



Feb. 12th



Feb. 14th

Guyton, Ga.,
Feb. 11, 1941.



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Dear Son:

as tomorrow will be Lincoln's Birthday and as the day after the day after tomorrow will be Saint Valentine's Day I am using the flags and the heart above.

Your mother is writing a letter to you right now and I am sure she will tell you about the Valentine we mailed you today. I took the box to the depot and Mr. Henry Wheeler mailed it on the 6:50 P. M. train.

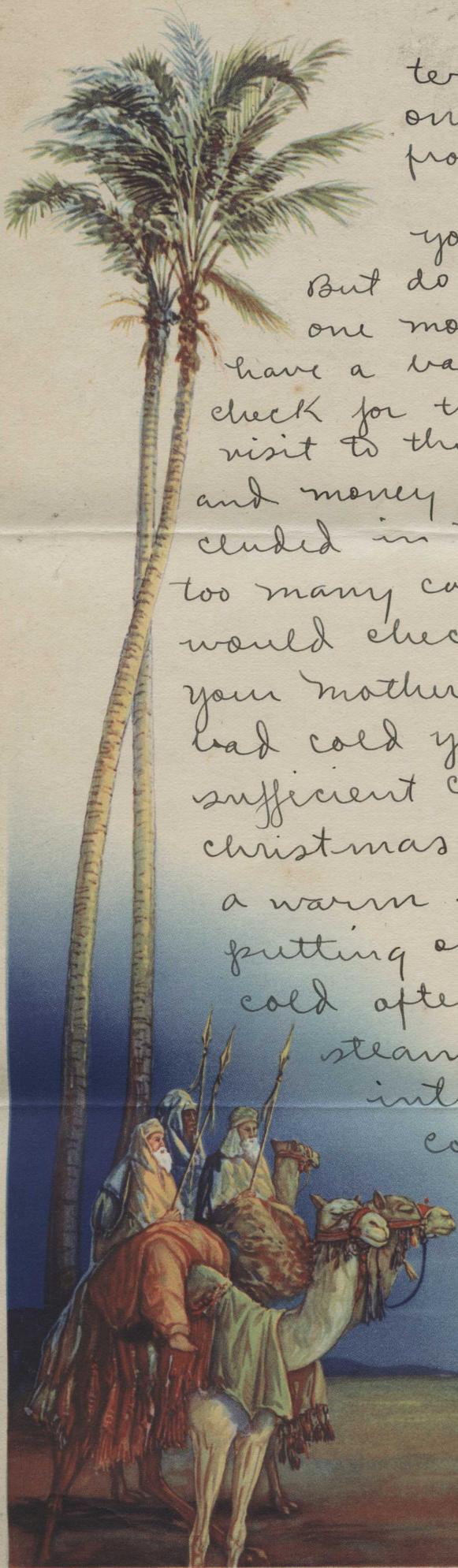
Please let me know what time it reaches you. You know they say that "variety is the spice of life" - hence this variety of stationery.

Perhaps you recall we have a south bound train at ~~6:05~~ 7:05 A. M. - it is from Atlanta. I went to the P. O. hoping a letter would come from you. But no letter. Our next train comes at 8:16 A. M. It is from Savannah. I went back to the P. O. and your letter written Sunday night was there. I want to urge you to not fail to write regularly for your mother feels blue when your letters do not come. Incidentally your Father is always delighted when he finds a letter from you and I will have to confess that I feel quite flat

tered that you have more than
once said you wanted to hear
from him.

We are quite sorry to hear that
you have been in the infirmary.
But do not neglect a cold. Do not hesitate
one moment to go to the infirmary, if you
have a bad cold. We mailed you today a
check for the expense incurred ~~for~~ by your
visit to the infirmary. Travel expense home
and money for fruit juices ~~were~~ ^{was} also in-
cluded in the check. Son, you have had
too many colds this winter. I wish you
would check up on the cause for these.
You mother and I have not had even one
bad cold yet. I felt you were not wearing
sufficient clothes when you were home
Christmas. You know that to go from
a warm room out into the cold without
putting on the proper protection for the
cold often causes colds. Going from ~~a~~
steam heated buildings as you have
into freezing or below temperatures
could be causing your colds.

Please consult the nurse or
doctor and see if you can-
not find out the causes
for your too numerous
colds so far this
winter. Thanks!





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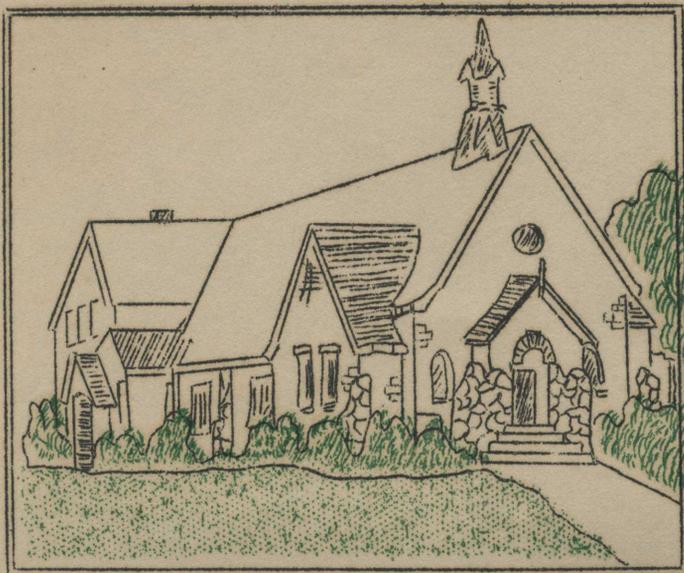
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We were delighted to hear the reports of your work in connection with the Youth Revival. I mailed you today my copy of J.H. Jowett's book "The Passion for Souls." Please let me know if it reached you all right.

Your grades on your report card were a keen disappointment to your mother and me. I am pleased to hear that you are doing better work this semester. Please remember your resolve and keep it up until the end of the year. You ^{know} they say that "a Bird that can sing and won't sing ought to be sent to Sing Sing." Have you forgotten that you said you were going to be one of the highest 10 in your class - in fact you said it would not be bad to be in the upper 10 of 800. That would be good, but I feel sure you are far from that. Of course you cannot fail to appreciate what the Margaret Fund has done for you and us. If you do not do better this second semester they may not grant the Margaret Fund for next year. You can do what you said you were going to do: Please



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PREACHING DAYS—

SECOND AND THIRD SUNDAYS

take advantage of this very excellent opportunity that is yours. You can neglect your work from day to day and then a few days before exams cram and pass your courses; but it is infinitely better to get up your work day by day and then before examinations really review the semester's work and get a conception of it as a whole.

Then I want you to improve your handwriting. You are a college man now, but your hand writing still looks like a high school student. I would suggest you make your capitals smaller and try to improve both capitals and small letters. If you do not improve it now or very soon - it will be too late and you will go through life writing a rather scrawly hand.

You are - in a way - on your own. We are not there to see how you do your work. Are you doing your voice practice every day? You know that some practice every day will produce better results than longer periods of practice done irregularly.

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TEACHING DAYS

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY



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I have read with deep interest all you have written about Lib. now as "man to man" let me urge you to go slow and as David Crockett said, I would say:

"Remember this when I am dead, " Be sure you're right, then go ahead.

when I was a child we did not have "girl friends" but play-mates. my first play-mate was Dora C. She was my only pre-school "girl play-mate". In the 1st grade, my 1st sweetheart was Mary H. In the 5th & 6th ~~th~~ grade, it was Annie Mae C. In the 7th grade and for several years after it was Lily C. She was the first one that I seriously thought of marrying. But when I went off to high school, she went off to ^{college} Brenau. In a very short time, I was disillusioned. She did not continue in college. She disillusionment was 100% plus. The whole time I was in Mercer I was looking for some one to love. It was not until my graduation day that I became interested in Sarah Frances F. We were sweet hearts for 4 years - we had known each other for 8 years. at the close of my second year in the Seminary she and I became engaged. We had expected and planned to be married in June in 1918

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and our honey moon was to have been to Japan in the fall of 1918. The engagement was broken in march of 1918. I went to Japan — alone! I had expected to remain single for 7 years — at least and I rather thought I would never marry at all. As you may recall, I reached Japan Oct. 2nd, 1918. and you know I married your mother in Yokohama Aug. 30th, 1919. Nearly every fellow when he has a disappointing love affair, feels that it is all over. I have had friends who have confided ^{to} me their feelings.

Dr. Louie D. Newton had such an experience in the fall of 1913. On Oct. 10th, 1913, Dr. Newton wrote me the following letter:

"Dear N.F.:

your letter came last night. I appreciated it more than you can ever know. Just as you must know, I have been through no small experience — and I have the consolation that I have done what was best. No man who has passed through — a like experience will doubt my word when I say that of all times, it is then when a friend is really needed. Therefore your letter was a balm that I was fortunate to enjoy.

"It is all over and I am happy in wishing for her the very best in her wedded life. With all her mistakes she is — a sweet girl.

"N.F., I shall be glad to look to the future for a home, but I somehow fear it is all over with me. Any way I am happy in knowing that I have been true and that I have tried to make life thus far

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mean as much as I could to everyone I met. This shall be my incentive for the future.

"I will write you more later."
newt.

You have been in Dr. Newton's home and have met his wife and 2 daughters. But from the above letter you will see how he felt when the girl he loved married another man. Dear Boy, don't you worry! "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord." I know whereof I speak.

Of course you recall Proverbs 3:6: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths." you see it says: In "all" thy ways. One of my favorite quotations is the following one from Adam Bede: "Adam," she said, "it is the Divine Will. My soul is so knit to yours that it is but a divided life I live without you. and this moment, now you are with me, and feel that our hearts are filled with the same love, I have a fullness of strength to bear - and do our heavenly Father's will, that I had lost before." Adam paused and looked into her sincere, loving eyes. "Then we'll never part any more, Dinah, till death parts us".

and they kissed each other with a deep joy. What greater thing is there for two human souls, than to feel that they are joined for life - to strengthen each other in all labor, to rest on each other in all sorrow, to minister to each other in all pain, to be one

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with each other in silent unspeakable memories at the moment of the last parting?"

[It is now 5-5-41. It is the Boys' Festival in Japan - the 5th day of the 5th month. I put your name and the date by my quotations and the "5-5-41" - reminded me of the Boys' Festival. The Girls' Festival is the 3rd day of the 3rd month - as you no doubt recall.]

"The moment of the last parting" reminds me of the last 2 stanzas of Henry Van Dyke's - "God of the Open Air":

"These are the things I prize
and hold of dearest worth:

Light of the sapphire skies,
Peace of the silent hills.

Shelter of fountains, comfort of the grass,
music of birds, murmur of little rills,
Shadow of clouds that swiftly pass,

and, after showers,

the smell of flowers

and of the good brown earth, -

and next of all, along the way, friendship and mirth.

"So let me keep

these treasures of the humble heart
In true possession, owning them by love;
and when at last I can no longer move

among them freely, but must part
From the green fields and from the waters clear,

Let me not creep

Into some darkened room and hide

From all that makes the world so bright and dear;

But throw the windows wide

so welcome in the light;

and while I clasp a well-beloved hand,

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"Let me once more have sight

of the deep sky and the far-smiling land, —
Then gently fall on sleep,

* { and breathe my body back to nature's care,
my spirit out to thee, 'God of the open air' "

* Ecclesiastes 12:7: "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

is
The following, from Ralph Connor's — "The Major".

"To love a sweet, pure woman, sweet and pure as the flowers out here [the Great Northwest] to love her with every bit of my heart, with every fibre of my soul, that is the finest thing that can come to a man."

"The welcome to the Gwynne home was without fuss or effusiveness but had the heart-quality that needs no noisy demonstration."

"She has that beauty that shines from within, a beauty that never fades but grows with every passing year."

"She has such a good heart and that is why Jane will never lose her charm."

and now let me give you Walter Rauschenbusch's "Prayer for all True Lovers":

"We praise Thee for the great longing that draws the soul of man and maid together and bids them leave all the dear bonds of the past to cleave to one another --- We thank thee for the transfiguring power of love which ripens and ~~envelops~~ ennobles our nature, calling forth the hidden stores of tenderness and strength and overcoming the selfishness of youth by the passion of self-

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"We pray thee to make their love strong, holy, and deathless, that no misunderstandings may fray the bond, and no gray disenchantment of the years may have power to quench the heavenly light that now glows in them. May they early gain wisdom to discern the true values of life, and may no tyranny of fashion and no glamour of cheaper joys filch from them the wholesome peace and inward satisfaction which only loyal love can give.

"Grant them with sober eyes to look beyond these sweet days of friendship to the generations yet to come, and to realize that the home for which they long will be part of the sacred tissue of the body of humanity in which thou art to dwell, that so they may reverence themselves and drink the cup of joy with awe".

No doubt you recall hearing me say that during the 40 years that I went to school off and on I had only 3 brilliant, "born" teachers - for I hold that "real" teachers are like poets - they, too, are born and not made. Of those 3 teachers - and they were - Prof. Steed - English Teacher at Mercer, Dr. Carver - Teacher of Jr. Greek and Comparative Religions and Missions, Louisville Seminary - I hope ~~he~~ is still teaching when you get there and Dr. Fleming - Political Science, Vanderbilt, - as I was saying - of those 3 Prof. Steed was in some

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ways no. 1. I remember at Y.M.C.A. one night - and we had it every night after supper - Prof. Steed read those famous lines from Tennyson and made a talk about "the maiden Love for a maid". Those lines are "The classic" on that subject and I want to include them: [and opposite them I have C.W.S. -

Prof Steed's initials]:

"In that fair Order of my Table Round,
 A glorious company, the flower of men,
 To serve as model for the mighty world,
 and be the fair beginning of a time.
 I made them lay their hands in mine and swear
 To reverence the King, as if he were
 Their conscience, and their conscience as their King,
 To break the heathen and uphold the Christ,
 To ride abroad redressing human wrongs,
 To speak no slander, no, nor listen to it,
 To honor his own word as if his God's,
 To lead sweet lives in purest chastity,
 To love one maiden only, cleave to her,
 and worship her by years of noble deeds,
 until they won her; for indeed I knew
 of no more subtle master under heaven
 than is the maiden passion for a maid,
 not only to keep down the base in man,
 But teach high thought, and amiable words
 and courtliness, and the desire of fame
 and love of truth, and all that makes a man."

C. Silvester Horn - and I have in my library his book - "The Romance of Preaching" - you must read it sometime - in his "Sermon to Lovers" said, "Save your heart for the one woman whom you will find some day, and who

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will want it, and expect it and deserve it all. And, young women, the same. Do not make the vocabulary of love commonplace, not talk it with everybody. Do not try even to approximate to the dialect. Save it as a unique and sovereign speech to be spoken freely one day to him who holds the key.

* * * * *

"and as I said before, keep your thoughts chaste, and the treasure of your heart secure until you break your alabaster box of precious ointment in token of reverent affection for the one whom God hath sent you."

Incidentally, Dear Son, God sent your mother to me all the way from Savannah, Ga. to Yokohama, Japan.

Some Sunday afternoon or Sunday night or at one of your "Bull Sessions" - read the 24th chapter of Genesis - and see how God brought Rebekah to Isaac.

If you have forgotten what S.D. Gordon says in his "Quiet Talks on Home Ideals" in answer to the question "How can I be sure of finding my other answering self?" with more emphasis on that word "sure" than voice or underscoring of pen can tell. - read pages 72 to 78 again that would make another good subject for discussion at one of your "Bull Sessions".

"Visions came to him that afternoon in the darkness, visions in which his poverty was forgotten or mattered not at all. Visions of a Christmas - Eve in a home that he had earned, of a tree, of a girl-woman, of a child on a still and holy night"

author Unknown.

Now that you have found The Right One - and

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you will find her if you follow Prov. 3:6, Genesis 24 and S.D. Gordon's Home Ideals; What does it mean to be married? I'll let Myrtle Reed tell you what she thinks as expressed in: "A Spinner in the Sun":

"Mr. Thorpe," she demanded eagerly, "what is it to be married?"

"To be married," repeated Austin Thorpe, dreamily, his eyes fixed upon a firefly that flitted, star-like, near the rose, "is, I think, the nearest this world can come to heaven".

"Oh" cried Araminta in astonishment, "what does it mean?"

"It means," answered Thorpe softly, that a man and a woman whom God meant to be mated have found each other at last. It means that there is no depth into which you can go alone, that one other hand is always in yours; trusting, clinging, tender, to help you bear whatever comes.

"It means that the infinite love has been given, in part, to you, for daily strength and comfort. It is a balm for every wound, a spur for every lagging, a sure dependence in every weakness, a belief in every doubt. The perfect being is neither man nor woman, but a merging of dual natures into a united whole. To be married gives a man a woman's tenderness; a woman, a man's courage. The long years stretch before them, and what lies beyond no one can say but they face it smiling and serene, because they are together".

Just opposite the above quotation I see two poems (?) you will notice I neither give the author nor use quotation marks. They date from about 1907 or 1908.

night

night and the stars are lit
 In the great dome,
 softly - their lamps illumine

my pathway home.

night and my weary feet
 turn from their quest
 Swift as a mother-bird
 goes to her nest.

night and the heart of me
 calls for its mate,
 my eager thoughts outrun
 my stumbling gait.

Rest.

The noise of traffic dies away
 and gently comes the close of day;
 my mind now turns to thoughts of rest -
 To Home, to Her whom I love best.

my sweetheart waits to greet me there,
 Her love doth vanish all my care,
 and when, at last, Her smile I see
 Then I'm as happy as happy can be.

now having found the Right one, let's have
 a few thoughts on HOME.

But wait a minute: Here is "something"
 "else" with which I do not have to use
 quotation marks:

He's Growing.
 (to the tune of "old Black Joe")
 (with apologies to the meter)

WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, February 22, 1941.

New Providence Baptist Church,

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BARBECUE

On Church Ground AT Log Cabin

1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Tickets 50 cents.

Children's Program - (Church Grounds)

Games

From 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

8:00 PM

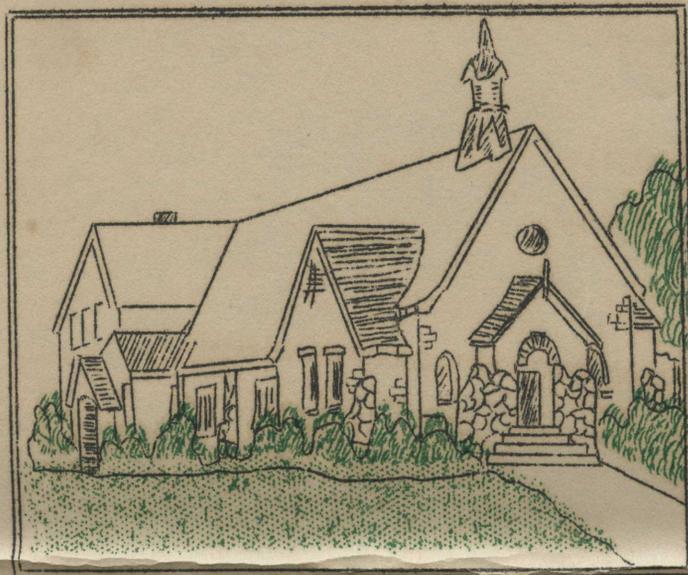
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Rev. Norman F. Williamson.....Master of Ceremonies.
Accompanist.....Mrs. Lois Horton.
Prelude.....
Song.....America.....By Audience.
Invocation.....Rev. W. H. Hobbs.
Song.....God Bless America.....By Junior Choir.
Song.....Male Quartette.
Introduction of Speaker.....Rev. Frederick P. Loman.
Patriotic Address by.....Mr. E. N. Upshaw of Savannah, Ga.
Song by AudienceGod be with you till we Meet again.
Benediction.....Rev. A. T. Lutrey.

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Barbecue: Monroe Kennedy
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Dedicated to "Sonny Boy" by "His Proud Father"

gone are the days when Sonny would stay put,
now I sometimes find his head is at the foot;
and his dear feet, so very, very sweet,
are quietly and gently resting on his pillow neat.

Chorus.

He's growing; He's growing,
He's changing very fast,
His clothes he out-grows, his toys he destroys,
nothing long will last.

135 Kyomachi Kumamoto.
May 7th, 1924.

P.S. No. 1. The above poem (?) was composed in
the bath-room this morning while I was shaving.

P.S. No. 2. Sonny Boy not only has a tooth now,
but he wears "galluses" [NOT RED ONES] ⁵⁻⁵⁻⁴¹ to hold
up his pants. I sent the above to Miss Florence
Walne + she wrote: "Don't write any more poetry
when you are shaving."

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now for some thoughts of Home:

"Home is the great training school of life for parents as well as for children. It is not merely a place to eat and sleep; any boarding-house can provide that. The ideal home is a community of congenial spirits, a place of inspiration, comfort, rest of spirit as well as of body. Here dwell together two who have chosen each other as comrades in the complex problem of living, to share their fare, their mirth, their troubles, to give cheer in distress, encouragement in struggle, ambition for achievement, sympathy in trial and happiness, friendly criticisms to refine; and to cooperate in their mutual desire, responsibility, joys, and trials of rearing - a family."

- Mary L. Read, B.S.,

In the Mothercraft manual.

Son, I am glad you play the flute, I am delighted that you have a good voice and I am deeply grateful for your talent and taste for good music. In the one novel which Sidney Lanier wrote at the age of twenty-five, he makes one of his characters say: "To make a HOME out of a household, - given the raw materials - to wit, wife, children, a friend or two, and a house - two other things are necessary. These are a good fire and good music. and inasmuch as we can do without the fire for half the year, I may say music is the one essential." Late explorers say they have found some nations that have no God; but I have not read of any that had no music." "music means harmony, harmony means love, love means - God." [You recall Ralph Waldo Trine's book: "In tune with

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[Suppose we have a bit of Christmas and New Year
as we think of the cherry fire and all-important music]



The Infinite".

"Asger Hamvik, his Director for six years in the
Peabody Symphony Orchestra of Baltimore said: "It was
indeed irresistible that he should ~~turn~~ turn with these
poetical feelings which transcend language to the pene-
trating gentleness of The Flute, or the infinite passion of
the violin, for there was an argument, a spiritual cor-
respondence between his nature and theirs, so that
they mutually absorbed and expressed each other".

* * * * *

"High above all the evils of the world he lived in a
realm of ideal serenity, as if it were the business of life
to conquer difficulties"

- think - memorial to Sidney Lanier.

In this, the nicest compliment ever paid you on your
flute playing was the remark of the Reverend A. Barnum
Hawkes who dubbed you - "a Sidney Lanier, Junior".

Reverting once more to the subject of wife and
successful courtship, let me write what three good
friends wrote me:

Apr. 19, 1920, Dr. Levy L. Carpenter [now teacher of Bible at
Baylor University] wrote: "We are as happy as happy can
be in our new home in Greensboro, N.C. The church started
the erection of a parsonage on the very day that we were
married, and we moved into it Jan. 1st, 1920. —
We used to talk over our love affairs, you remember, [that
was at the Seminary - Louisville] and you always believed
in the leadership of the Lord. Well, I am absolutely certain
that our Father led us together, after He had "prepared
us for each other". (S.D. Gordon). We have a copy of

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Gordon's book, "Home Ideals", and we read it together occasionally.

In a bit less than 2 months - June 10, 1920, - came this extract from Dr. Walne's letter. He was living in Shimonoeki:

"Apropos a statement which you made in a recent letter, I quote as follows:

~~of~~ "What is there in the vale of life
Half so delightful as a wife,
When friendship, love, and peace combine,
To stamp the marriage bond divine?
The stream of pure and genuine love
Derives its current from above;
and earth, - a second Eden shows,
where'er the healing water flows." {poetry

"This may not be much in the way of {poverty, but
you and I can bear glad testimony to the soundness of
Comper's sentiment".

Richard Blount

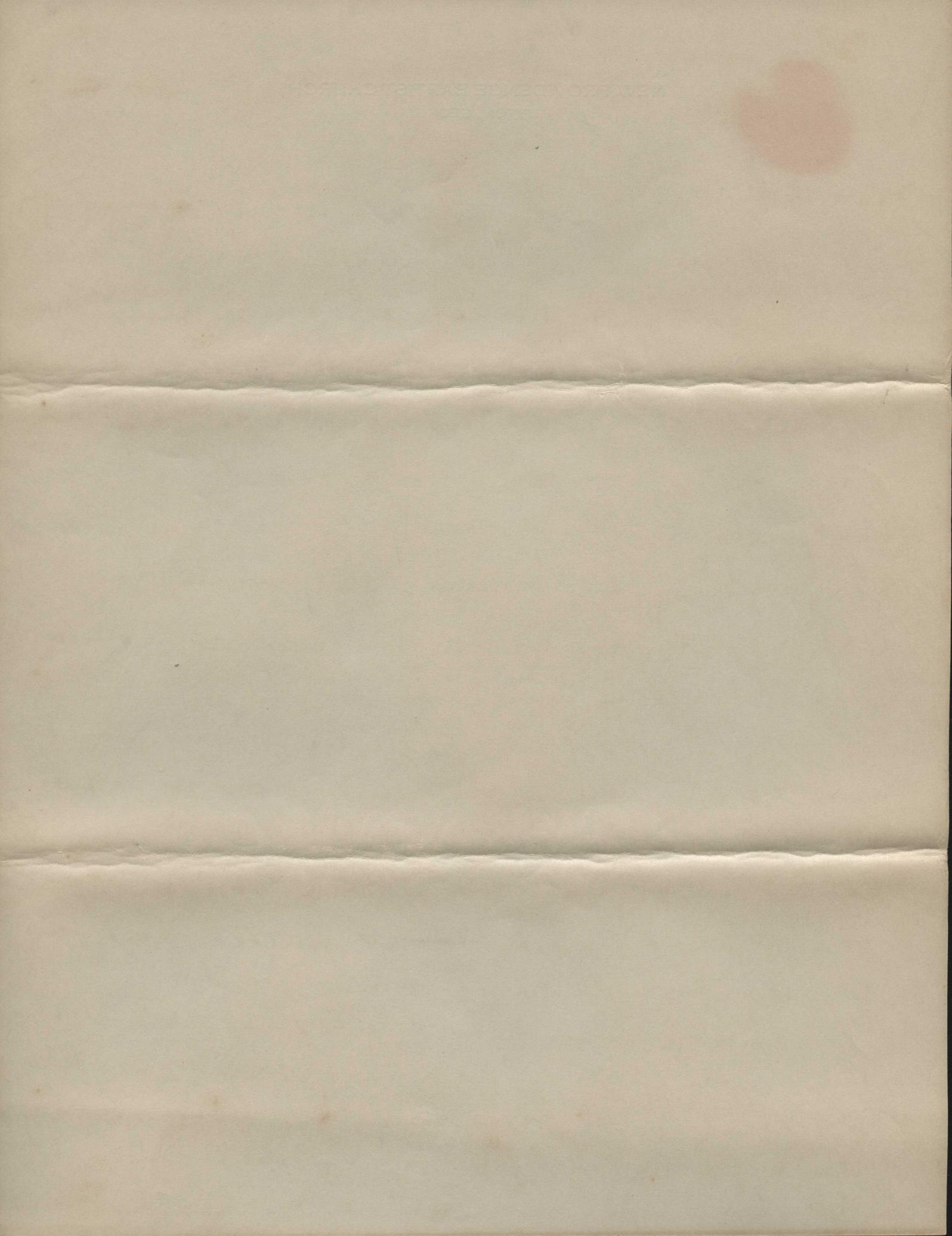
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Dear "Little Boy": It is 5:37 Sunday morning
May 18. I am in the living room seated
where I can get the view out of our front door.
Just over the Log Cabin and the trees back
of it there is a delicate pink glowing an-
nouncing the Dawn of a new Day. I am
in one of the big living room chairs and
am writing on mana's ply-wood, lap
board. The birds are singing as they usually
do just before sun-rise.

When I was a "Little Boy" my mother
and I on Sunday morning used to sit on
our back steps and have heart-to-heart
talks like you and mana sometimes do -
only you + mana ~~some~~ usually talk un-
til the wee-small-hours.

Perhaps you know that it is said that
Hawthorne never read one of his wife's letters
without first washing his hands. So
since I was to finish up this letter to
my Only Son I washed my hands - and





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my face in lux toilet soap.

We are delighted that you are coming home this week & not next week. ac-

cording to your last letter you, ~~you~~ are to arrive in Springfield next Wed. night at 8 11 P.M. If there is any change in time of arrival, you will wire us.

Just name the time and place - and you know we'll be there to meet you. I have asked Mr. Elkins to have his truck there

for your trunk. I have asked Mr. Dutton to begin ^{next mid. afternoon} leaving a quart of

milk each day for you. He has Jersey cows. His milk is good. Mrs. Dutton's

milk has the "color and charm of nat-

ural gold" and even their cream when whipped has a golden glow. You shall

have whipped cream for your "8 o'clock coffee" and your Strawberry ^{made with Angel Food cake} short cake.

The Irish Potatoe market opens in

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spring-field next week. Mr. Lee, the Dodge man here in Gwynton, said for us to come to see him. He thought he could use you.

corinth church and Turkey Branch church - are without a pastor. They are to decide today whether or not you are to supply for them the 1st + 2nd Sundays in June. Dr. W. A. Talliaferro, pastor of Bull St Ch. Savannah, is to be away the 1st Sunday in June. He told mama + me last Monday he might let you or me supply for him - and he added if I did, I had to give you the check. [It would probably be \$25.00]. We have asked all of our connections, ^{in Thomas county} to look for a job for you. They feel sure you ~~are~~ ^{can} get something.

We plan to move as near June 12th as one of Bill Watkins Trailer Trucks can stop by to pick ^{up} our things. Bill has only 28 trucks. He hauls to

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Washington D.C. & New York. He said one of his trucks on the ^{return} trip from N.Y. could easily stop. It will be free gratis for nothing. The Savannah Co. made us a price of \$75.00, all arrangements have been made. We are to live in ~~the~~ Uncle Edwin's house in Mitalgi. Rent \$6.00 per month. Can you imagine it? ~~We~~ We paid \$35.00 per mo. in Macon.

Dr. Brown sent me to the specialist in Savannah, Dr. J.C. Metts. They have sentenced me to 12 mos. hard manual labor on the farm - fortunately not the County Farm or State Farm - perhaps longer - to raise vegetables, ~~or~~ flowers and chickens. I have enlarged that to vegetables, Carnations, Pansies, Japonicas - [Chandeleri Elegans, Idemè, Prof. Sargent, Double Bunk, semi-double red, variegated pink & white, Red & white and pure white] asparagus fern, and all varieties of maiden hair fern, chickens, Turkeys & Ducks.

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If we can buy a farm, the Firm will be "The Sir Salahad Nurseries + Poultry Farm". If we go in with Uncle Geo. + Aunt Letta the style of the Firm will be: "Williamson, Swift + Co." I am to be Pres., Uncle Geo. Vice Pres, Aunt Letta, Sec. and Maria, Treas. eggs

I took two settings of turkeys ^{to} Aunt Letta. She + Aunt Ruth are going to set them. They take 4 weeks. They ought to be coming off just as we get them. I want to buy some polts. I am going to ~~also~~ specialize - you have to special these days - in Black Giant Texas Turkeys - Mrs. Lewis gave me a setting - turkey eggs sell for 25¢ per piece - Vermont Bronze - Bourbon Reds + a variety of white turkeys - again variety is the spice of life. If successful, we will have turkey + cranberry sauce - not only ~~only~~

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on Thanksgiving + Xmas; but on New's Year,
my Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, Valentines
Day, Washington's Birthday, Lee's Birthday,
Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Mma's
Birthday, The 4th of July, Your Birthday,
every time you come home - Spring vaca-
tion etc - but no hitch-hiking home,
remember - and Labor Day. But all
friends + advisers say - also Confucius
say: "Don't count your Turkeys before
they hatch. But all such warnings
are like water on a duck's back." -
"That's me all over, Mabel - as you well
know. [Of course we will have turkey
on our wedding anniversaries; that will
give us 2 turkeys in Aug.]

now for a bit of Day dreaming
or air castle building: "He that builds
no castles in the air builds no
castles anywhere". We want you to

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Marshall

P.S. Please don't throw this away. Being at home with you as I want to read it again - myself.

go back, and graduate - one of the highest
 ten - next ~~get~~ year - get your A.B at Munc.
 your M.A. at Yale, Th. M. & Th. D. at Louis-
 ville. But between your Th. M. & Th. D.
 I hope you will get your MRS - ^{one} "just
 like the girl that married Dear old Dad"
 and see to it that she is a good accom-
 panist - that summer - we'll all 4
 go to Palestine for Dr. Adams' Seminar
 - and on the return home will spend a
 month on the mountains over looking
 Lake Lucerne. and when I shall have
 held in my arms Norman Francis
 Williamson the third, like Simeon, of
 old, I shall say: "now lettest thou thy
 servant depart, Lord, according to thy word,
 in peace; For mine eyes have seen" -
 end quote - My Grand Son,
 my heart's best love, best wishes and
 best Prayers - Sincerely - Daddy.

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