Clarksburg Ohio
Dec 18th/08

Hello My Friend & Mr Railey
yours at Hand a week ago &
please pardon my delay in
answering your letter my
reason for not writeing before
this time was that I have been
waiting for to get my photoes
so that I could send you
a picture I heard to-day
that the photographer has been
sick and could not get my work
ready for a few days yet but
soon as I get them I shall
send you a pictur so dont get
discouraged & say by the way you
ought to see my nice Birthday
present I Rec= a nice willow basket

Rocker now I dont know what
Old Father Chris will send
me yet I think he Ought send
me a nice present for I have
been a real good Girl to Ans=
all of his Questions You dont
you think So I never send any
Ans but Naturally like to Rec=
about Xmas time?
I will now close for it is all
most Mail time write me a
nice long letter in Ans= to This

I Remain your Friend
and wishing you a Happy
Xmas and a Successive
New year
good Bye

Laura J. Toole Box 79
Clarksburg Ohio

Fredom. Ky
Dec. 24th 1909

Mr R. W. Bailey.
Tompkinsville, Ky.

Dear Mr Bailey:- your very interesting pipine received Monday. This gloomy morning I will answer. Oh! ex is raining to beat the Jews. I am glad you enjoyed yourself. I was glad indeed to see you. I sure think you are flattering me I never saw the day I looked

"Pretty" Raymond and I are having a fine time. We went Snail hunting yesterday afternoon. You people will have a bad night for your Xmas tree. Old Santa Claus also will have a bad time to visit the good little children. Raymond & I think he will forget there is a little boy and girl at Grandpas ha! ha!

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Grandmother has been my sick boy since you left me. And I don't think she is better.

Yes, I will try and mail your letters just before the stage goes out you write me this stuff. And tell all that is going on in Portland.

I will write as often as I can. It won't be good for me if some boy finds out.

I wish you a Merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely Your friend

"Pudge"

resource for a picture unless we go to Owensboro 26 miles from here. Please dont pay any attention to what is on the back of my photo it was intended for any bodys eyes before your own. If you dont like my looks and dont wish to correspond I will kindly ask you to burn my letters as they might get hold of them here and I dont want them to see them. I dont think they will get hold of any more of them. I dont write a letter like you gentlemen can, brief and to the point, so I know you are getting tired of this will close hoping to get a lengthy reply at your earliest convenience. Your sincere friend.

Alberta Howe.

I have written this in a hurry I am going to help iron this morning the irons have been heated an hour. A. H.

Newport, Ky.
Dec. 5 - 1903.

Kind Friend.—

Your letter reached me an hour ago, it reached this office Dec 3rd. and this is the 5th. I will return the envelop to show you the condition of my letter when I received it. The post office is across the street from our store we get our mail 5 or 6 times a day that shows it didnt lay in the office. The rest of the family generally get the mail they got this one and opened it. They can see by your envelop you are a Politician. They are mad at me

because they lost the office and cant get it back.

I looked for a letter from you until last Thursday eve. I decided you were not going to write to me so I returned your letter & photos, as I thought, and requested my letters returned, but I found a little later I had made a mistake and sent one of my photos in place of both yours I was writing to my Cousin Louisa Lusk in Moline, Ill. I didnt fix up her letter until next morning then I found out what I had done. Our only Artist is our neighbor a lady who has a little snap shot camera The features are tolerably good, but the expression is just terrible and my silk waist took horrible besides the picture being clouded and very poor work. She is the only

Monday Evening—
11/20—

Mr. Railey,

Your letter received Saturday, and contents noted, and really I do not know whether or not I might to write you. I wish that I did. As to the kindness you showed me in Tymbkins-ville you know I appreciated it then, but had I known why you granted me so many favors I would not have accepted

do not. I have believed you did, but now I do not. Maybe I will forget you, but I am making a poor start, you. There is one thing I would like to ask you to do, and that is this: do not take dinner at Mrs. Holland's next Saturday. Because some one will be there that you will not want to see.

them. Had I known that you did not intend to be true to me and the promise you made, I certainly never would have accepted a single favor at your hands, and you know it too. You know when I was up Tompkinsville there was a number of young men who wanted to call on me (Dr. Ray) and you know I gave them all up for you. You also know that I had a number of correspondents at other places, and you know at your request, I discontinued writing them. At your request I did all this! And now this is the way it all ends!

You taught me to love you and to love you as I never hoped to love any one, and now you tell my love like it was simply nothing. Of course you after all you have heard and done, what you have to say now that you love me, but of course I know you

If I have ever treated you cruelly I ask you to forgive me because I didn't mean to do so. I can't write now, my mind is all torn up. I can't think of anything. I have been sick for the last few days, and am badly crazy now. But some time when I have more sense I will write you fully.

Mary"

Lewisport, Ky.
Nov. 18 – 1903.

Mr. R. L. Railey,
Hopkinsville, Ky.

Kind Friend.–

I was agreeably surprised to day a letter from you I had almost decided you were not going to answer me, but

before you know how poor we are. Our home is valued at $1000 or $1200 store $600 and grocery stock of $600 or $800. all on most popular corner in our town. Two of the in lower part of town [illegible] a piece. We have a mortgage $350 but I dont know what herd will share in that or not mamma bought it mostly with her pension money. I have heard her say several times she was going to help her oldest children

really I am almost afraid to answer you I am so ignorant compared to you you will consider me a plebeian. I went to school regular and studied hard but I only attended two terms of high school. There has been three of our family schoolteachers two girls and one boy both girls have married and one

for it again. They found out they was about to lose the office then they tried to get me to take charge and to say I would be responsible. I just told them I couldn't or couldn't take [illegible] responsibilities under [illegible] I will not send my picture until I hear from you again. I think you are financially situated better than I and fear you will think me presumptuous if I send my picture

had one store in the
back part of a 50 ft store
he would get so cold and
was overworked too that he
only lived one year and a
half after Oscar began helping
him. At his death [illegible]
was transferred to Mamma [illegible]
~~knew~~ Oscar still her assistant
they just kept it one
month. Mr. Myers was an
applicant when Papa was
the last time and as soon
as Papa died he put in

died a year ago 12th
of this month and my
brother clerks in Haydens
store. My living sister
married Mr. Hopwood
from Ohio & Ind. He is town
Treasurer here now. My father
was appointed Post Master
in 1876 and held office con-
tinuously until his death
only 8 yrs of Clevelands
regime. He put me in
the office and grocery,

I being the oldest and
named for him, at nine
years of age after school
hours and during vacation
until I was 18 yrs of age
then I stopped school and
he made me his [illegible]
I stayed there until one year
and a half before his death.
One of the boys spent his
time we didn't know where
nor what doing about that
time so papa decided to

take him in the office
with him and try to keep
him at work. I was will-
ing, but I dont know
whether that was treating
me right or not. He was
[illegible] he was gone
most of the time after
he went in the office
papa had all the books
to keep all reports to
make out all the work
in Grocery he even had to
wash his face. He only

live and if I would marry
him the next letter I just must
decide if I would marry and
the third I must tell him when
I would. He wouldn't tell me
anything much about himself
so I quit. I had two offers while
I was in the post office [illegible]
but family troubles that [illegible]
worried me [illegible]
to stay with [illegible] I didn't
how it would terminate. [illegible]
about my picture I haven't any [illegible]
has been taken in the last year so
I will try our new artist tomorrow
and send you in next letter. If you
still wish to correspond. I can't write
pretty letters like you and I want you to
do most of the writing. I will close hoping
to hear from you at your earliest con-
venience. I remain as ever, Your friend
Alberta Howe.

Out of every thing she could
at her death as she dislikes
my sisters husband so much.
She won't let my sister
have a nickels worth out
of the store without she pays
for it. But I think she is
entitled to her share of the
[illegible] now. As long as I live
[illegible] anything I
[illegible] out of the grocery and
[illegible] per month to
[illegible] on. If I was to leave here
I couldn't get anything with-
out a racket until her death.
We do our own work. I do most
of the housecleaning the rest
of them do the cooking all but
I set the table three times

10 I am writing this at night & am getting cold

a day mamma & one of the girls was sick last winter two different times in the coldest weather we had and I did the cooking and last summer they were sick again I had it to do again. [illegible] girls at home oldest [illegible] [illegible] One of the [illegible] we have a good trade [illegible] have a 15 ft square shop [illegible] of the grocery we could rent for $4. per month but from Oct. to Apr. we have a good butchers trade in connection with the grocery. The boys clear on the average of $8 every week. Please excuse these blurs this time. I haven't saved much of my allowance Mrs. McGill our neighbor and the bank clerks wife, my sister Mrs. Hopwood and myself went shopping [illegible] about a month [illegible] all I had saved [illegible] letters [illegible] picture [illegible] the same paper I saw yours in. I dont know whether we will correspond any further or not yet. I had one correspondent in California he asked me in the first letter if I would be willing to go to Cal.

C/o G.D. Sta A. Indianapolis, Ind. 8/20/83

Mr. R. G. Railey
Tompkinsville, Ky.

Dear Brother:-

Your rec'd and contents noted. Sears, Roebuck & Co, Chicago Ills. has all kinds of books on the Liquor subj at low prices.

Write them for book catalogue and you will find a number of the best for that business.

I will leave Indianapolis Sunday 23rd on excursion to Ky.

My little girl is sick.

I have been hurt several times in the last few days. I will go down there and attend to affairs of my own. Cant say futher just now but my intention is to do the best I can, R.G. There is lots of time between this and the first of the year

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to consider. I am of the opinion that the flood of money will be at St Louis. I will put you on to a sure winner if you can be competent to do the work.

Many a rich man will go to St Louis and come away busted and busted fellows will go and come away with money.

All fools and green chaps will spend more or less to gaze and gape. The clever hustler will see them, make them happy and get them services for their money.

People are crowding there now and by Spring will be busted.

I will write you a long letter soon. Am glad Grover is at home.

Address me at Hustonville, Ky.

Your bro

J. P. Railey

CONGRESS

Fountain Run, Ky.
Aug. 3, 1903.

Mr. R. F. Bailey,
Tompkinsville, Ky.

My dear Friend:

How are you? I trust you are not feeling so bad as I over the way things have gone. We three boys from Fountain Run did all we possibly could for you. Two of the parties you told us to work with proved to be — trators is not the name for it. I am afraid you think all we boys were but I know two of them were true until the last. We did not know that they were working against us until it was too late.

Some things I told you the last time I saw you proved

to be true. Some of the people are censuring me for some things I did. But I am not caring the only thing I regret that I did not place the confidence in one of the boys that I did.

I used $22.50. I will give you an itemized statement the first opportunity.

You will pardon my delay in writing you. I intended to phone you Saturday night there were so many at the office I thought I would wait until yesterday I was called away then.

Write me at your leisure, know that you have one true friend at Fountain Run, if the election has gone —

Very truly yours

J. F.

Fountain Run
July 5-1903

Mr R. G. Railey
Tompkinsville, Ky.

My Dear Teacher;-

How sweet and refreshing the pleasure, were I permitted, this evening, to be with you good town folks "My friend of Olden time!" I am so glad, that though miles and years intervene and trials come, and toss our frail barks hither and thither upon their stormy waters, the pure gem of friendship still exists in our hearts for each other. Yes indeed, it is a great satisfaction to know that such a gentleman as you is my true friend Mr Railey allow me to thank you from the depths of my heart for those cards and also your photograph you sent me

some weeks past I appreciate them very much. Drucie and Lucy was so glad to get them I showed a young lady one of the cards yesterday she said you was very handsome. I reckon you all had a nice time at town yesterday I wanted to come up there so bad but I never get to go anywhere I want to I am getting anxious to see that sweetheart you are going find up there for me, but if you should find one I like better than Mr Bush I guess you had better keep him up there, you must show my picture to some of those good looking boys and speak a good word for me. Mother said if you sent that card to her she appreciated it very much. I made a man promise this morning to walk up and vote for you I am doing all I can for you, but still I hate for you to go to Frankfort and stay two years, I dont get to see you often now and you know

we will all get hungry to see you before your time is out I rather you would stay here and teach our school as to go there, we are going to have a new school house and I think all we need is you to teach I reckon Mr Isrables is alright but I know you better than I do him. I learned more while I was going to school to you than I ever did before or since you taught.

You must come and stay all day and night with us before long we are poor but we will treat you clever.

I forgot to tell you I agree with you on the fish law for I like fish very much but the way the law is I hardly ever get any. I must close and do up the night work.

Wishing you much success I remain your friend

Nannie Halbert

Please excuse bad writing

Tuesday Morning 8 — o'clock

My dear dear Ma,

Last evening Beulah, Paul, and my little sweet-heart (Hugh) came over to rehearse and I did not get to write you. We had quite a nice time rehearsing our play. Miss Lura Lane does not come at night to rehearse and I take her part. Miss Lura and Hugh are sweet-hearts in the play, so you

see I had quite an interesting part. Hugh wants me to take that part and don't you know he went over to Lurie this morning and ask her to let me take her part. He actually went, and did not let me know anything about it until he came back. I am afraid he has made Lura mad at me. But I will try to fix it up with her this afternoon, because you know I do not want to be in the play. Hugh said if I did not take Lurie part that he

would go to Nashville, and would not be in the play, as you see I do not know what to do. Of course I will take her part before I will let Lizzie go to Nashville, but I am so much larger ~~than~~ though, I do not think it would be nearly so cute. The play is simply fine, and I am sure you will say so, when you hear it. We are also going to give a Commedietta, entitled "Woman's Rights".

Our entertainment will be Saturday night, and you must be sure to come and bring the sheriff with you.
I had my fortune told this morning, and I did not like it very much. She said I was going to be sick. She told me a lot of things which I will tell you when I see you.
Say, Hugh wants to carry me to Scottville

next Monday.
I heard today that my sister little boy
is worse, so I ~~can~~ going from here to
Clarksville. Will be in Bowling Green by
the time you get ready to come to see me.
But I think it is my duty to go to
see my sister first, don't you? I have
not seen her for three years.
As Prof. Lang is coming now to take
a lesson I will have to close. I will

with you again before now if I have time.

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Helen Rls.,

R. Emmet Levy came but did not take a lesson. His father is worse this morning. He will take his lesson this afternoon.

We are going to rehearse in the

School house this afternoon.
I have the blues so bad - this
morning I can hardly live. I
wish I could see my Rb. I al-
ways have the blues when you
are gone. I can hardly wait
until Saturday. I want to see
my Rb. I love you, don't I?

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Have just received your sweet

letter. Was so glad to hear from you. But you will never know how sorry I am that you are not coming to see me any more. You will come to see me, wont you? I am going to have my entertainment Saturday night and I want you to be here. You can come soon after dinner

Saturday.

I am going over to Scottville Monday — will stay at the Scottville Hotel Monday night, and leave Tuesday (June 2nd) for Clarksville, Tenn.

I will have to close and mail this. I hope you will decide to come Sat. If you do not Sunday will be a lonesome

day for me.

Always Your Own,

Maizie"—

P.S. I received the letter O.K.

Thanks to you.

Maizie"

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Check No. 513 –

4 – 6 – 1903

Received of R. H. Carey, Clerk

One Dollars

Signature endorsed by T. F. Johnson

to the order of J. H. Carter

$1.00 C. W. Gray

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From

Dollars

4-7- 1903

Received of R. L. Bailey, Comm'r

Five 74/100 Dollars

Sheriff's Cost & Comm. on Execn No. 1591

in the case of Commwth of Ky vs

John C. Jackson

$5.74

W. D. White Sen. C.

From _____ 190 _____ 100 Dollars

check no. 519.

5-1- 1903

Received of R. & I. Railway, Omaha

85/100 Dollars

Sheriff's costs in case of Connelly v. Stanton.
Dawson Hold

$0.85

Index No. 1889

R. W. White
Atty.

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From

Dollars

Check No. 520

5 — 1 — 1903

Received of W. A. Railey, Comm'r

One 83/100 Dollars

Sheriff's cost in case of Connell vs. Bill Maxey — Judgt. No. 1719 & Execution No. 1765

$1.83

W. D. White Sheriff C.

190 _____ From _____ 100 Dollars

[April 1903]

Saturday Morning
"Seven o'clock"—

My dear K.G.,—

I will write you a short letter this morning, and if I have time I will write you again before the mail leaves. France and I have been going to church since Wednesday. Mr. Short, the merchant, has been my escort. I was a little surprised at his going with me, because it has been said that he ~~was~~ is engaged to

fruits, now, and I am very much obliged to you.

Will you please send my books which I left with them, and my picture also.

I think I will need the books, especially the poems and you can put the pictures in, too. Please wrap the pictures as they will not touch and send them at my expense.

Miss Goad. I think he is a very nice man.

Mr. Gardner is visiting Frances.

Say, Mr. Bailey, what did you tell Frances until there at the gate Monday? She said you told her something and said if she was in my place she would not write to you. Please tell me all, won't you?

I have been begging her to tell me, but she refuses to do so. Said she did not believe what you told her, therefore she would not tell me. Please tell me all in your next letter, if you write any more.

I have been reading this week. Have read "Our Bessie," and "Nance, a Kentucky Belle."

You need not send the

Apr 1903

I will have to close now. I am expecting a letter from you this morning. Do not fail to write.

As ever

Your loving friend
Maggie

P.S. Have just received your letter. You may believe that again if you want to, and as to encouraging Mr. Hart, you are very much mistaken. Why

prospects here for a school are no better than as stated in my last letter. I may stay and I may not. If I stay, you will get a letter from me Tuesday — if not — I do not know when. Not before Saturday, I guess.

Grubbe and me have not come to any agreement.

I will have to close now and go to church.

Your friend,
Frank

N.B.

My entertainment will be Monday night. The meeting will close today.

M —

Fountain Run, Ky.
March 25, 1903.

Wednesday Evening.

My dear "R.L."

Have just gotten home from church. Now don't be jealous! No boy escorted me: Francis and I did not have a single beau!)(!) I received your letters today and they were read with joy unspeakable.

Your letters are they only sunshine that comes to brighten my life here. I would have written you

wagon could have gotten
my letter today, had I
come in time, the hour
the Glasgow mail left
his place - But as my
letters are so poor I
am sure they will not
be missed.
Earl Broad was buried
today.
The family took his death
very hard.
I thank you very much
for sending the pictures.
Please help me about

your conversation last evening. He said "you liked me" — And I told him that "I liked you, too" — I am glad that you are coming Saturday and I certainly will be glad to see you. You have no idea how I miss you. Everything reminds me of your absence, and there is not a minute in the day that I do not think of you, and long for the time to come when I can be

with my "R.G." again.
Frances does every thing she can to show me a good time and is just as sweet as she can be, but I must confess that I am very hard to entertain, this week.
My mind is in Pompeiuville and it is very hard for me to try to make Frances believe I am having a nice time, when I am one of the most miserable creatures living.
I am always thinking of

"Mr Rls" and wondering if
you still love me. You
will love me always, won't you?
You are my "Rls," and I don't
want you to love any-body else,
nor even think of any one
else, and if you don't
come Saturday, I will go
crazy. You start in time
to get here before my Lt too.
If you don't I will be
uneasy about you. Because
you know you can't drive
much good. No be sure
to get here early.

Missing Page(s)

I mailed Mrs. Hetzel me
of my pictures today.
and will write her in
a few days. Don't let
the "Kids" forget me. I
mean my no. 1. Elo-
cution class.——
I am glad you sent
the handkerchiefs for
I needed them.
I will write you again
tomorrow.
Hoping you will
excuse this poorly em-
ployed and badly written

I have not seen anything more about my teaching. Tell Prof. White if he gets at my place I will not like him. I don't want him to eat them.
You talk about being lonely and missing me. I don't guess I am missed my much unless it is at the table. That is where Mrs. Holand misses me. Give them all my kindest regards and tell them I think about them very often.

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letter and believing I will hear from you morrow and see you Saturday I remain Clara-

Your Own,

Marye"—

Good-night, and may your dreams be of me—

P. S. M—

I have your picture where I can see it every time I enter my room,

Hello Mr. R.G.

Tammie W—

Nelsonville, Ky. Feb. 4, 1903.

Mr. B.G. Reiley,

Tompkinsville, Ky.

My dear B.G.,

Your nice and long looked for letter came to hand a few days ago. I was indeed glad to hear from you again, for I had about decided you had forgotten me again.

Yes, I wish I could

our school at Tompkinsville? I suppose if I ever see you again I will have to ~~[illegible]~~ me to Monroe, but I declare I won't know you when I come ha! ha!

Mr. Woods wants me to go to Boyle Co., but I don't see how they could get along without me at Nelsonville — you know I am so important ha! ha!

answer your letter for you-
I would find out then
something about your
girls ha! ha!

I am so glad you
are well again, and
hope you will take care
of yourself and come to
see "a fellu" before you
leave this world.

I am teaching again.
at Mr. Wood's. Have only
six pupils and nothing
to do but teach.

I have splendid health
and am ~~flashi~~ than
I have ever been, but I do
not weigh anything like
200 yet, ha! ha!

Every body here says
I look just like I always
did - only they think I
am some larger.

I am about five miles
from Nelsonville, but still
hear from the office occas-
ionly and am still going to
S.S. and church there.

I missed S.S. last Sun.
but it was my own fault
so I had to "cry and bear it."

What has become of

I would love to be located where I could teach eight or ten months each year. Of course I can do that here by taking a private school – I'll rather like that this kind of weather. I am not exposed any.

I want to do some studying while I am here as I will have to take the Examination if I teach in Nelson this year.

When will you write to me again? You are going to be prompt again when you get well aren't you?

I don't see why you have been so careless if you care as much for me as you say you do.

Yes, I still care for you, but I do not allow it to bother me any more.

I can remember when your disappointments almost killed me, but I have learned to take things as they come and therefore to be content.

I wish I could see you soon. Why don't you come this spring and not wait for Xmas? You ought to come right away, before you are able for hard work, but the weather is not suitable for sick folks is it? Well, I must close. Let me hear from you at once. I sincerely hope you are well ere this, and may God ever guide and protect you is the prayer of your little friend

now and forever,

Josie L.

"Home."
Jan 28-03.

Mr R. L. Bailey,
Tompkinsville Ky

Dear Mr Bailey:-

Your very kind letter received yesterday, Glad you are well again, I did not think about you being so sick, so I have not had a letter from Addie Belle for a long time. I suspect she is like most other people.

she has forgotten me.
Wish you would please
tell me who told you
so much, there is no
one giving me the
grand rush. they are
mistaken. Mr Mann left
S. S Xmas. he sent us
his picture last mail.
we have a very good
school Mr Compton is
the teacher. we are
schoolmates four years.
You people certainly
have a fine school.
I know Mr White is

a good teacher, for I have gone to him. Jennie, said tell you she was mad because I told her you said I ought to have had the fringe, ha! ha!
I know you will be rushed next week, but I am going to expect a letter from you this week or first of next. There is a number of people from around here coming to court. Yours "Ruby D."

[1903]

Home
Friday night.

Roland will write you a little note concerning going down in Kent.

We wrote to Willie what you told us to write when you were out and we rec'd a letter from him about a week ago and he said he would try and sell his place.

She said she had written to you but couldn't hear from you. (over)

Roland I want you to try and get Willie to sell his place and come back and go down in Tenn I think it would be the best for us all. Lonnie and I want to go down in Tenn this Spring and sell hats without fail.

We have got the money to buy the hats with and I want you to try and get him to come back and go into the goods business.

Come out home as soon as you can after your

Your sister Pearl.

P.S. I write to Willie tonight about christmas presents I was feeling a very little

Farkton, Ky.
Jan. 23, 1903.

Mr. R. G. Ratley.

Dear brother:—

I thought I would write you a few lines to night. We rec'd a letter from W. G. a few days ago and he said he was trying to sell.

We want you to write him and tell him to sell as soon as he can there is no need of him staying there where he can't make any thing.

We want him to come back here and go in to the goods business this spring some where in Tenn. and Pearl and I have the money of our

own to run a millinary store and we want W. G. to come back here right away.

We want to be like other girls, we like to be where we can associate with different people. There is no use of us fooling around until a hundred years. You is the time for W. G. to come back here & know he can make lots of money in the goods business and we can in the hat business.

Roland be sure and write and tell W. G. to sell and come back here right away and we all can get in goods and millinary business. come out home as soon as you can after paper

Bonnie.

Lake Butler, Fla.
Jan, 22. 1903.

Prof. R. G. Bailey.

Dear Sir after some delay I again write.

I appreciated your letter of commendation very highly. I have never had to present it yet nor do not know when I will.

I have not found that rich girl yet but I am looking for her every day.

I read your letter to some two or three

and they wanted me to put you in correspondance with them but I told them you were fishing for larger fish. I told them you could marry in Ky — and they wanted to know why you did not.

I told them you were looking for a girl with money, (not good disposition)

I have recomended you every time as being the most prominent and influential man in your Co.

Weigh about 170 lb.
28 years old. 5 ft 10 in high

wear no 9 shoe, fair complexion, round face, keen eye, and in fact the most handsome man in town. All the ladies seem to want to have something to do with you. but I don't aim to put you on to one unless she has "chink" I will find her some day in my round. My discription of you is perfect, don't you think.

Well I have been over on the Atlantic since I ~~wrote~~ you. I also visited St. Augustine. I went down to South Fla. and got into the orange grove.

What are you and
Charlie doing now?
The State convention
of the Christian Church
meets at Hampton one
of my charges. I am
to make the welcome
address. I am going
to spread myself. It
meets in March.
I am having a gener-
al good time down
here. More girls here
than "Carter had oats"
I will close for this
time. Hoping you
may have success
in your business
with all good wishes
I am your fraternally
Sam J. White

Jan 9th 1903
Emberton Ky.

Mr R. L. Raly sir
I Desire to know
if you have got in
shape yet to let
me have the money I
spoke to you about
the first Monday in
December I want fifty
dollars on twelve
Months time I can
give you Pa and
L. K. Turner for
securities if you can
let me have the money
in a week or two
I will be thankful to you for
your Kindness so
you will please answer
by return mail and
oblige James W. Proffitt

To R. G. Raly
Tompkinsville Ky