^{it} get no sun at all during the day, and it is disposed to make it a little dark.

The people in the house are very nice, it was the chief reason I took the room, but I think the women at 3706 is just as nice, and keep the house just as well.

Neither of them take boarders which is usually of advantage to the roomers, although not quite so handy some times.

Will write about my other room when I move, expect to move tomorrow.

Have not unpacked my trunk, so have felt rather

Mary has a very nice room
and boarding place and
it is only a couple of
blocks from my room.
Yesterday afternoon we went
down town, called to see
Myrtle Walker at the office
she is employed in, and
as it was a little after four,
we asked Myrtle if she
could not get off for the
day and go along to
Camden. Mary and I

My dear Mamma -
I have just come
~~over~~ over to my room and
now while waiting for
bell to ring for tea will
start a letter to you.
Mary has written to Clementine
and I told her I wanted
to add some.
I was over in her room
this afternoon until about
a half an hour ago.

Mr. Reamer who as best
I can figure out, is ^{the} greatest
striker, called for her about
four to ^{go} some to an
afternoon service, and I
think they are going some
place tonight.

I suppose you are
anxious to know all about
her numerous beaux
but as I expect she will
read this, I will have to

wait until I get home to
tell you.

We went to hear Dr. Wood
this morning and we usual
heard a very good sermon.
We have been having quite
a full week and I
have enjoyed having
Mary here so much.
I usually go over there in
the evening, and a couple
of afternoons I took off
this week.

not keep her waiting any longer.
With much love to all
Your affectionate son
John.

had spoken of going over
to Camden before just for
the boat ride & to see the
river full of ice, as the
Delaware is at present.
Mytie had no trouble in
getting off and we all
enjoyed our little voyage
and stayed only a few
minutes in Camden.
After ~~then~~ we came back
we called on John McAllen
at the St. Elmo for a short

time.
He is looking very well
and says the insurance
business agrees with him.
He walked up the street
with us for several
~~squares~~ squares and
left us at Hallahan's
shoe store on eighth street
where Mary purchased a
pair of shoes.

The supper bell has just
rung so will finish later.

6,16 P.M.

Supper is over and Mary has
just come over to the room.
She is waiting until I
finish and then we will
go over to her room before
going to church.

This letter is some what
mixed up and I don't
know just what all Mary
has written you, so I
will take it for granted that
she has given you all
the other news and

I borrowed a pair of skates
but suppose mine will be
here by tomorrow at least,
although I don't expect to
have much time for skating
now for the next three weeks.
Went down to Vanamakers
and had gloves exchanged
on Friday evening, but have
not got Clarence's fixed
up for mailing yet.

I concluded to change mine
for brown kids, thought they

Sunday Evening
Nine Thirty

My dear Mamma:

Was so glad to get
your letter last night,
as I was a little afraid
you might not write in
time for it to reach me
last week.

Joe Park and I started to
church this morning and
met Cham. Flickinger coming
out, but he went along back

to church with us and then
came out for dinner and
stayed most of the afternoon.
I told him I suppose he knew
of the wedding, when it was
to be etc, but he said he
did not know it was to be
so soon.

Rather think he feels pretty
bad over it although he knew
it was to be, and guess that
he and Edith came to an
understanding when he was
home.

He was telling me that Edith
was going to build a house
in Greenacastle for rent.

I think if I were she I would
let the people in Greenacastle
forget me as soon as possible
and forget them.

Have been working most of
the time since coming back
but took a couple of hours
off yesterday afternoon to go
skating.

Allan and I went but did
not find the skating very fine

Joe. Park is boarding now
over here, and it is pleasant
for both of us.

Must now close as I
want to get to bed early.

With much love

Your affectionate
Joe John.

would perhaps not get
dirty so soon or at least
show the dirt so soon. I
guess you will not care.
Does Mary want me to send
her cold cream jar or shall
I keep it for her until she
comes down?

Am glad to hear that you
are keeping such good hours
in the morning.
Seven thirty is about the time
I have been eating breakfast

since coming back and I
intend to stick to it during
this month at least, and I
hope all the rest of the term.
Although my lunch was cold
on Wednesday evening I enjoyed
it, and I always do, a lunch
from home is much more
than a sandwich which I
used to get, just on the train.
I am glad to hear that you
and Papa have taken my old
room for I think you will

be so much more comfortable
there, and if you get in
the habit of looking after the
fire it will be very little
trouble.

My biggest trouble was forgetting
it, but with a couple weeks
experience, don't think I
would have much trouble
along that line.

Allan received the mileage
book which Papa forwarded
to him and came to the city
Friday evening.

him something to read while
I write to you.

He says that Archie Alexander
is all right again and
going to lectures and work
as usual.

I was glad to hear of Mary's
pleasant trip to Kenilworth, and
of the excellent shape which
Prof. Benchoff found the
Frammelthorpe High School in
under the Principalship of
Miss Mary Gordon.

I expect again next winter

Sunday evening 3/10
3702 Locust St.

My dearest Mamma:

I am going to write to
you now so that if anything
turns up later in the evening
I will not have my letter broken
in on as it happened last
Sunday night.

Tom Park has been out in the
room for several hours and
is going to stay for supper
with me and I have given

Many will be in demand in the County.
I was up at Henderson's a few minutes
today just after church to ask them
to go to hear Robt. Speer tonight, and
saw the rest of the family. They were
asking me, especially Charlie how Mary
liked her teaching. Said they were surprised
when they heard it.
We had an ideal day for the Harvard
-Penn game yesterday, and of course
I enjoyed it even if Pennsylvania
did loose. To tell the truth I do not
find my love for Pennsylvania getting
any stronger than when I first came
here, and I guess it never will, so that
a defeat in foot-ball ^{does} not ~~not~~ affect
me as it does most of the boys, and
while I can not see next Saturday's
Yale-Princeton game at New Haven a
defeat for Princeton will make me feel
much bluer than for Pennsylvania's did
yesterday, but I think we will win.

she had to get back before
it was too late. But you can
see we had a pretty full
day. Clem had invited me
to go along back and
spend Sunday with them
but I did, ^{not Charles & I} could take the
time or money just now,
although of course such
good company back was
quite an inducement!!

I did not catch any cold, at
all, at least I have not
noticed any today. I was glad

"Mollie" came in the morning
got here about ten o'clock
and as she had never
been in Philadelphia before
I took her to see some
of the sights of the town,
up to the tower of City hall,
Independence hall etc,
and then came out
here for the game in the
afternoon.

We went to Keith's for a little
while after dinner in the evening
but did not stay very long of

however that I had ~~put~~ ^{putting} heavy
underclothes ~~to~~ ^{the} heaviest suit and overcoat
for it was a much colder day than we
had earlier in the week, but just the
kind of a day for foot-bell, where you
always expect shiver a little.
You have not said anything about
your trip to the city lately. I hope you
have not given it up for this fall.
Mrs Baxter said ~~you~~ she could make
a place for you here if you would come
down. She has had ~~a~~ trouble also getting
a girl, but says now that she has a
good woman engaged to come this
week. Her sister, that is, Mrs. Baxter's
sister from Alabama was here last
week for a few days, and as most
Southern people, is a great talker.
I will need a check again for \$25.00
or \$30.00 at your next regular time for
writing if Father can send it.
It is now supper ^{time} so will close
With much love from affectionate
son