

"Shall Hope, like the bird in the story,
That flitted from tree to tree
With the talismans glittering glow,
Shall Hope be that bird to me?
On branch after branch alighting
The gem will she still display,
And when nearest and most in-
-viting
Still waft the bright gem away?"

"And thus I think our fortunes run,
For many a love loses to thee,
While oh I feel there is but one
One Fishie in the world for me"

Shakspeare say "love is to be
all made of sighs and tears.
It is to be all made of faith
and service, it is to be all
made of fantasy. all made

passion, and all made of
wishes, all adoration, duty
and observance all humbleness,
all patience and impatience,
all purity, all trials, all obediences!
And so am I for Fisher



"There is a mystic thread of life
So dearly wreathed with mine alone,
That Destiny's relentless knife
At once must sever both or none.

There is a form, on which these eyes
Have often gazed with fond delight;
By day that form their joy supplies,
And dreams restore it through the night."
Byron

There is a voice, whose tones can thrill
My heart like lightnings vivid light,
There is an eye, whose glance can fill
My breast with joy serene and bright.
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"And now my heart all bleeding lies
Beneath that army of the eye's"
Sam Moore

June 1870 Big Bend
Ky

Brandenburg Ky
Jan 4th 1847

Dear Bro Gardner

I am just on
my way home from Gardin
to Ky. where I have been
to visit Miss Folia Weedham
a daughter of Parkman & Rebe-
ca Weedham. I have deter-
mined - God willing to make
her my wife - and "Our love
is mutual - this we know"

Being comparatively a stranger
to Bro sister Weedham - they
of course will like to know as
much of the man who aspires
to be their son in law as pos-
sible and hearing them speak
of you as a valued friend I

determined to write to you and
ask you to write to Miss Letitia
and tell her what you know
of me and mine, You
know Pa & Ma and you
know my sisters - I know
you can speak well of them
but if there is anything
you can say in favor of me
may be doubtfull

When I left home my
sisters & Will were well and
I know they join me in love
to you

Please write to Miss Letitia and
enclose this and oblige

Your affection son in the
Faith

Edw. Booth

Direct to
Miss Letitia Needham
East View

Hardin Co Ky

Louisville January 8 1871

Miss Letitia Needham:-

I have just rec^d the
preparing from my esteemed friend & brother, Dr.
Edw. Booth. I am truly glad that he and you
have formed an acquaintance with, and an affection
for each other. It gives me great pleasure to state
what I know of him, of his family, their circumstances
& position. But in doing this I know I have be on my
guard, lest I speak much higher than I ought to speak;
for Dr. Booth has been among my most esteemed
acquaintances & friends for many years & also his
father & mother, brothers & sisters. I have for several years
had charge of the church in their neighborhood and of which
the doctor is a member. I have seldom gone there with-
out enjoying their kindest hospitality & friendship.
The old folks were pious members of the Protestant E.
Church (Church of England), trained their children reli-
giously according to the doctrines & usages of that church.
During the first year I was on the circuit, they built
a meeting-house, ^{Edw. & his brothers,} came to my appointment, a few miles
distant, united with our church, & invited me to come
and preach in their ^{new} house, which I did; held a protracted

meeting & had the happiness then, or shortly after, seeing him
and others happily converted to God. I organized them into a
church which still continues & of which he has ^{ever since} been an
official member, steward, exhorter &c. He was the hospital
steward of the regiment to which I was attached as Chaplain
in time of the war & though it was a time with many of
sad backsliding, Bro. Booth maintained, as far as I could
judge, his Christian integrity. There is an old saying
among some ladies, "that it spoils men to marry them."
But I feel certain & sure this will not be the case with
Bro. B. when you marry him. As it respects his
financial matters, his worldly possessions, I can not
give any definite information. When their parents
died they left the children, among other things, a very valuable
river farm of several hundred acres. How this has been
divided, or if it is clear of embarrassments I know nothing. It
is worth, I should judge, from \$50. to \$75. per acre. But
the doctor's profession & practice will always be sufficient
to secure the good things of this life.

Give my kindest regards to your father & mother. I am
glad to be still remembered by them. If you or they
visit the city between this and our conference, call to
see us. We live at the north east corner of Chestnut
& D Streets.

Very Truly

R. G. Gardiner

Louisville Ky.
July 31st 1878

Dear Bro. Beelinger,

More than a week ago Ben Young informed me that you had been elected by the Board of our school as Principal - I expressed my self to him as highly gratified and write now to say that I hope you may see your way clear to accept. From your letter wh. he read me I understand that you are impressed with the importance of the Institution - I do not know of any one better suited to fill the place than yourself - It is a good field for preaching - The school we all feel satisfied is a success - I do hope you will come -

Geo. Summey was to see me

Mother, wife & James gone to Saakie - I hope to see
you before long - write to me -

Yrs. affects

J. A. Moore

yesterday - He wants me to help
him to finish up the work on the
Synodical debt - I inquired of him
about you all - It was the first in-
~~form~~ intelligence I had of you since
I saw you at Synod - I wrote to
you before leaving Mason, but you
did not answer my letter - Not
withstanding I thought I would drop
you this note and ask you if you
could see your way open to come
to Anchorage - We want you &
I believe there is a great work for
the Master to be done there -

I have a fine boy 2 mos. old - I came
near forgetting it - His mother would
have been very indignant had I
forgotten to tell you - He is de-
veloping rapidly - Takes great in-
terest already in looking at his
father's books - Gone to your

July 31, 1878

B.B.B.R.

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Rev. E. W. Bedinger
Greenwood
Kenton Co.
Ky.

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