

Charleston, Va., Feb. 12/58

Friday Morning, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

My dear Wife,

I reached here safe & sound (i.e. almost entirely well) at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, last evening, after a very pleasant trip, with much excellent company. Went to an amateur concert, last evening, where I met several friends, Nat. Brooks, Messrs. Mattie Hedrick and her sister Augusta, &c. Mattie sent for me to take a seat by her, (which her husband relinquished for me) and paid me the utmost attention — especially regretting that I had not arrived on the previous evening, to be present at a large & fashionable party at her house, enquiring kindly after you & many other Mayville friends.

I feel quite well, this morning — & in good spirits about business — with a prospect of an exceedingly agreeable time while here.

Do not look for me until next Thursday night or Friday morning — as it is not at all probable I can reach home before then — possibly not so soon.

Love to all, & kisses to the children.
God bless you, is the prayer of Yours, devotedly,

Rich^d. H. Gallins