

Maysville, Ky. Aug 20th 1878

My dear Son

Thinking you might be a little lonely
and that a few lines from home would be Company,
I have concluded to send by first mail - my first
letter to you. I got by fast night's mail a letter
from your Cousin P. D. Stoops who is still at the
Glen House, Gorham, N. H. - White Mountains. He
enclosed a letter of introduction to young Stockbridge
fearing that Mr. Tuttle might not be at home
He described the route you had better take through
N. Y. to Springfield. The route you took was better
and landed you in the same place.

The moonlight excursion did not come off
last night - the rain interfering, but I un-
derstand the youngsters assembled at Mr
Hicks' and eat the refreshments ordered.

After dark Henry Charnock and his com-
pany drove in and called the house at
Aunt Emma's and then drove on.

We had a good rain last night and it
is raining this morning. All send you their love.
Hoping that ^{you} have arrived safely and as well and that
everything suits you I am affectionately your father.
Robert Cleveland

Maysville Ky. Aug 25th 1878

My dear Son

I sent you the Republican yesterday - nothing hardly in it - mentions you among the locals - personals I should say - The Eagle also noticed you. The Bulletin viz. I hope you are getting along without being too tiresome to day. We talked about how tiresome you would be at breakfast this morning. I thought you had a happy way of making the best of everything and that you would get along first rate. We are very anxious to get a letter from you putting us up as to how you are getting along. We got your postal Card from Springfield. Your Ma was getting real sick about hearing from you. She takes your absence a great deal harder than she did Andrews. There is nothing of interest happening. Miss Belle Clay is at Aunt Emma's. Came in yesterday. They had a gathering of a few

Youngster's at Uncle Horace's last night. Andrew's friend Dr. Finell passed through ^{last night} and left his card. Andrew not being at home ^{failed} to see him. Young Ernst is still flying round - having a good time with the young ladies.

We got the notice of the meeting of the Suffolk's Sept 4th before you left I believe. It is going to be quite an affair. Cousin Robert writes for me to come or send Andrew. We have an idea that Andrew will go. He will not be gone long - not more than a week - He will go if he goes right to Franklin get there Tuesday Sept 3rd attend the Convention Wednesday the 4th and leave Franklin Day Friday Sept 6 & get home Saturday night. It will be a nice trip for him. I had ~~after~~ a letter from my niece Sarah Cochran telling me about the meeting - Calling it the meeting of the two tribes

of Grandfather, W^m Duffield. Our tribe
number 76. You know J. G. Duffield
in his letter of invitation said there would
be 1500 of the descendants. Counting
each one of the two descendent - two
tribes as Sarah calls them - at the
same as ours and it would make
Yes but ours is about the least my
mother only had four children besides
myself making five in all. So
you can see that 1500 is not
too large. I have had to write sev-
eral letters to day and as you
had ~~write~~ a letter from your Ma day
before yesterday and the Republic yes-
terday I will close with much
love to you from all the family and
from all the other families including the
girls - we could hardly know how
popular you were till you left. Keep
good company. Affectionately your father
Robt A. Leach

Maysville, Ky. Aug. 29th, 1878

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My dear Son

Your letter of the 26th just came to hand last night. So you see it don't take long for a letter to come if started by the right mail on the right day. It was very well not to do anything definite towards furnishing your room until you are examined and admitted. However, I never had any doubt of your passing. Of course you will be looking about and posting yourself about everything. I wish you had written about how you had passed the time since you had been in Amherst, but it took one letter to describe your trip and you can give me an account of the others in your next. Your letter to your Ma was a first rate letter - mine was too, but I thought your ma's the best. Your plan of short sentences saying just what you have to say and

then starting on something else telling that
and so on is just the way to write a letter.
It makes it much easier than studying
out long sentences. Just write as you
would talk. Put things down just as they
come to your mind and you will find
little trouble in writing your letters.

I send you the Bulletin by the same
mail as this letter. I haven't much
to tell you. Write more to answer your
letter than for anything I have to say. You
will see by the Bulletin what has been done
in the Wadsworth Cases. Jack is very lucky
in getting off without going to jail or the pen-
itentiary. He & Charley are bad characters. They
were up before the mayor for rowdying around
town a few nights ago. I am distressed to
think of the trouble they are bound to give and
are giving their father and mother. Adna seems
to be troubled a great deal about it too. Harry
don't seem to care. He is not much either.
Adna is trying to do what he can to make
a man of himself. Harry for his opportunities

that is a poor show. The more I think of it the
more I am satisfied that the true problem of
life consists in raising good children. The sorrows
and failures of ^{life} come from bad children, especi-
ally boys - girls are naturally better. They are
more with their mother and the mother's
influence is always, or nearly always, good.

Willie starts for Danville next Saturday Miss
Clay & Miss Davidson go home at
the same time. They have had a
pleasant visit. George Thomas & un-
derstand goes also I have heard nothing
as to John Poyntz going. Will expects
to board at Mrs. Patterson's - a sister of
Genl. Frey's - the general is not going to take
boarders - has given up his old home & his pres-
ent house is too small we have not decided
yet where we will send Jamie & Willie to school - think
we will send them either to Smith or Blairsville.

I send you the love of all. We are very anxious
especially your to hear that you have passed your
examination. Let us hear from you.

Affectionately your father
Robt A Cochran

Return to BARBOUR & COCHRAN,
No. 11 Court Street, MAYSVILLE, Ky.,
If not delivered within 10 days.



Robt A. Cochran jr
Amherst,
Mass.

OXFORD

Maysville Ky. Sept 4th 1878

My dear son

I have been waiting a day or two before writing hoping to get another letter from you. It seems a long time since the 28th Aug. the date of your last letter. You ought to have thought about the matter and have written, knowing as you do that we would be very anxious to hear how you got through your examination &c. Your ma feels very badly under the disappointment in not hearing from you. Of course we will get a letter from you before this reaches you and you will be forgiven for the apparent neglect, but it may serve to impress on your mind the importance of considering the welfare of others, especially your ma. We are all really disappointed. We have been looking for a letter several nights & thought surely we would hear from you to night. You must neglect letters hereafter. I send you The Eagle. The article on the Clerkship was written by Andrew. The girls viz

My Anna Douglas went home yesterday afternoon or rather went to Paris to make a visit there. We have heard from Willie January. He wrote Sunday and the letter came Monday night. He is boarding at Mrs Baturton's.

Your Aunt Emma & Anna Douglas and Willie think of spending the winter in Louisville. They think it will be about as cheap if not cheaper especially if they can rent the house here while they are gone to some nice family.

They may rent to Mr Hunter who married Felle Thomas. If they do will rent furniture and all. We all send our love to you. Affectionately

Your father

John A. Cochran

I have written this in a hurry. It is nearly 11 o'clock at night & I want it to go in morning mail.

OXFORD

Maysville Ky. Sept 6th 1878

My Dear Son

Your long looked for letter Came last night. Your ma had a real Cry the night before at not receiving one. She had been looking for one for several nights before that. You must not neglect this matter again. If it is only a line or two or postal Card dont fail to write every Sunday at least. Make it a point to write every Sunday afternoon, and as much often as you please. Write us fully about everything how you get along, your location, boarding, Collep buildings - room &c what Church you attend. how you like the preaching. in what way things differ from home matters &c &c. Your letters have been very good, what there was of them, but when you get settled down and you get used to writing it will come easy to you. I had a letter from Willie Ferrary last night. He is boarding at

Mr. Patterson's and is very well pleased
He speaks of being better pleased with
Dr. Yerkes than with any of them. Dr. Yer-
kes is not a professor in the College
He is in the Seminary but Willie says
he is going to take his advice and go
by it. I am very glad he will have so
good an adviser. Dr. Yerkes desired
to be remembered to all of us. He in-
quired Willie says about you and is par-
ticularly interested in your welfare and
your Success.

I send you herewith a Check for twenty
five dollars. In thinking the matter over I
thought taking into Consideration travelling, Hotel
bills, fitting room^{tuition} &c &c that you would
be about running out of money. By the
way I want you to keep a memorandum
of your various expenditures and let me
know about them as you go along. Besides
it will do you good to keep track of such
things. It will give you business habits
and will serve to refer to and will keep

in mind what you need and in every way
give you System in your affairs. Recollect
You are now running things for yourself
to a certain extent and the habit of meth-
od and regularity in conducting matters will
be a useful part of your education.

Let us know about the professors
in the College - how you like them
who they are &c How you like the
looks of your new professor of mili-
tary tactics &c You have lots of things to
write about that will interest us.

I will send you yesterday's Bulletin
by mail with this. You will smile
Mrs I expect laugh when you read
the allusion to the sons of Mr. Plat-
terman and his wife in connection
with the flat history of him as one of
the leading business men of Map-
sville. We are all well and send you
much love

Your affectionate father
Robt A Cochran

I don't write as plain a hand as you do. You will
have to learn to read it. I am always in a hurry

Maysville, Ky. Sept 11th 1878

My dear Son

I send you by same mail with this letter a number of the Daily Derrick published at Oil City Pa. giving an account of the Duffield reunion. Dont lose the paper as we will want to keep it. Put it away in your trunk when you are done with it. I have written to Cousin Robert to have the whole matter published in pamphlet form, giving speeches letters &c &c. If this is done we will have some of them, but for fear this may not be done, keep the paper. The Franklin papers gave an account of the meeting but not near so full as the Derrick. I regret very much that none of us were there. We are counted in the 77 descendants of Jane, the oldest daughter of Wm Duffield who was my mother. They are ranged according to age. Cousin Robert's mother being the youngest. You see now where the Armstrong comes from in our names. My uncle Armstrong was called Genl Armstrong and I was called for him and my uncle Robert Goodrich. I have nothing of interest at home to write to you about and have written this

More to let you know I had sent you the Service
giving the account of the meeting than anything
else. It may be that the ~~account~~^{history} given by the
family ~~is where you get your~~^{accounts for your} military passion
you inherit it. A relative ^{of} the Cochran side of
the house was also at the battle of the Boyne
under King William III. ~~Maxwell~~ ~~then~~ ~~he~~ ~~is~~
of Orange, as he is commonly called. Our
relative was a Colonel and for his services
and gallantry at that battle was given a
large landed estate in the County Down, or Down,
in Ireland. The Cochrans were Scotch and
Came from Paisley - near Glasgow. They were orig-
inally a Clan. We are all well. It is now
raining and has turned quite cool. It has been very
warm up till to day. Everything was being up
for want of rain. Willie & Jamie are going to
School to Miss Chambers and Horace to Miss Char-
lotte Taylor. All send you love. Hoping to
get a letter from you to night I am

affectionately your father

Robt Cochran

Maysville Ky Sept 12th 1878

Robt Alesclmer jr

My dear Son

Your letter of the 8th to your Ma came last night (Wednesday) Your Ma is tired about your changing room, or rather rooming with anyone. All I have to say about the matter is not to change, or room with any one until you know all about him. Go slow in the matter "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good." "Evil Communications Corrupt good manners." I dont object to your rooming with some one of good habits. The young man from Baltimore ought to be the right sort as he seems to continue in Colledge being now in the Sophomore Class. But you must always bear in mind that young men from Large Cities are apt to be a little, or rather a good deal fast. Watch this. I have talked to you often about keeping good Company, or rather keeping yourself pure in all Company. I am depending on you to make a man of yourself. Dont you fail me. Mind what I say.

Your affectionate father Robt Alesclmer

If you are cold in bed buy some blankets and dont wait for us.

I send you the paper regularly and they will give you the news so that I do not need to write to you what is going on

I send you the Republican with this letter. Tom Davis is drinking again. He is no account. I am afraid I will have to pay a note for three hundred dollars on which I am his security. They had a concert at the opera house last Friday night. I send you programme. They did not make much. It rained hard that evening and the attendance was rather thin. They had a hop at the Hill home after the concert the proceeds for the same purpose & this was also comparatively a failure.

Andrew went out in buggy to bring Miss Ward to the concert and was caught in rain & spent the night out there. Will is looking for an answer to his letter. I am truly glad that you are pleased with your professors and your college. I think the military and the work generally are good for development of the physique of the students.

Love from one and all. Your numerous friends inquire for you everytime they meet me. Amongst them your lady friends particularly. They all expect you to succeed. They have great confidence in you. I am glad to see it. Affectionately yours
Robt. H. Appleton
Mayville Ky Sept 22 1878

My dear son

Your letter & postal card of last Sunday & Monday came to hand Wednesday and Thursday nights. We hope as you get your hand in you will give us more letters or at least longer ones. You cannot write us anything about how you are getting along what you are studying, how your room is fixed how you like your classmates and teachers, how your room is fixed, how you like your board, what you have to eat here but what will interest us, we think and talk so much about ^{you} and are so anxious to get your letters, that you have no idea how we would like to have them longer and to tell more about you. Your Ma says she will make you some

she shuts, but as she is going on to see how you are fixed for the winter. She says you can use the ones you have got till she comes. She is anxious to know how you are getting along about your clothes on your bed. She would send you blankets if she thought you were needing them yet. You know she wants you to have your own room. It will be so much more pleasant for you to have full control of your Company. A room mate might have Company that would be disagreeable to you and you might not suit him at all times. However you will see point and be guided accordingly. You might get a room mate that would be utterly agreeable and you might not. You had better go

slow in the matter at any rate. It has turned quite cool here and no doubt you are having quite cold nights at least.

I want to say to you and to impress it upon your mind to be very careful in your rushes, grabbing games &c. You must bear in mind that you have only one eye and that it wont do for you not to be very careful. I dont want you to get in those tears (rumps) where they treat each other so roughly. You have a very good excuse to keep out. I believe in a boy having fun and doing what the other students do in the way of legitimate sport never doing what is wrong, but you must be more careful than if you had two eyes. Dont forget this. You know all the doctors asked us if you had violently exerted yourself in any way.

Mayville, Ky. Sept 26th 1878

My dear son

Your letter of last Sunday was very satisfactory. Your reasons for changing your room were good. We are glad now since it so pleasantly situates you that you made the change. In fact you being on the ground could tell better than we could but we were so anxious to have you be careful about such things, that we did not want you to be mixed up in your room with any one until you had plenty of time to select a suitable and pleasant companion. By having your own room we knew you could command the situation. You know Dexter Stoops said the other's dormitory was the most pleasant but that the corner rooms were all taken. We hope you will continue to cultivate your musical talent. It seems from what

you write of the situation that you will have first rate opportunities to do so.

You might drop a letter to Cousin Robert or send him a paper recognizing or rather reciprocating his Cleverness. When I write to him I will thank him for you but I have no idea when I shall again write to him - we have passed several letters recently too but we seem to have rounded up everything just now.

You write a good letter. Your ma and I have had to brag on your letter - how well you express yourself. The only complaint is you dont tell us everything. This of course you cannot do but getting all your letters together we are getting pretty well posted. Your last told us lots of things. Keep on just write as matters strike you and after a while you have no trouble in writing letters. One cannot say everything in one letter and if you should run off on one thing let it go and write something else next time. Dont make it a labor

to write. The great secret in writing letters
is to write as though you were talking to
the person you are writing to. Right along
one trouble I have always had in
writing I have been too precise or too
formal. You form your sentences well
use Capitals right, I spell well and
punctuate right well. You write a good
hand for your practice. Will write a
splendid hand in time. I must say
we are all pleased with the way you
have started off. Keep ahead and you
will be astonished with the progress you
will make. It is education that makes the
great difference in men. You have a
good chance. Improve it. I don't
mean in ink some dry Studies but in every-
thing that goes to make up the accomplish-
ments of an educated gentleman - a man
of taste in the beauties of nature and
art. I'll stop This is an extra letter anyhow
written to let you know that we are satisfied with
your change of work and everything so far. All send
love.
Your affectionate father Robt A. Cochrane

is no yellow fever here There
has been some cases in
Louisville but not an
epidemic form. Still it keeps
persons away from Louisville
for fear.

They have got the Limestone bridge
about ready for the iron. The
iron is not on hand & may
delay the bridge still more.
It is a very great incon-
venience. It has been a very slow
job. Somebody's to blame.

Tell us how you are getting along
with your studies. How you like the
professors &c. Write all you can think of

All join in love to you.

Affectionately your father

Robt A Cochran

Mayville Ky. Sept 29 1878

My dear Son

I am going to put
you off with a short letter
to day & will send you
the Republican to make up
for it. By the way the Republi-
can is not much. Davis
is drunk again and
has been first several weeks.
He will have to give it up.
Kehoe has given him no-
tice to dissolve partnership
and that will about end
him. No body will have
any more confidence in him.
So much for whisky. Some-
times without means we had such
backing and he has proved
himself entirely unworthy of

It. I am his Security for
three hundred Dollars and
I expect to have it to pay.
We have had a little rain &
Cold or Cool weather but
to day it has turned warm
again.

They had Communion to day
at our Church. Mr Hen-
drick assisting. He, Mr
Alderson and Mr Jagwith
took dinner with us to
day.

Willie was taken with a
pain in his Stomach last
night followed with vomiting.
He is better now but he has
been suffering a good deal
with the pain in his Stomach
all day.

Dr. McManaghan jr got
home this mornig. He is

going to spend four or five
days here before he returns
to Youngstown. The way he
happened to come is on
his return from Mrs.
where he had been at
Mr Hendrick's wedding.
You must read the ar-
ticle on 4th page of Republican
especially the last sentence.

We are still running the
Cotton mill $\frac{2}{3}$ time. expect
to run full time in a week
or two. We are very busy now
in office. Great Communion
week after next. Andrew
had a lawsuit over in Aber-
deen yesterday.

Gov. and Emma, Maria Doug-
las & Andrew are going about
the middle of Octo to Louisiana
to spend Fall & winter. There

OXFORD

Mayville Ky Octo 16 1878

My dear Son

You will find enclosed the receipt of Adams Express Co. for a box sent to you this day by your Ma. You will find a letter from her in the box. The weather is very warm here yet. Our Circuit Court commenced yesterday. We are very busy. The river is very low. The small boats are running. It feels like we would have rain soon. I did not intend to write you a letter - only a few lines and to enclose the Adams Express Co. receipt. So I will say good bye

Affectionately your father
Robt. A. Cochran

I your address No 29 N. E. in A. C. as you first mentioned, or has it been changed by the change of your room. Let me know this in your next letter so that we will know exactly where to find you.

Mayville Ky Octo 20th 1878

My dear son:

I forgot to get a check for you yesterday to send with this letter. I will send it tomorrow. It is as well to get your uniform now as at the beginning of the 2nd term. That is not very far off. By the time you fairly get into your uniforms the 2nd term will have commenced. I wish you would find out and let me know what the students generally do at the vacation between the terms. Of course a great many of them ^{go} home - perhaps nearly all. Hence I want to know how you will be employed and what will be the circumstances surrounding you during the vacation. Seeing you cannot well come home - the expense is too great. I would rather at any rate you should be usefully employed during the time. I suppose Anberst College has no such vacations and that they go right along there with their studies. I suppose by

This time you have learned all the ins and outs about
the College regulations. I would like for you to
avail yourself of all library and other priv-
ileges that will be of an advantage to you and
help you along in making you a well
educated man. Education don't consist
entirely of the sound of Collyer leaving it is
made up of knowledge on all Subjects. The
more I look at the Course of Study in
your College the more I am pleased with
it. It furnishes so much information on
Subjects that are never touched in other Col-
leges and Subjects too of every day impor-
tance. I do hope you will master the
French and German just to make up for
leaving off the Latin & Greek. I have no doubt
you will find them of every day importance
far more useful than the latter. Take good
Care of your habits. The pleasures of
life are greatly dependant upon that. Many
young men make their lives miserable by
deviating from the right in youth thinking that
it will make no difference that others do it

about These never was a greater mistake. It is only the way of the transgressor that is hard. The practice of virtue furnishes its ~~own~~ reward in this life as well as in the life to come. It deprives no one of the real pleasures of life. There never was a greater mistake than the idea that the pleasures of life lie in a course of ~~WMMMMMMMM~~ dissipation in sowing wild oats as they call it.

"However it be it seems to me

'Tis only noble to be good

Kind hearts are more than Crowns

And Simple faith than Norman blood"

Cousin Lizzie Boston and Laura came down from Lexington on the train Thursday evening to make us a visit. They inquire particularly about you. Cousin Laura has been examining the Catalogue of your College and is very much pleased with it. They and all the family send you love. The weather has turned quite cool. It is clear to day. Mr Alderson is at Synod at Danville. It meets here next year. I send Republican for local news.

Your affectionate father Robt. A. Cochran

Maysville Ky Octo 21st 1878

My dear son

Enclosed you will find Check on Bank of America New York for fifty dollars. It is probably more than you will need right off but it will save my sending again so soon. Pay up all your board and washing and lay in your coal and get your Military Suit. Dont Spend any money unnecessary. ~~But~~ Keep an account of your expenses. It will learn you to give attention to such matters which is a very important part of a young mans education. It would be good for young ladies too. Knowing how to take care of money and keeping an account of its expenditure is as important a part of a proper education as anything else. The great failures in life are generally from a want of this sort of knowledge. Your Ma reports that she did not send you a blanket. We may send you one in a few days. Love from all.

Affectionately yours
Robert Cochran

Got a letter from Willie last night - He is well pleased - Says
he is going to write to you - Got a postal from Anna Doug-
lass safe in Louisville - Saml Paynter (his married) next wednesday
got card inviting family to wedding at Low hill Green.
Mayville Ky Octo 27 1878

My Dear Son

October is about coming to a close
and the weather since last night when
it commenced raining has been temp
Cold. Your Ma and I are yet un-
certain about when we will be able
to visit you. It seems as though I can
not get away from home getting busier
if anything. Court still holds there wasy
and I can hardly hope to leave till that
is over. Cousin Lizzie Burton and Laura
are still with us. They expect to start home
next Tuesday Octo 29th. Mr Alderson took dinner
with us to day. His wife is still in Danville. They
got the bridge over Limestone Creek so it
could be crossed yesterday. They are filling the
approaches and I suppose will get it fully com-
pleted this week. They have been a long time at
it. They have been at dinner the middle of June. It
will be a little more than three feet higher than the
old one. Your Uncle Horace is with family at Lebanon
to day. All send their love Affectionally your father
Robt A Cochrane

OXFORD

Mayville Ky Octo 30th 1878

My Dear son

You will see by the enclosed receipt that we have sent by to days Adams Express Co. - Charges paid - one blanket. I hope you got the box all right and that this will go all right. It is turning right Cool here. It has been raining and looks like the rain is general. The river has risen so that the big boats are running again. Coal is coming down. It was getting right scarce. There has not been a rise sufficient at Pittsburgh to bring coal from there. Your much Horace went to Louisville to Grand Lodge of Masons last Monday week - went out to Dec Sunday and is not home yet - will be home to night. Andrew has been staying with your Aunt Louie during his absence. We are not able yet to fix the time your Ma and I will start to see you. With love from all the family I remain

Yours affectionately Robt A Cochran

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GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN, AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

No. 180. [DOMESTIC BILL OF LADING.]

Maysville, Ky.

For 7th 1878

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FREIGHT

Paid / A For the Company,

J. S. Dillon

The weather has turned quite warm
and hot as raining a day. I will
send you the Eagle and Bulletin by
to days mail - They will give you
the news here whatever there is. I'm too
busy to know anything about town. Our
Court is still in session. Andrew is
overhead & ears in work in Court
matters. Lafayette Thattby who mar-
ried a daughter of Master P. Mar-
shall of Washington in this County
resides in Northampton near your
place. He is quite a prominent man
as I understand. They visit here very
often. Nov 7th 1878 R. C. Cochrane

Yours
R. C. Cochrane

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Lucy Moore

Maysville Ky. Nov 10th 1878

My dear Son

It will soon be the middle of the month and soon the 28th Thanks giving when we hope to be with you. How rapidly time flies. I dont suppose it flies as fast with you. My recollection is that when I was young a week - a month seemed a long time - longer than a year does now. This may be stretching it a little too far but there is a great difference as we grow older. We are having very pleasant weather here now and it would be delightful travelling if we were only ready to go now. It cannot be very different at Thanksgiving and even if we were ready now to go that time will suit better. You will not be interrupted in your studies then whereas you would be if we went now. At your Ma's instance I cut an article from

the New York Observer on Slazing
and Rubbing at Colleges. It is
very good reading and it is very
well for you to have settled principles
on that subject. Your ideas have always
been good in your intercourse with
others. by the by speaking of the Japan
ese student you mentioned in one of
your letters Mr John Shackelford writes
we must see him when we go on
He has written to Mr Shackelford at
Lynn that you are the only Ken
tuckian at the College. He mentioned
your name and in that way Mr
Shackelford knew who you were and
mentioned the matter yesterday to Miss
Lillian Dodge. He is here on a visit to
his father and Miss Lillian came down
Friday evening to stay with us some time
She says to give her love to you
and to tell you she would like to
see you in the Cornfield. The Japanese
boarded with Mr. Shackelford while at College

ing in Lexington Ky. I went down to
Cincinnati last Friday night and came
back last night spending yesterday
there looking about Carpet and furni-
ture for the new Odd Fellows Lodge soon
to be. Lizzie & Foster & Harbour
went down at the same time. They
staid over writing Mr. Alter. I left
Foster to finish up the Odd Fellows Carpet
& furniture matters. We ran round all
day yesterday looking at the articles
without purchasing. It will cost more
than \$1200 to furnish it as we design
it. It has been handsomely frescoed by
artists from Cincinnati and now
we have to get everything to suit.

You must not pattern after me in
writing I am in such a hurry that
I neglect to punctuate. It is a good
plan to get or form an accurate way
of writing before you hurry too much.

There is nothing further that I can think of
I will send you the Republican - Medals

tion new suits you. It looks like the Repub-
licans will elect the President again in 1880.
So much for an honest straight for-
ward course - honest money &c
Don't try to keep such fellows as Ben
Butler in the party. Let them slide. The
party is all the better by getting rid of
him. The party is now getting like the
old Whig party. Success to it.

With love from all I am

Affectionately Yours father

Robt A. Lincoln

HAZING AND RUSHING.

We do not give up all hope of boys becoming something better than rough rowdies, after being a year at college, when we read the following appeal in the *Columbia Spectator*. It comes with much force from the college that sent a crew to England, which won fairly a race contested by the best English university oarsmen:

"The rush, a relic of the dark ages of college life, has been handed down from one generation to another. If the class of '81 should manfully refuse to interfere with the liberty of the Freshman, they would not only put a stop to an exceedingly puerile custom, but would also gain for themselves the respect of the present and all future generations."

With equal pleasure we observe the following remark in an editorial column of the *Yale Record*:

"We hail with gladness the gradual dying out of all such puerile barbarities as hazing and rushing; for we are aware that the establishment of a true university standard in this country must be heralded by a manlier and more intellectual culture on the part of the American student."

Such sentiments, boldly expressed, are an honor to young men placed in a position where vicious traditions have great power. We have experienced much youthful wrath in days gone by for speaking just such words, and we now rejoice to hear the voice of wisdom from those to whom we have written because they were strong.

On the other hand, we hear of a great excitement at Franklin and Marshall College, in Lancaster, Pa., when the sophomores undertook to put in practice the old custom of "stretching" the freshmen. Fifty or sixty students became engaged in a free fight, during which a sophomore received internal injuries and four or five freshmen were carried to their rooms in a fainting condition. Both the classes have been suspended pending an investigation. We hope the barbarous custom is dying out, but it dies hard.

As we wrote that, a student was cruelly hazed at Cornell University last Saturday night. He was bound hand and foot, gagged, and then taken to a stone wall. Here he was suspended head downward, and was given to understand that unless he would do as he was bidden he would be dropped to the ground. His moustache was shaved off, his face colored, and his clothes ruined with paint.

Loose Item

"Jesus," as I never heard it again until it rose from the lips of the Maid amidst the fires at Rouen.

And there she lay, at last; for the first time, with no answer in her eyes to mine; and yet, boy as I was, inspiration came to me with her last words. I seemed not so much to have lost her, as to have to succeed her.

For the New York Observer.

ANDREW JACKSON.

COTTON BALES: BEAUTY AND BOOTY.

BY REV. E. A. RENOUF.

Returning from the South in the spring of 1843, I visited Gen. Jackson, then living in retirement at his farm, near Nashville, Tenn.,—"The Hermitage." From previous inquiry I had learned that the General always welcomed such as wished to converse with him respecting those events in which he had taken so prominent a part. Already his health had failed considerably, and his estate too plainly showed that the owner's attention was often wanting. Still everything spoke of comfort, and the table at which I dined with him afforded an abundant and excellent meal. Gen. Jackson appeared to be a refined, well-bred man, and whatever rough scenes he may have passed through, long continued intercourse with the world had endowed him with the manners of a perfect gentleman.

After some general conversation, the inquiry was made whether he felt disposed to speak freely and answer questions concerning the transactions of his civil and military life. Without a moment's hesitation he replied that he was ready to speak freely of all his public life, of which he had neither the right nor the disposition to keep back anything. Educated in a community where the prevailing tone of sentiment was opposed to his political opinions, the first questions I put naturally referred to events in his presidential career which had been misrepresented or perhaps only misunderstood. His explanations were clear and prompt, leaving certainly no doubt as to his meaning and intentions.

Our conversation turned principally on his military career. In all his cam-

Loose Item

Mapsville Ky Nov 24th 1878

Dear Robbin

We start to

morrow to visit you

I only drop these lines

to let you know we

are coming. Will leave

Cin. ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday

morning and get to Amherst

just as soon as the train

will take us. All well

Yours &c R. H. Cochran

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*Robt A Cochran Jr
Cincinnati
Ohio*

Mayville Ky. Dec 15 1878

My dear son

I am going to take your plans and write you a short letter. Your Ma no doubt told you about our trip and arrival at home. We were so glad to get your letter the same evening we arrived telling us of your departure and arrival - all working like clock work. It is wonderful how easy it is to travel now and how certainly you can calculate the time it will take. I see from the papers that we just saved our distance that they have had terrible rain storms stopping trains &c. We escaped it nicely. We could not have had better weather than we had. It was bright and pleasant in Washington and the day we left giving us a delightful view of Harper's Ferry the Mountain &c. It was very different from the day you and I came over the mountains a year ago. Still the flood made our more of an adventure. It is all nice and smooth now. Some old friends

Your Ma and I and the boys have just returned
from Aunt Louie's. Your aunt is sitting up
and she and the baby are getting along first
rate. This was my first trip down to see her also
the boys first sight of the baby. It will be ~~xxx~~^{two}
weeks old next Thursday. It is a pretty child - Called
for your Ma, you know. They are having quite
a lively time dictating for city offices. You
will see from Republican who are running. The
Republicans will give you all the local news
so that there is no necessity for writing anything
but home matters. You must read the
Temperance Column of the paper. There is
quite a move here in the way of quit-
ting drinking. The coffee house business
is falling off and I doubt if half the
number will renew their license 1st of
January next. It will be a good thing,
even if it don't last. I was glad your
room mate had returned. It would make the
balance of your vacation pass off pleasantly. You
are all in the harness by this time. Your aunt
Louie sent a great deal of love to you. You have
no idea how many people inquire of me about
you. They seem all glad to hear from you and to
hear that you are well and getting along so well. I
have no more paper. All send love. Your affectionate father
Robt A. DeLoon

Mayville Ky. Decr 20 1878

My dear son:

Your ma sends by Adams Express Co. a box of Christmas gifts, and I enclose you herewith the receipt of the Express Co. Hope it will reach you in time for Christmas.

Capt. Sharp of Aberdeen died of heart disease a few days ago and was buried to day by the O. & F. fellows. He was a clever man the funeral was quite large, notwithstanding the day was right cold. We are having quite winter weather. Cold and freezing, but very little snow. The wind has changed this evening & the weather is moderating for rain or snow. Horace was quite sick for a few days this week but is now well. Had been eating too much and got his stomach deranged. Miss Sallie Hodge is still with us. All join in love to you and wish you a happy Christmas. Affectionately your father
Robert Ashmun

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Robt A Cochran jr.
Amherst,

U. S. C. No. 13 S. C. Mass.

Mas. You never let us know
if you received your box
sent by your Ma. We
are really short one letter
by your letting your Christ-
mas greeting answer for
the usual letter of that
week. If you will make it
a point to write it will
come easy after a while
Miss Sallie Hodge is still with
us. Aunt Julia is going
to come down Monday and
occupy your room the
remainder of the winter. Her
room is lonely & cold and
they wont fix it. All the
friends are well. We all send
you much love and wish you
a happy new year.

Yours affectionately
Bob Cochran

Maysville, Ky. Decr 29th 1878

My dear son.
We are having Splendid
winter. The Sleighing is very fine.
It has been snowing all day.
It is a great deal warmer this
evening and threatens to be
a thaw. Willie has been sick
for several days - had to call
in the doctor. Pain in his stom-
ach and bowels and threatened
fever. He is now about well,
but has not been down stairs yet.
John Barbour preached for us
to day. He and a friend from
Greensburg came down to spend
Christmas and a few days and
the cold weather stopped nav-
igation, so that they cannot get
back. The Republican will give you

most, if not all, of the local news. Willie January went to Louisville - College vacation. Dr. Beatty came down here. George Thomas is at home and is well pleased with the College. He is taking a regular course and quite enthusiastic about the matter. He thinks well of it and is not taking a regular course. The more I think of it the better I am satisfied that we hit the thing in sending you to the M.A.C. It gives you a regular course and one that is useful and entirely practical. It seems to suit considering the time you lost with headache and the loss of your eye, to have off Latin and Greek and take French & German in their place.

I have not received any report of your studies &c. Let me know if any reports were given at the end of the term; and, if so why I have not received one. Let me know about your President &c. if you know anything about who it is to be. Let me know anything and every thing about the College, the weather &c &c. Since we have been there everything will be interesting. We can now locate everything you write about and it will be much easier for you to write. Your friends keep inquiring about you all the time. Mr. Jaquith inquires often. He used to live in West Springfield. Your own says let us know how you spent your Christmas.

Dec 28th



Robt A. Cochran Jr
Amherst,
Mass.

M. A. C. No. 13 S. C.