

Maricetta Ohio
May 1 1871

Dear Father:-

We received your letter Tuesday and we were very happy to hear that you had bought "Waxy" from Mr Ireland and that the little buggy had again returned from Cincinnati. I missed a few days school account of my cough but I am all right now. Harry and myself have a ticket in the Gymnasium and a box to keep things in down there. My skiff will be here Thursday on the St Lawrence and I will have it put in the Boat House at once.

The Congregationalists are having

a conference over in Haman
Dr DeVol is here again he went
to Cincinnati and came back
again last week.

We have had warm weather
for the last week and it still
continues warm

The Class boat crews are out
every day and they expect to have
a race some time this month

The Kenyon Base Ball Club
are coming down here to play
and our Club will go up there
they will come down twice and
ours go up once

Mr. Ewert is dead, the who
was hurt out so often

Please ask Mother where
that cave is where Grand father
used to get petrified ferns
I have asked Uncle George and he does

not know for certain
Sarah is cleaning house

I have been having my teeth fixed
and I wish you would send me
\$25. to pay for the work on them
Dr Chambers did the work and
is through yet

Please send me \$15. a piece on
Feb 30 to buy our Society pins with.
we will join the same one Charlie
Means belonged to.

We are both quite well
Love to all

Yours Truly
O. O. Means

at all, and I think is better
than when new -

The new horse "Waxy"
gives good satisfaction
riding and driving.

Work or rather staking
out the new Road to
Cannonsburg begins to ~~move~~
now - at our cow pasture
and we shall soon
admit the letting -

All well

Yours
John Deane

Arland Ky, 10th May 1881.
Dear Lecky

We have had another
week of fine weather, and
to day is very nice - The
trees - peaches, pear, and cherry
apple in full bloom, with
many other plants and
shrubs, and the gardens
look very pretty to day.
Mrs Smith and Mr
Maynard left Sunday
evening in Boston for
Woodhull, via Cincinnati,
Father and Tom Adams
came up to dine with us
Tuesday and Wednesday after
noon, Bess and I went
down to St. Rock, where we
stayed until Friday noon

Left Kyle and Uncle Will came up Thursday morn-
to meeting of stockholders of Mearns Ry. Co. - We
directed Mr. Willard to put in foundations and prepare
for erection of the buildings for a new furnace at
Hock, the furnace to be about the size of the Ashland,
Mr. Black was here Friday having come from Lehigh, where
things are getting along about as usual, but Eckels
and Dr. Gram were here yesterday - E. had come from
Memphis where he had perfected arrangements for completing
a road partly built, which will give them a continuous
line from Richmond to Memphis - He went out after-
noon to the Mearns Tunnel where his son Percy is sick
and will bring him in to the St. Albans to day - Father and
Mr. Franklin of the Scioto Valley R.R., were up after dinner
to see me - The tracks on both sides of River are to the
water - and the ~~low~~ boat and barge are expected about
the 10th - The transfer business will probably be begun
about the 15th inst - Ed Roberts is here to take charge
of our machine shops, Uncle Hugh and Aunt
have been making a visit to Cincinnati - Geo. Campbell's
body came and was buried Friday - Ed Ebo was
buried Wednesday, Have my little wagon back again
thoroughly repaired and newly painted, it looks

How does Uncle Will like the Mayorality?

We are both quite well

Yours Truly
J. B. Means

Love to Abby

Write soon

MS. A. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

Marietta Ohio
May 5, 1851

Dear Mother,

My boat
has come and I am disappointed
in it, for I thought Mitchell
could put up a much better
boat than he did. it is 20
feet long and weighs very heavy,
too heavy for a pleasure boat,
it was partly my fault, for
I told him to make it 20 feet.
When you ride in it you
need ^{not} be afraid of upsetting,

We have had some splendid weather for the last two days and today is almost a perfect day not a cloud in sky.

Mr. Batchelor our tutor has been sick for the last two days but is out again now so we have had but one recitation a day for two days.

I went fishing Friday afternoon but did not catch any fish.

Please tell father that we have run out of money and would like to have some more of the needful, and also to try and have the Pool-Billiard Table fixed up by the time we come home commencement, and that we

would like to take a trip soon after our return to Ashland and to notify us before we get back, about the first of July.

You must write and invite Uncle George to go home with us,

What is Charly Means doing? When will Kate get married? Dr. DeVol went East last Sunday he was a very nice young man indeed.

Our class are going to have a ~~picnic~~ picnic soon it gets warmer Field Day comes on the 27th of this month.

The Senior Class is going to Cleveland Wednesday to have their pictures taken.

The Juniors will have theirs on the same day.
Pickle Day will be on the 27 of May this
year. The Crews have begun to row in
the shells. If you are willing I will be pleased
to have for a suit of summer clothes as mine are
rather worn. I will send you the measure and
you can buy either one light colored suit of
the same material or that one I bought in Cincinnati
this Spring or 2 linen suits
We are both well
Love to all
(How is the billiard?)
Pool table

P.S. I was at a circle at Miss Woodruff's and she asked

Marietta
Ohio
May 10, 1887

Dear Father
I received
your draft on New York
last Tuesday and please
accept my thanks for it.

Yesterday our class
had their annual
spring picnic. we went
out on the Cleveland and
Marietta Fair Road to Mt

Leaving Marietta at
7:45 A.M. and reaching
Warner at 9: A.M. Warner
is the station where we
got off at; and then the
Picnic grounds are about
 $\frac{1}{4}$ mile back in the country,
the grounds are situated
on the hill or Mount
and ~~are~~ consist of a nice
shady terrace for about
300 Yds and also a splendid
view from the top of ^{the} hills
it is situated like a promontory
with Quaker Creeks on both
sides and at one end.

We played games & strolled
around the hills till dinner
time which was furnished

by the girls the boys
bringing the ice cream and
Lemonade after dinner
some of us went afishing
We reach home about 8 P.M.

The
Seniors also returned
on the same train from
their trip to Cleveland
where they had gone
to have their pictures
taken; having left M-
Wednesday morning and
getting back Saturday night
they were all pretty well
worn out but said they
had a splendid time
The Freshmen will have
a picnic next Friday and also

in the Iron R.R. selling
out - to some narrow
guage Co -

Jacob Price is building a feed
store where his old stable
stood - Saw Savage's
block opposite the Bank
and Janders at the
Shepherd lot corner of
Winchester and Second,
We shall probably extend
Winchester and open road
down ~~to~~ ^{until} it meets
the county road from
Belleville.

We have a Lawn Tennis
set (of 4 or 5?) All well
Yours truly
John McLaughlin

At Belvidere Ky, 15th May 1881.

Dear brother

Your letter of 8th and Harry's
postal of 12th came duly to
hand - You both write for
money and neither says
how much you need or
what you want it for.
This is not according to
business rules - Harry
says my letter was received
with money for you but
does not say how much.
All letters acknowledging
receipt of money should
state how much - also
letters asking for it -
Mr Geo Savage was here
last Sunday at the Annual
Bible Soc meeting -

Monday night I went to Portsmouth and came home Tuesday
Mrs Anne Traft, Miss Fanny Traft and Miss Mary Harman
were up, to dinner Tuesday but being away I did not
meet them. Tom Adams came up Wednesday. Father
Capt Kyle and Mr John Leampoll, were up Thursday
attending Annual meeting of stockholders in Dy. I. C. &
M. Co. Elected old members of board of Directors -
myself as Past and Mr. W. W. W. as Secy - Mr John Leampoll
and some friends were here a day or two on business
of his good - Capt Houshelt called in to see me
yesterday afternoon. He still lives in Cin. remaining
there on account of Mrs. Kelly's health -

We expect steamboat and barge here some day
this week for the transfer of cars of Sevier Valley
R.R. - and it is probable that by next week
that business will begin - The Ireland Fee
will blow tomorrow morning, have put in keel
and gotten ready in three weeks; about one-half
the usual time. Percy Leckie is considered
dangerously sick to day, his father mother and
brother have been with him at the Hotel
Albion for two weeks past - I suppose you
have seen in the newspapers of the stockholders

Some weeks will ~~be~~ ^{fill} five in
a week - I once had two - so you
see your prospect of nice fat
chickens to eat, will be thin -

Tom Adams gave you all, a lawn
Tennis set - but it is such a
tiresome game I don't think any
body will play it much, till you
get home - Dan Inland is home
for a years rest & looks very tall &
thin - The Billiard table will not
be presented, as I told Tom Adams I
had no place for it - Bess is getting
better - Love & kisses to you all both
from your aff
Mother -

Ashland May 16^m - 1881 -

My Dear Boys -

I am glad to hear
that you are both well - and am
sorry Cooke is so disappointed in
his row boat - he will have to sell
it & have a new one built up there
I expect it must be as heavy as the
one we went up to the City boat, in,
at Chataugua last summer - The

girl - Lily & Bess
are going to the City this week, to
get some new furniture for their
room - they have had it painted
& a border put on it, so it is
quite fine - Kathi will leave us
on Saturday - I suppose I will
have a hard time, for a while
to get a good girl - Have you
inquired of Uncle George, about what
you are to do next fall - what you
were talking about at home, you
remembered - About your summer
trip, I have not decided - Hilduth
had a bad cough, at present &

I shall not leave him, till he is better -
Lily & Rose are very anxious to go
to the Mammoth Cave - but I
don't suppose will ever get there
unless I go with them - I spent
so much on my Southern trip &
having Bess sick so long in
Memphis - I shall not feel like
travelling much, this summer -
I am clearing the Church this week,
will have four women & a man to
work there tomorrow - & shall be
busy looking after them - The
weasel still comes for chickens

Marionetta Ohio.
May 15 1881

Mr John Means

Dear Sir:- We
received your draft on New
York for fifty five dollars (\$55)
May 10. 1881. please accept thanks
for it

Yours Truly

E. O. Means

O. O. K.

Love to all

Marietta Ohio
May 18 1881

Mr. John Means

Dear Sir:—

Please
send us Fifty Dollars for spending
money, \$25 a peice for we badly
need it.

Yours Truly

E.C. Means.

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All Well

Mr John Means

Marietta Ohio

May 18 1877

Dear Mother

We received your letter and Fathers on the 17^{inst}, and I write to tell you that I think you have room for a "Pool-Billiard Table" and hope that you will get one for if you dont we will both be very much disapointed, ^{we} have both been looking forward to play on said table as soon as we reach home next Summer. Presy says there is no harm if you play in the right kind of a place, so reconsider the question and have a nice one by the time you come home for the Holidays. Glad to hear about the Laura

I'm in but prefer Pol

How many Chickens have you
planted this year to make up
for the weasel,

Uncle George said he thought
he could arrange it.

Please have our rooms papered
with blue and gold or some
equally beautiful paper colors
and fix up the furniture we
need it in our rooms as bad as
the Girls do or worse

Please Please Please
Hear, and do as you have
been asked in this letter and
oblige

Your Youngest,

Cooke

Love much

is about 20 miles from Lawrenceville O. I don't think they will want to play the Marietta Club very soon after such a defeat do you?

I wish you were up here to get some ice cream, Make Ma let us have the Billiard

table will you? We want one very much

indeed I speak not only for myself but for Harry

Harry's birthday was last Thursday and he is 19 yrs Old Just think of it. old not in college yet. do you want to get some colored stockings

to wear with low shoes and send them to Me

Are you coming up Commencement or sooner Contra

Marietta
May 22, 1881

Dear Sister,

This last week has been quite cool as you probably have been aware but now it has again turned to Summer and I sit divested of some of my warmer garments, and attempt to write some ways intelligible not withstanding the state of the temperature. I leave my cluster on, to keep cool

I wrote last week about the great Picnic our class had. The Freshmen had one Friday, they went up the river on one boat and came down on another, getting back home about 12 AM.

Friday we had our May Day, so I went up to Le Vol's dam fishing in company with Carl Alderman and Robt. Huntou, both of whom had first rate luck but mine was **U.G.**

Saturday the Marietta Base Ball Club went up

to Cambridge to play a game with the Muskingdom College Club. Left Marietta about 8 AM and got to Cambridge about 11 AM. began to play about 1.30 PM and played to 3.30 PM, the Marietta boys beating them all to pieces - Marietta 31.

Muskingdom 11. - The Muskingdom College is composed of boy and girls, but the girls that came over to the Game were not very pretty. their College is 7 miles from Cambridge ours is about 60. we paid 1.25 the round trip and had splendid time. The Muskingdom College

either answer by giving your
consent or by refusing my
request, If there is any
thing you would like to know
about which I have failed
to mention please write soon
and inform me, as some
of the gentlemen would like
to know whether I can go or
not and one has promised
to assist me in procuring an
out fit.

Write at once

Your son
Cooke.

Love to all

Marietta Ohio
May 23/87

Dear Father

I write this
letter to ask a favor of you,
which is as follows, that as
there will be several first class
parties, from this place and vicinity,
go on a camping, fishing and
hunting expedition up in the
interior of Michigan, and as
it will be a very healthful
recreation, and a pleasant way
of spending a few weeks vacation

and as I would enjoy the trip very much indeed and I think it would be a good thing for my constitution, and I will certainly make it a point to get in a good crowd, not very many in the crowd either and knowing you will not grudge me the money which it will cost, I ask of you, that you will give me permission to make the trip and also, the money to make preparations for it and the money with which to pay the expenses on the trip. The ^{cost of} preparations and expenses will not amount over One Hundred dollars (\$100), and if they do, it

it will be but very little over the said amount.

The chief item of expense the preparations will be a canoe, but it will be useful to use here, and on a trip every summer for a good many years,

As this is the first request of this kind I have ever made of you, I must beg of you to grant it, and please answer at once for work must be begun of the canoe, which will cost about \$30. Knowing that teasing will be of no use, I will leave it to your own conscience and judgement to

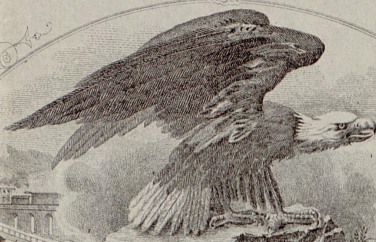
SHARES \$500 EACH

No. 12

Five Shares

CAPITAL STOCK

\$100,000



PORTSMOUTH IRON & STEEL COMPANY

PORTSMOUTH, STATE OF OHIO.

This Certifies that John Meaus is the owner of Five shares of the Capital Stock of the PORTSMOUTH IRON & STEEL CO. transferable only on the books of said Company upon presentation of this Certificate with the transfer endorsed thereon and subject to the requirements of the Constitution and By-laws in force at the date of such transfer.



In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of said Company at Portsmouth, Ohio this 27 day of May 1881.

W. A. Lewis

Secy & Treas.

Mr. E. Hubbs

President

For Value Received

Sell to the Stock within mentioned,
and authorize Attorney, to
transfer the same on the books of the company

Witness hand and seal this
..... day of A. D. 18.....

In presence of

of Shaw Parts & Co



Douglas Putnam Jr
Has just been in to see Harry
and he says he is going
to Michigan together with
Charlie Black and Wirthrop
Hawkes and he wants me to go
with them. Please tell Father

Marietta
May 9 1881

Dear Sister

I did not
receive a letter from you
since I left home although
I wrote to you since you
did not write to me the same
of the rest of the family
Father and Mother, excepted.
The school year is drawing
to a close there being only
four more weeks school and
Commencement weeks.

The annual field
day exercises come
this week Friday
and they will
be very good ones
too.

Saturday the Base
Ball club will ^{have} a game
or two to play in this
place. I have ordered
my D.U. pin which
is to be of medium weight
18 kt gold set with
alternate Turquoise
and Pearl large pearl
center.

Harrys will be of
~~18 kt~~ 18 kt gold medium
size 3 sides set with pearl

and Emerald center
There is no pin in College
like mine will be.

John Russell and I
want to get canoes
to use here and at home
and in any pleasure
trip for hunting, fishing,
and exploring we would
choose for to make

Love to all
Coke

to Louisa, and others
have the remainder.

We have had no rain
for four weeks and
it is very dry, with
roads ~~dry~~ ^{cracked}. Sam Sargy
is putting foundations
in for a building opposite
the Bank, and James
opposite the Magnolia.
Quite a number of
buildings are being put
up thro' the town
and every house is
occupied. The RR. work
has gone well the past
month, and we suppose
a part of our rails are
on the way. We shall
put up temporary bridge at Rush
and begin tracklaying soon after
the rails reach here. All well
Yours &c John Meany



Arland Ky, 29th May 1881.
Dear Cooke

Yours of 23rd inst came
duly to hand, and I have
read very carefully, as you appealed
to my conscience and
judgment. After weighing
all your arguments pro
and con using my best
judgment; advising
with your mother and
conscientiously considering
the matter; the opinion
of the court is adverse
to your proposition.

We are very sorry to deprive
the gentlemen of the party,
the pleasure of your
company, but have
great hopes they will

survive after the disappointment.

Last Monday Mr Frank Lyman paid us a visit he was trying to make sales of No. 1 Iron Ore. Kate Curick left us, and Miss Julia Riley was installed into the kitchen as her successor.

Wednesday was the day for Annual meeting of Northern Iron Works stockholders. And the first transfer of cars from the Scioto Valley Railroad to the Kentucky shore of the Ohio River; since which their trains have been transferred regularly. Thursday S. Patton, wife, and Miss Dinmont came to Coli; were here to tea Friday and Saturday we took tea with them at Coli. Miss Bell is visiting Mr Russell at last.

The Hotel Aldrich is crowded every day and night to overflowing. Capt Parrell has to put up cots in his parlors to accommodate sleepers. We have now under contract of the Ashland and East Fork Road - from Canonsburg to Mouth of Bear Creek, and from Ashland to Fowler. That part between Fowler and Canonsburg has not been put under contract as we desire to make some changes in the location before working. Hugh Russell has that part from here

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Dear Mrs Means.

Mr H. and all the ^{Mr} boys are very much interested in Means being elected - felt very confident at dinner time - that he w'd be -

yours hopefully

Mrs Alphonso Haskell

June 7th
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June 7th Mr Starbuck called this
morning & paid his rent, of my
lot. We discussed the election &
he said if you had been beaten
in the election, he should have
immediately resigned - so there is
another friend for you -
He wants to sell his houses to me or
else let him buy my lot - I told
him you could decide, when you
came home - I am going to clean the
church next week - so I shall not
miss you so much, by being fully occupied.
The Sunday School picnic came off today - it
rained early in the morning & looked very
threatening - Hildreth did not go & has kept
regretting it ever since - I was most sorry I
had not let him go, as he seemed to feel
so disappointed about it. Rose & Harry went
& May.

CONDITION

—OF THE—

Ashland National Bank,

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JUNE 30, 1881.

RESOURCES:

U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation.....	\$275,000 00	
Notes and Bills Discounted.....	431,696 95	
County and Corporation Bonds.....	38,506 88	\$745,203 83
Due from Banks and Bankers.....	\$221,887 16	
Legal Tender Notes with U. S. Treasurer.....	12,372 50	
Currency and Coin on hand.....	45,909 94	
U. S. Revenue Stamps on hand.....	53 00	280,222 60
Real Estate, Banking House and Furniture.....		14,980 00
Total Resources.....		<u>\$1,040,406 43</u>

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$350,000 00	
Circulation Outstanding.....	247,450 00	\$597,450 00
Due Depositors.....	\$371,195 08	
Due Banks and Bankers.....	14,315 33	
Dividends Unpaid.....	4,602 00	390,112 41
Surplus Fund.....	\$35,550 00	
Profit and Loss.....	17,294 02	52,844 02
Total Liabilities.....		<u>\$1,040,406 43</u>
Profit and Loss as above.....	\$17,294 02	
Less Dividend No. 17 of 4 per cent. this day.....	14,000 00	
Leaves Profit and Loss.....	\$3,294 02	

A. C. CAMPBELL, Cashier.

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, JULY 1, 1881.

JOHN MEANS, Kentucky,
President.

H. M. BELL, Virginia,
Vice President.

JNO. F. WINSLOW, New York,
Chairman Ex. Com.

A. A. LOW, New York,
Treasurer.

The Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia.

GEORGE T. WICKES,
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

Low Moor, Alleghany County, Va., 1st July 1881

Memorandum,

Order No.

Dear Father

I reached here Wednesday morn-
at 11 o'clock. Found J. F. Winslow and Mr
Goodin here. Mrs Wickes was packing up
her household and kitchen furniture
but will not leave before Sunday
or Wednesday of next week. They go down
to Millboro, where they have taken a
cottage for the summer. He is about
contracting to build some railroad from
near Corlewis. Mr Lynow is here and next
week after Wickes go he and I will
board and sleep at Covington, coming down
here through the day. Foster is here yet, but
thinks of going somewhere else, do not
think he has made any engagement, and
it is possible that he may not go.
The furnace is doing only tolerably well
The mine work is on and in Sinton
is getting along very well. How some

fourteen or fifteen hours to finish
when there are done we shall
probably, not build any more
this fall. But get down to
mining and making iron. We
shall discharge some 12 or 15 men
who have been engaged in building
and begin to incur expenses. Will
finish up many things which have
been begun, and partly finished, but
not ready for use. shall get these
into use before we begin anything
new - Have had very pleasant weather
since coming here, but the night I
came was very warm. The sleeper
was not half filled. There are not
many visitors at the mountain
resorts, but it is expected the rush
will come soon.

Yours truly
John Meany

and one man, and it was very good.
Nearly every evening some musicians
or some dressed up Negro minstrels
(a very poor imitation) come out in
the street and sing, and it is
"the wildest dissipation" to sit out on
the balcony and listen to them as
usually we sit in our rooms. The
moment dinner is over, but we
usually have been in drawing room
several times this week.

I was very glad to hear all
about your picnics and drives, and
about the visitors to Ashland. Did
you go to the Epworth League social?

There is to be a Bazaar here this
week and if we stay I intend to go
and see what it is like.

I hope you will continue to send
us papers a few at a time.

With much love to all and thanks
for so many letters as ever
Rose Inaus.

Scarborough England
Aug. 16th 1891

My dear Harold

You see we are

still in Scarborough. I supposed
we would be in Leamington, but
father said he did not care if
we stayed longer here, and there
are to be some fine fireworks
here tomorrow night, and I
thought it would be nice to stay
and see them, and see how
they compared with ours.

We will probably leave the
middle of the week tho. and!

will write to day to the Bank
so they will not send any more
mail here and have it following
us about. I supposed the picture
of the baby was lost, as Bert had
written a month ago about
sending it, and it came on last
morning gone to Edinburgh and
Glasgow, and letters from Leoker
and Lily, and papers, had made
the same tour, and we had
received others of later date twice.
So this week we have had a
good deal more than our usual
amount of mail, 19 letters and
7 packages of papers + the picture,
and I assure you I was very
glad to receive it all, and
will not object to answering
so many letters, the of course

a good many more from the
same people as the from you
and Leoker, three from Lily, & from
Mr S. he was having a trip on the
Lakes with his sister.

We went to the Spa Theatre
Thursday night to see Mr Edward
Leampton in "The Rivals," and it
was very funny, and yesterday
afternoon as it was too rainy and
not to walk, we went to the Aquarium,
and there really saw a few
more fish and tanks than we
saw in London, and it was
something the same style of
variety entertainment, having
a Lady Orchestra, Japanese jugglers,
children as acrobats, fancy roller
skating, songs, and an exhibition
of swimming by three ladies.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 20th August 1881.

Miss Margaret A. Means
Paris, France.

Dear Sister

It has been a long time since I have written you, but I have tried to make amends by sending the "Independent" every week or two. Two weeks ago I took Beese, Lily, Ren, Corke, Minnie More and Belle Patten, to Lewisburg, White Sulphur, and Old Suet Spr in Va. They enjoyed their trip; and Hattie amused herself while we were gone with a Tea party and a Pic Nic party.

She left this week with Lily and Ren for a trip to Chatagwa and other places. Last evening Beese and I were at a small party at Mr Putnam's. Mrs Nichols is visiting at Mrs Eastells; is as lame & talkative as ever, says Ashland, seems more like home than any other place does. Harry and Corke went to St. Rock day before yesterday and dined with father and Tom, who were both very well. I suppose Mary has told you of the sale of stock in the Iron Rail Road. The money has been paid.

and transfers completed, Work on our RR is being finished and we are laying track on the completed part. We hope to finish all about the first of December next, and then trains will be put on to Lexington, going beyond to Memphis. The Santa Valley line cross the river here and make this their starting and stopping place. We get the cents, moving papers same evening and see cars from all parts of the country passing through. The river is low and big boat laid up, the stern whaler run now. Uncle Hugh and Amanda are talking of a trip to mountains in Va - but may end in talk. Business is fair everything is paying a little. I find that money of yours and Mary accumulates in my hands.

Have been able so far to use it safely at moderate rates of interest. Remember us to Jerry & -
With love to all my dear ones

Truly

John Means

tried if it were the church and
left there yesterday at 11 - reaching
home at 4 in the evening - Went over
to our old place to inquire for Jimmie
and found that she was still at
Lansdowne - Write soon - or we
may not receive it - We have
not been to see about enjoying -
perhaps but will go this afternoon -
to the theatre I do not want
to go home at least - or even had
I could - T.R. is not the
most attractive place in the
North - and if it were not for seeing
father I would not go for another
year - when if you were
married - would perhaps -

GRAND HOTEL
12, Boulevard des Capucines
PARIS

Aug. 20. 1881.

My dear Rose -
If there is any one
who manages to get more out of life
than you do, I do not know who
it is - What a delightful time
you are having in Virginia - and
you were wise to take both John
with you - and give him a holiday for
the taxes so far. My last letter to
John was from Rossmore Farm - but
if you exchange letters with Tom - it
is wiser for me to begin from
there that if not what shall I

have to visit about 100 the Swi-
mijan seems far and near. That
Switzerland or indeed any place I have
not seen - We are few persons as
to have an aquatic party - one of
~~them~~ party. King and Irish gentlemen
who were in the French - then he
wrote a history of our late war, was
very high and full of life -
I recited beautiful and useful in-
numerable of Irish songs - Indeed
the most agreeable addition to our party
and ~~was~~ part after a time we
went. Mollie & Alice has married
Wolffsham - In Wharton, Copenhagen and
Hamburg to you a ~~time~~
which is all the same - These

if you were come abroad again you
would go to Hamburg - It is
one of the best spots in the
World. ~~But~~ Mollie has de-
scribed that to our mind. She has
left just nothing at all for me -
We spent 6 days at a French country
Place in Boulogne - where we took
leave of the last of our party - I
attended the children's ball and was
somewhat that they was no pub-
lic and did not dance as well as
the children of our dancing schools -
at home. ~~Indeed~~ even - We had
hoped that Jennie Clarke would
join us at Boulogne - but even

Marietta O
Sep 10 1887

Dear Mother,

We have begun
our course of study, Harry
made the Freshman Class without
much trouble.

I spoke to President Andrews
about not studying Latin, and
he said he would write to father
about it, and I hope that they
will agree on my not studying it
any longer, how my ~~my~~ eyes gave
out last year you well know, and
I have not the least doubt if I continue
to study at night, it will the same
way only worse, because I have not
regained the use of them to the same

extent as they were before I had
the measles. If I do study
at night it may go very well
for a while, but when the trouble
comes again it will be worse than
before. I ask you to give your voice
in the matter, because it is not
a matter of a few ~~months~~ months
but of many years, and it is not
your eyesight but mine.

Uncle told Sarah, that he did
see, judging from the way my eyes
were last year how I could ever
go through College.

Harry gave Sarah your ~~to~~

We are very well pleased with
our room and meals, please
answer ^{at once}
Your aff. son

E. Means

If there is a Hill's Elements of
Rhetoric please send it with
the German dictionary.

Marionta Ohio
Sept 11 1881

Dear Father

We have made an agreement with Uncle George for board and washing at \$0.50 a month, apiece, payable every month he gives Sarah our washing and pays her extra wages. he has put a night latch on the front door and given us each a key,

We are studying at present Latin, German and Algebra we have a lecture on Monday morning and Rhetoric on Wednesday at 11 AM.

I wrote to Mother about the

Latin, and I hope I will be
able to give it up, and give
more attention to the German,
it seems to me to be a matter
of great importance.

Cousin Jim Edgerston is in
town, but I have not yet
seen him, Sarah says he
looks very fat.

Shall Harry & I pay our
board bill or will you?

We will attend the Presbyterian
Church this year, as we did
last.

Please renew our subscription
to the Republican, as we have
no copies all summer, we found
a large stock of Independants
and Cronton Registers in the
Post Office which had accumulated
during the summer.

Saw Mrs Ben. Putnam on the street, and she had not decided which school Bessie was going to in Cincinnati, she inquired of John Russell about the school Jennie attended last year.

We no trouble in Cin., after you left us. Hamilton did not come up with us, he is waiting for Uncle Will Means to come home.

We have not been to see any kinfolks yet, but probaly will do so soon.

Please ask our of the girls to look up in our rooms and get an

Allen's Latin Prose
Composition Book and
mail it to me with the
German books and if
there is a Hills Elementary
Rhetoric to send it also.
The work on *De laboribus*
is progressing rapidly and
they are beginning to put
up some of the ~~pieces~~ abutments
etc

We are both quite
well Love to all
yours truly
E. C. Meane

Manitowishie Wis
Sep 18 1881

Dear Mother

You have yet written about stop sending Latin. We have had but one letter from home and that to Harry, while this is the fourth or fifth time we have written.

The fair was last week and we had Thursday & Friday afternoon to attend, we did so ^{Thursday} but as it has been raining from Thursday evening till this morning we have not been out much except to recitation.

We paid our tuition which was \$21 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ apiece.

we have had to buy 5 books apiece
There was no Rhetorical Wed afternoon
The Fair was tolerable
Had my boat in water and it leaked
very badly but is much better now
will try and make a trade for
a smaller one.

We are both pretty well.

Love to all

Yours truly
E. C. Means.

Ashland Ky. 18th Sept 1881.

Dear Leoker,

Yours of 11th came duly to hand.
You will pay the bond to Uncle George, so that
when you make your own settlements, you will
know that it is done - See Mrs Knowles and
pay her if there is anything due to her.
We should be glad to have Jim Edgerton
and May make us a visit, while they are
here. I think if you don't read other
^{or papers} books, you will not be in danger of
hurting your eyes. You have before, begun
and quit Latin and German. It is not
a good thing to quit a course when
once begun. If you ever accomplish
anything, in study or business, it will
only be by perseverance. The habit of
giving up and trying something that
seems easier will be a bad one to
contract, and makes such men
as Broden and Harry Blake,
and I don't desire that one of

my boys, shall resemble either.
I have seen about the Republican
and Mr. Huff say, it shall go all
right - that he had lost part of his
subscription list, and had to supply
from memory or as notified by
them not receiving.

I sent Allen Let Comp and two Gen
dictionaries by Express yesterday.

The other books named by you
are not in the house. Wednesday
a party went up 6 miles above Louisa
on the Clearing Run - It crosses
the Big Sandy and leaves that river
3 miles above Louisa, going up
a creek named "Mud Mill C.", and
will not come to the Big Sandy banks
until it reaches Peach Orchard.

Thursday evening, Sam Adams, Mimi and
Bird Hildeth came, and that night
the long wished for rain came.

Since Thursday it has been raining
more or less all the time.

Remember me to all friends,

Your truly John Meane

Marietta Ohio

Sept 22 1871

Dear Mother,

The Western Reserve Chapter ^{at Cleveland} of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity have sent an invitation to the Marietta Chapter, to attend the funeral of Pres J. A. Garfield and to march in the procession. The President & faculty have given their consent and will excuse us from all lessons if we go, some of the faculty think that we should go.

Pres Garfield was the president of the fraternity and Harry and I are members.

John Russell expects to go and

Low goes to Cincinnati or he
would probably go too
we will not go unless there is
a good crowd and there will
be a good one

We have enough money to pay
our expenses as it will not
cost but five dollars the round
trip and the Boys at Cleveland
will pay expenses while we are there
We will miss but 4 Recitations
or one from each study so
it not affect that much

We will goodbye we hear from
you by telegraph to the contrary
answer as soon as you get this letter
for we leave Saturday morning
we get back Tuesday

Yours truly
E. L. Means

12 A.M. Thursday

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Marietta Ohio

September 31/1887

Dear Mother

We received your letter this morning (Oct. 1.), and you will have your letter answered at once. Harry & I and eleven other boys of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, left Marietta Sat. morning for Cleveland we went as far as Hudson O. that day where we stayed till Monday morning, the guests of the Delta Upsilon boys of Western Reserve College. Monday we went up to Cleveland about 25 miles and reached there at 9 A.M. where, we Delta Upsilon boys from Ann Arbor, Mich., from Rochester and Harvard Colleges, who came to

to attend the funeral and to march in the procession, we marched in the 3rd section about 35 of us all ΔB.Us. we saw the procession and the Casket and mourners, and many of the big men, I saw Uncle Will Means. After the procession we went to a Mr Roberts, whose son is a Delta Upsilon boy at Western Reserve College, and had our dinner at 5 P.M. afterwards we went down to the Catafague and saw what was to be seen, and then down to the train and back to Western Reserve where we had a good nights rest, leaving the Tuesday at 11 AM and reaching Marietta at 9 PM. We did not notice the crowd very much except on the train Monday night coming to W.R. In the procession those marching had the streets all to themselves, and the soldiers stationed about 20 feet apart on both sides of the street kept

The crowd back. The crowd 5 or 10 deep lined the street for about 2 miles. We were about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the cemetery when the corpse passed us it was on the funeral car drawn by twelve black horses 2 in a row.

There was water all along the line and after ice water in one place lemonade. The trip cost \$8 apiece, some only \$6.

I suppose we would have had a hard time of it, if we had stayed in Cleveland.

Pres Andrews and Prof Manat stayed in Cleveland had one room with a bed and cot in it, had to wait an hour for dinner, and then be well jammed up.

Mr Ross ⁴ said Mary would like to have pictures of the girls so please send them.

Low Putnam said his mother was going to have a party and that he would have a Box, Are heard you had a party — (?)

Thursday night there was a fire alarm given about 11 P.M. a barrel of tar had caught on fire out by the shops, no other damage and a alarm ~~at~~ last night a fire at the Brewery —

Love to all all well

Yours truly

E. C. Means

'83-

Please send the Money Harry wrote for

I have been initiated into the O.M. Society

Al of Mary want a housekeeper - when
we go to Europe
we in the house - I am very sorry
like - Cook is married to some
one in the house - I am very sorry

1881 Sept - Ashland

Dear Cook & Nancy

I suppose
you think it is about time
I was writing to you - but
we have been busy as usual
in the day time & at night
my eyes are too weak to write -
Minnie & Bidie & Lizzie are here
looking the same as usual,
except Bidie is thinner &
Lizzie is fatter - The girls
are going to give them a
party this week & next week
Mrs Putnam gives them one
& Saturday they are to have
a picnic in a waggons & go
to Summit for supper -

Amie Sartell has made the
announcement that she accepts
no more invitations to anything
unless Olie is also invited - So
Olie will be way ahead of you &
Nany - I suppose you had
wrote you about our charming
picnic up Sandy - as far as
Altona Sawmills - where we ate
our elegant dinner - I & I in the party
named & single - & all invited by
Mr George Richardson - we left
at 7 1/2 A.M. & returned 5.30 P.M.
but the scenery is not half as fine
as on the boat - Give my love
to Uncle George & Uncle Ross & Sarah
& tell them to make you behave
yourselves & not make too much
trouble - Love & kisses to you
both & write soon to your aff
Mother -

You can show the enclosed to Cooke,
to the Professors if you wish -

Abbeville Ky, 10th Oct 1881

Dear Cousin

Your letter to your mother
came duly to hand, and we were
glad to hear, that you had come
back from Abbeville safe and
well. We were afraid that in
the great crowd of visitors
you would find no place
to eat or to sleep.

We had the Fair last week.

There was not so many in
attendance as in some
years past. Probably 3,000 the
greatest number and on the
last day. The old Hall was
fixed up and pretty well
filled with - Fruits, vegetables
grain &c. &c. - Have not heard
how they came out financially

but I think they have made
enough to pay all premiums
and have something over.

We finished the connection
to Holbrook Stn and started
the Ashland Train Friday
afternoon.

Samuel
Trajer launched the new
hull for propeller Saturday
afternoon. I suppose it
will be six weeks before
we get the machinery into
to her and ready to raise
steam.

Paul Eckels was here Sat, en
his way to Cin. & Lexington
to make arrangements for the
Governor of this State and five
companies of Ky Soldiers to
come on the R.R., on their
way to Yorktown celebration
They pass thru Ashland

next Friday evening - I went
up to Leathersburg and saw
Jim Damm and have
arranged with him to come
down and give them a
warm meal here - We
shall use Abe Campbell's
Hall for a dining room.
Minn and Bird leave Sunday
morn at 5⁰⁰ 25" for Levee.
Were at led Putnam's party
Friday and dined at Lake
Shower Sat - All well,

Yours truly
John H. Camp

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 14th October, 1881.

Master C. C. Means
Marion, Ohio.

Dear Cooke

Your of 9th inst came duly to hand. Herewith I send draft on N.Y. - twenty five (\$25.00) dollars as requested. I think it would be well to join the Society, the knowledge you will gain of parliamentary usage and accustoming yourself to speak your own thoughts in debate, you will find useful in after life. As to your eye - Why use them less, and your ears more - Don't read much in newspapers and books, other than your text books. Let out doors all you can. You will find shooting good for the eye. Old hunters and persons who use their eyes out doors were not near sighted. Harry and others can tell you what is worth knowing in the papers. And novels and such books as you usually read when at home, were not very instructive.

The Union Dept is in the Architects

hands get. Will have plans done this week
and then determine what to build
and put under contract.

Have heard nothing lately of the Road
to Covington. Prices of labor are now
and probable to be so high next year
that I do not look for many new
roads to be undertaken.

Nothing has been done about a
bridge here — We are expecting
the Governor of State, and five (5)
Companies of Militia here to night on
their way to Yorktown Va. Have sent out
several cars to tunnel to bring them in.
Will give them lunch here — They will
have to walk or ride horses across the
hill at tunnel — All well —

Yours truly

John Means

Answered
2 Nov 1881

Marietta Ohio
Oct 23 1881

Dear Father

Received from you by
draft on Great Bank New York Twenty five Dollars
Oct 16 1881,

Uncle George said he thought we had
better pay for our board on the first of
each month, therefore please send us \$5-0.
so as to reach here before November first-

There was a Rail Road meeting here
last Friday night about the Ohio Valley road
between here and Bellair.

Mr Cutler is in town having just
returned from out west-

Pres Andrews has been absent for the
past week attending a convention at
St Louis -

Mrs Knowles and Winnie have gone into West Virginia with their horse and faeton so Jude S.S. told me. Judge Knowles is now holding court in this place.

Thursday about 5-00 Sunday School excursionists came down on the C & M. R.R. from up around Cambridge, Hartford Is. and had a picnic in the park they made quite a display with their band and were a very countrified looking set.

The boys do not row as much in the Fall as they do in the Spring, we have not used my boat more than a dozen times since we returned.

We are thinking of selling our boat, and buying a smaller one in the Spring, with the money.

Love to all all well

Yours truly

E C Means

Box. 327

Marion Ohio

for her. Bess & I had a ride this
afternoon & went to John
Hinkaid's & Bellefonte. We
took Waxy in the little Buggy
Bess drove & Army Hausp
went on Charlie - He is to be
about in case of accident -
We did so well I think we
will go again & go to Russell
& the Key Creek road some other
days - We are expecting daily to
hear that Aunt Mollie & May
have arrived - Give my love
to Uncle George & Ness & Sarah -
With love & kisses
for you both, from
Your aff. Mother

Ashland Oct 23 '81

Dear Cooke & Larry
Your pa &
the twins & Min More have just
started for Mammoth Cave -
Your pa has a bad cold which
I am afraid won't be helped
by the trip - But Mr John Boral
has been in this morning &
wants to buy your scroll saw
So if you want to sell it you

can correspond with him on
the subject - You need not
ask full price for it, for
it is a second hand article
now - I am glad you are
so well satisfied at your
Uncle George's - & hope you
will have like little gentlemen
& not give any more trouble
than you can help - What
has Cooke decided about studying
Latin - Mrs Cone & Mrs Putnam
are going to Manetta on Tuesday

So you can go over & see them
& get all the news - The girls
are enjoying themselves getting
ready for tableaux - Mrs M
Kemp is dulling them - they ex-
pect to have much fun while
they are practicing - The money
they make they will give the
Church - they expect to have them
ready in a month - Old Dan
Army & Eldredge are having a
hard time to know what to walk

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Marietta Ohio
Oct 30 / 88

Dear Mother

I received a letter from Lily last night she was then at Mammoth Cave, also received a letter from the Rev. Morall, he wanted buy my scroll saw but as I have ^{not} used it much myself and it is a convenient article to have about the house I concluded not to sell it just yet you may sell my printing press and outfit for \$10. if you want to get rid of it.

Please have my gun tended to and do not under any circumstance lend it.

Did Aunts Mag or Mary Ann bring me any coin?

We were up to Cutlers to a Presbyterian

²
Circle, Aunt Burgess was sitting up
but had a very bad cold, all the others
were quite well.

Mrs Putnam is either in Fairman
or down in the country, I do not know
which, have not seen her yet.

I wish you would buy me a nice
Isal Skin Cap for a birthday present
As Count Carl Grahm coming back again
to this country or will he stay in Germany.

The boys, Webb & Moore, who went to
the Convention of the Delta Upsilon
Fraternity have come back delighted
with their trip, and speak very highly
of the manner in which they were
treated, we have the same convention
here next year and expect to have
a big time, you may be sure we
will, for Delta Upsilon never does
any thing by halves.

Our class, '85, has received a
challenge from '86 for a game

of Foot Ball to be played Wednesday
afternoon, they have beaten us once
and we have done them the same
favor, and we will try to do it again
So far our class, '83, is the champions
of College on the Foot Ball grounds -

Monday night is Hallow Een and
there will be big times, all the classes
will have banquets from 10 PM till 13
and then go up on the campus
and get enough wood for a big fire
and then there will be either a game
of Foot Ball by Moon light or a
Rope pull, after which I know
not what will come to pass -

Yesterday was a beautiful day but
today is rainy and cloudy -
Do you get the Olio?

⁴ Nora Peck has returned from California
and is looking very well.

Some woman committed suicide last week
The teachers Institute was here last
week but we got no vacation to attend
and the High School only two days
all well love to all

Yours truly

E. C. Meant

'85-

Marquette College

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 2nd Nov. 1881.

Master E. C. Means
Manitowish.

Dear Cooke

Your of 23rd ult, was found on my return from M. Can. The girls had a nice trip and enjoyed it. But for myself there was little pleasure. Was not well when we left home, kept so and returned rather worse than better after the trip. Did nothing yesterday except to get some medicine from Dr. Mont, which is taking some effect to day -

I send herewith Draft No 19299
McKiss Brook, N.Y. - Fifty (\$50) dollars.
Remittance due to all

Yours Truly
John Means

Gus Bauman are housekeeping
& have invited the girls up
here to tea tonight - I had
a dinner party last week &
invited them here - Your father's
room has been repainted & varnished
and we have had to sit in
the Parlor for over a week -
I will be glad when we can use
the room again - Give my
love to Uncle George & Rosa
& Sarah - Love & kisses to
yourselves from your
Aff Mother

Ashland Nov 3^d 1881

Dear Cooke & Nancy

I am very sorry
indeed to hear that Cooke's eyes
are troubling him again & think
he had better give up his Latin &
take some English study in the
place of it - You can consult
Uncle George on the subject -
We are having a very pleasant
warm fall - Bess & I had

Some nice rides last week.
Mr and Mrs Bayly in the little
buggy & Army & Co. went on Charlie
on horseback behind us to see
that we met with no accident -
one day we went to Bellefont
another day to Russell & another
day to Hanging Rock to call
on Mag & Mary Anne - We found
them looking quite well & fleshy -
& they have enjoyed their trip
very much - particularly Norway
& Sweden - The scenery in Norway
they say is finer than in

Switzerland & Stockholm & Ham-
burg they say are some of the hand-
somest cities in Europe - They
brought an elegant looking
glass & clock for your father's
room - The twins & your pa got
home safely from Mammoth
Cave but your father has a very
bad cold - Mr Condit will preach
next Sunday a sermon to celebrate
his 15th anniversary of his sojourn in
Ashland - Sam Ireland is going
to school to Mr Wiley - he is
looking very well - Mr + Mrs

April 13th

Marietta Ohio
Nov 1 1881

Dear Father,
Received your letter of
the 2nd, contained draft No 19299, 3rd. Natl. Bank
N. Y. - fifty (\$50.) dollars - for which please
accept thanks.

I have been unwell for a few days
had a chill wed. 7 P.M. and kept my room
for two days, but am able to go about
again, did not attend church this morning
on account of a bad cold,

Uncle George is going up to ~~Chertan~~
Wheeling tomorrow on the Steamboat and
will return about Thursday.

One of the Seniors, Paul Eaton, has been
suspended for three months for disturbing

the Greek professor ~~recitation~~ recitation,
to which Literary Society did you belong-

Have you bought a new Locomotive?

Was that a mistake in the Gazette about
the Fleetwood & Bostona running to Parkersburg?

Have you got out much coal on the rise?

How about the price of Iron?

There is considerable interest taken in
the Ohio Valley RR at this place and a

Have had but the sur. chill and do
not expect an other

Love to all

Yours truly
E. C. Maus



Marietta Ohio
November 22nd 1881
Dec 12th

Dear Thomas H.

Your postal of the 21st Recd.
but you must understand we are
not "boaring" at "Kloofes" so therefore
hereafter please have the kindness
to address all letters, to your younger
brother, after this manner.

E. Meaus

Box 32, Marietta Ohio

and oblige me, if you please,
but not withstanding the said address
your letter was welcomed, because
it told me you had the kindness
to see I was well provided for, and
now I know were to get the needful.

Last Wednesday night, we went
to an entertainment at the City
Hall, the name of the play you
have often read, and also the book
of that name, if you have not seen
it played Julia Hunt played the
same piece in Ashland Ky last
season, it was the world renowned
play of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and
it was well played they had
Two Bull Dogs that come out
on the stage, and barked, the
bull dogs were fearfull looking
animals one weighing 150 lbs
they came near having fight and
tore down the bank of the river
and had a bad effect of scaring
a few people But that was all
Well Thomas H. I will finish this
letter, with much love, I remain
as ever your Bro C. O'Means



Ashland Nov 19th 88,

Dear Cook & Nancy

I am sorry to hear that Cook has been sick, but hope by this time he has fully recovered - he must be careful & not exert himself so much at foot ball again - I want you to write me how Miss Maria stands the death of her Chinaman - I have been quite interested & excited reading the reports of his death in the papers - I hope you boys wont catch the suicidal mania - I dont think your Uncle George & Mr Ross are in much danger of it - I certainly dont know, what has got into Manetta people - The girls have been quite busy preparing for the

Tableaux - I expect they
will be very fine - Already
they have begun to fight as to
what the proceeds will be applied
for - but as the young ladies
started them with the idea of
giving the money to improvements
on ^{your} the Church - I hope they will
be allowed to have their own way -

Bess & Nettie Russell are going
to the City tonight to do some
shopping - Mrs Smith is coming
tomorrow from New York - I shouldn't
wonder if Willie came with her -

There are a good many new
people coming into our Church
mostly rail road people - I
suppose they will go & come -
Love & kisses to you both &
love to your Luchas & Sarah

Your loving Mother

Arlaud Ky. 20th Nov 1881.

Dear Boy

We have had quite a busy week.

Tuesday Mr Susan Smith came and stays with us. Her mother Mr Nichols of course spends a good portion of her time here and talks right on without rest.

Father and Tom Adams came up to dine Wednesday. Father wishes to go to the Colleen Exposition at Atlanta and I think I may go with him. He don't want to go alone. Thursday I went to Leathesburg to take oath as Mayor, which I

had to do on account of the death of H. B. Moore,
 and must fill out his term - or resign from the
 Council. Mr S and Lily went up to and we took
 tea at Col Morris. Bessie and George Kimmel
 went to Leitch Monday night and came home
 Friday morning. Friday night we had the
 "Singing Club" here - with others invited about fifty
 five (45) in all - Yesterday it rained nearly all
 day. Aunt May came and brought me a
 present of a nice Mantle clock, which all
 pronounce a very pretty one - Instead of a
 swinging pendulum, the clock itself swings.
 Ed Foster preached for Mr. Leonard today.
 He has been here several weeks on a visit
 to his father. Aunt May went to dine today
 at Samptons, and Mr Smith to the Hotel to
 dine with Sam Savage.

We expect to finish work on the Tunnel so that we can
 lay the track through this week and hope
 to be able to get ready for business by the
 first of December next. Remember me to Uncle Geo. W.
 Aunt Bessie, Mrs Kimmel & give truly
 Yours Truly John Means

Answer
Nov 27

Marion Ohio
Nov 27 1881

Dear Father,

Thanksgiving has
come and gone and so did Mr.
Cutler's turkey, we ate dinner with
Mr. Cutler and family, and a few of his
friends -

A man of African descent by the
name of Fletcher met me on the
street and asked me if I was not
a Means. I told him I was, and he said
he knew you and Uncle Will when you
were here at College, but that he knew
you better than Uncle Will, the above
African is a barber.

How did the tables come off?

The College glee Club give their first entertainment, Thursday (Dec 11), in this place. and I suppose we will have a very good entertainment.

You must be prepared to patronize these Christmas when they come to A.

We are glad to hear that the Means Tunnel has been completed and hope soon to hear of trains from Louisville to Richmond.

We have but three more weeks of school till ^{the} Christmas holidays, we will probably leave here, Wed Dec 21, on the Andes.

This morning the Presbyterian and Methodist ministers exchanged pulpits and we therefore had a most disinteresting sermon at the Pres Church, the preacher would try to make some sublime remarks, and ~~also~~ of course every one waited patiently for the time to go by.

We are reviewing in Living, taking 2 1/2 pages a days.

We are in Applications in Algebra and it is wonderful to see how many boys come in with out all the lessons.

We had expected a box for Thanksgiving but were disappointed of course.

All Well

Love to all

Yours truly

E. C. Means

Marion College

PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY EVENING,
November 29th, 1881.

Music by the Clipper Club,
Ireland, Schmidt, Hager, Davenport.
Solo, Twickenham Ferry, Marzils,
Miss Lida McKenzie.
Tableau, - - - Indian Scene.
Recitation.
Tableau, - - - Death of Minnehaha,
with Recitation by W. B. Wylie.
Music, Eil King, Liszt,
Miss Flora Firor.
Solo, Take Me Jamie Dear, Bischoff,
Mrs. Sallie Norton.
Recitation, - - - The Soldier's Reprieve,
W. B. Wylie.
Tableau, - - - Wreath of Living Flowers.
Duet, Little Postillion, Herman,
Miss P. Clark and Mr. Hutchison.
Solo, He Shall Feed His Flock, Handel's Messiah,
Miss Lida McKenzie.
Tableau, - - - Jacob and Rachel.
Music, Irish Diamonds, Pope,
Miss P. Clark.
Solo, The Glove, Madam S. Dolby,
Mrs. S. Norton.
Tableau, - - - Prodigal Son.
Music, El Rondo Brilliant, Von Weber,
Miss Belle Patton.
Music, - - - The Reapers,
Dr. Montmollin, Misses Hilton and McKenzie.
Tableau, - - - Ruth and Boaz.
Music by the Clipper Club.
Solo, Show me thy ways, Oh! Lord, Torrent,
Mrs. Sallie Norton.
Duet, Serenade Bellino, King,
Misses Belle Patton and Flora Firor.
Solo, When the Leaves Begin to Turn, White,
Miss L. McKenzie.
Recitation, - - - The Ghost,
W. B. Wylie.
Solo, Grand Valse, Venzant,
Mrs. Sallie Norton.
Tableau, - - - Holy Aspirations.

Scenes - Hector + Andromache -
~~Statue~~ Prodigal Son (Statue)
Holy Aspirations - Indian
Scene - Death of Minnehaha -
Jacob + Rachel - Asking Pa
Ruth + Boaz - Mr Nyle recited
Several pieces - very well indeed
me in his Indian dress almost
frightened the children - Sallie
Norton sang beautifully + Lida
McKinzie sang very well indeed
in all it was a great success -
but their expenses will take away
a good deal of the profits - I know
you boys would enjoy having been
here very much - Tom Adams
is boarding at the Bank + will stay
in Ashland this winter - Jim
Damon will be married Thursday
you are invited to the Church -
Love + kisses to you both
from your aff
Mother
Love to George Inck Moss + Sarah



Ashland Nov. 30th 1881 -

Dear Corie + Nancy
Well, the girls
have finished their two
nights of Tableaux + music
+ are now at ease - they
had good houses both nights
Monday + Tuesday - We had
Miss Belle Patton + Miss Flora
Fior to stay with us - as they
played on the Piano for them
Aunt Mollie was also up + stayed
with us + Bessie's sister - so we
have been having a gay time
at home - + the girls have had
so much sewing to do - for the
Tableaux sewing on beads
tinsel - Spanzles + gilt paper

on their dresses & practicing
that they have been very busy -
Bess looked magnificent as
Queen Elizabeth - covered with
pearls - her dress (resembled)
Cream colored satin covered
with gold embroidery a long
ermine purple velvet mantle
lined with ermine & embroidered
in gold (grapes & leaves & vine)
very showy - & borne by two pages
gold shippers & an immense collar
& ruff around her neck a big
gold comb - & pearls, in necklaces
earrings, immense breastpins - all
as splendid as you could imagine
she looked grand & was the
finest figure in the whole Tableau
In the Artist's Studio - One twin had
her portrait on the easel & was
supposed to be sitting by the side
of it while the artist (Frank Moore

was painting it - They were dressed
in blue satin & brocade - Lily was
in the frame & Bess by the side of
course the likeness was striking -
The twins were dressed in thin
blue satins as maids of honor -
to Elizabeth - Liphias daughter was
a very magnificent scene all
lined in Jewish style
with a great deal of gold embroidery
Lipie ^{Meady's} daughter was
the central figure & looked
prettier than ever I saw her in
all her life - There were two
tasteful of this - She sat when she
goes out to meet her father with
her maidens - & shed where she &
her maidens mourn over her sad
fate - There was a fairy scene
with 15 little girls which was very
pretty - The other Tableaux
were 'Where is my boy tonight' - two

Stamton Vinga
Dec 2nd 1881

John Meaus Esq
Asheara Kentucky

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter came duly to hand and I am indeed much obliged for the interest you display in my behalf. I only found indirectly that Mr Welch was to leave Loumon, and was not sure about it, though I have written Col Godwin in regard to the position.

I was sorry to learn of your Uncle's death, and I know you will miss him greatly. I can always feel with those who are in distress, and especially when they are those whom I have learned to feel a deep interest in, and whose kindness I can never repay. Remember me most kindly to Mrs Hugh Meaus and her family &

Express to them my sympathy
in their sorrow

Give my love to your
house-holds and also to the
members of your Father's family
and with best wishes for yourself

Yours
Very Truly Yours
Ed. Preston Means

as boys, get further
behind as success
afterwards in life.

Remember me to friends

Yours Truly
John Meany

Abland Ky, 4th Decr 1881

Dear Boy

Happy card acknowledging
receipt of draft, was received
but it did not state amount
of the draft, which it should
have done. Monday and Tuesday
night we had the Tobacco, of
which I suppose the girls will
write you - Mrs. J. C. Butler
came up Monday morn, and
dined with us Tuesday. Aunt
Mary Ellison and her daughter
Mrs. Mary A. Morn came Friday and
are at Lumpsins. Tuesday I
went to Catletting to report, on the
Abland and Cent Fork Road, to
the county Court. Wednesday I
went to the Means Tunnel and
saw the tracks laid up to the

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Junction with the E. L. & B. RR - We joined the tracks about
6^o 30" P.M. of the last four spikes the boys drove one
Bolt Peckles one Capt Mayo one and I the last one
Worked all day in the mud and part of it in rain.
Came back to Hays's quarters, had a speech or two on
sermon by a dusky and left for home, where we
arrived about ten at night. Friday night the first
train from Lexington came over, a special with Mr Huntington,
Smith, Echols, Wickham, Ingalls, and Gunnington. This week
we shall send over, some cars, engine, and material
for the R.R. Co. and a few car loads of coal.
And next week put on the regular trains for
business. The Spring Club met at Mr Ireland's
and we had a very pleasant evening.

Tom Adams is here and spending his time looking
into the business at the Fortin Iron Works -

I do not know Cooke's African friend Mr Deltolen, it
is probable though I may have known him by his given
name only. I hope you will both keep your places
in your classes and I should feel mortified to
think you cannot do as well at least as average
boys of your age. Most of them who fall behind

Hanging Rock, Dec. 21-91.

Dear John,

Mae was afraid
George would be committing
suicide, (like Miss Wood
& Bridges & Therman) so she
telegraphed to him she
would lend him the
money and in reply
he has several telegrams
of thanks - also wrote
and sent the note which
I inclose - He is sorry to
have made this confu-

since he didn't send
telegram until after
we recd. your letter.
Of course this note ~~doesn't~~
doesn't do for both of us
so think we had better
send it to you to dis-
pose of - Father is
still in the notice of
"moving up" he needs to
get Mr Willard or
Mr Bull to move inde-
cans - but they don't seem
inclined to

Yours affly

M. A. Adams
This is George's Japanese name.

all varieties for dinner + breakfast sets
+ every one different. Many with sea weeds
& shells - others with ferns - & others with
beautiful birds + fishes - & others with land
scapes - & figures + they were very well
painted - some landscapes were framed -
two dishes had been sold for \$100 each -
I saw also a set of tea cups valued at
\$12 apiece - & another at \$85 the set -
Sold for a bridal present - & a handsome
\$150 plate formerly owned by Napoleon
a set of antique furniture - tables +
reminded me of the Palaces of Europe - North
South Carolina made a fine display in
ices + minerals - Kansas had a splendid
display in almost every thing - Also Colorado
the display of statuary + paintings was very
good - the art building had to be filled by
other things - the main building is in
the form of a cross - Sunday afternoon we
took a long ride with Ben Warner of
Alabama - around Atlanta + out to the
battlefields - he showed us the spot where
Gen. McPherson was shot - ~~he~~ ^{he} was in the army
& could point out all the battle fields +
the rifle pits + breastworks - on Leggett hill
he showed us a field on which he saw
a thousand dead men scattered - which
it was the first battle ground I was ever on
in which a participant of the fight was

Atlanta

Dec 11th 1881

Left Ashland Monday evening on
Telegraph - ^{with a train} ^{the same day} reached the City at 5
P.M. Tuesday - Mrs McKemie Mr
John Russel - Mr + Mrs Lee Manning -
Mrs Burr - Miss Ward + Miss Ransom +
on board had a pleasant time -
rain as usual in the City - went shopping
Wed - Wed evening went to hear Haeckel's
Minutels - Thursday went shopping +
Thursday evening left at 7:25 for Atlanta
on ^{with a train} ^{the same day} Southern Railroad + ^{to} ^{be} ^{expected} to reach
Atlanta at 2 P.M. Friday but at daylight
the engine gave out + we were detained 2 hours
in the woods - missed connections + so
stayed at Chattanooga till nearly 3 P.M.
when we left + reached Atlanta at 9 P.M.
At Chattanooga we went to the head house
for breakfast + dinner + ^{we} ^{took} a carriage
& rode up to Cameron's hill where we had
a splendid view of the City of 40,000 inhabitants
spread out like a crescent below you
Look out Mountain stands on one side the
side up it is 6 1/2 miles from the City - + I was
sorry we had not gone up there - it is a 3 mile
ride up the mountain - on the top is a Hotel
& cottage for a summer resort + the view
is said to be magnificent - we saw

Mission ridge - The spot where Col
Putnam was wounded. We then went
to the National Cemetery - where there
are 8000 + more soldiers buried it is a
small hill & on all four sides are the
graves each with a small marble stone
with the name & regiment & No of each sol-
dier & there are over 4000 unknown graves
there is a large brick summer house on
top & 4 iron monuments with cannon
balls & the number of graves on each
The whole is set out in small squares
& kept in excellent order by the National
government. We then rode to see their
handsome court house & the City - the brick
houses all look new & it looks like a
place that is growing rapidly. They have a
rolling mill & manufacturing of different
kinds. The land by the railroad seems
very poor - houses mostly small frame or
log cabins - people all look poor - pine
& cedar woods - passed one tunnel - land is
generally rather flat & scenery uninteresting
as it generally is at the South - plenty of colored
people every where - Left at 2.45 P.M. for Atlanta
reached there 9 1/2 P.M. Cars were very close
& sickening - At Atlanta went to the Kimball
House - got a quiet room in the 4th story -
very poor waiter rang the bell & took for
a few - for half an hour - I waited to a table
between them both I came near not getting

any supper - at 11 A.M. went in the street
cars to the Cotton Exposition - about 2 miles
from the City - very fine exposition about
3 times as large as Cincinnati ^{expositions} Cotton in
every stage & form - An old fashioned spinning
wheel & women carding Cotton in the
old style - Cotton growing outside of the
grounds & many pictures of the different
kinds in bloom - Cotton from all parts of the
world - Looms & machines for every thing made
of it - gingham, muslins - thread machines for
making spools - making thread spooling it & putting
the number on it & girls buying it - Clarke has an
elegant display of all this - American silk -
Looms making black silk - & other silks - Cocoons &
silk in all stages - some handsome brocades &
silk laces American knitting silk & beautiful
articles made of it - I was much interested
in seeing the progress of silk manufacturing in
America - it looked as well as the imported
The most interesting thing to me was "the
glass hen" or chicken incubator - ~~the~~ iron
menisc glass boxes - heated by coal oil
furnaces - & chickens hatching out - in all
stages - you could see them just coming
out & others drying - & in another box would
come a day or two old - some looked healthy
& others did not - but I don't see why it
would not prove a success - if they could
get the right care afterward - They had
a beautiful set of dishes hand painted from
Milwaukee - valued & sold for \$2000 -

Marion Ohio
Dec 10/1887

Dear Father

To day we have had enough snow to cover the ground and it is still snowing -

Gen B. D. Peary is to be buried to-day from the house.

We ~~have~~ had two "Uncle Tom's Cabin" here last week, Harry went to one last night, I did not attend either, and also a Minstrel Show which we failed to attend, those that attended the Minstrels said they were the best that had been here for some time.

We are reviewing all of our studies preparatory to examinations next week so our lessons will very difficult for this week, especially mathematics.

The bills are behind a day or two so you will not receive yours till Wednesday or Thursday -

A Mrs J Timpon, wife of the College Treasurer, asked to be remembered to Mother she said she and "Hat" used to be playmates.

The store windows are full of Holliday goods and the children are happy. Please send us fifty (\$50) dollars, twenty-five for board and the rest to buy presents and to come home on, and settle a few little bills about town.

The snow is getting worse and I fear they will have a bad afternoon for the funeral.

Please send the money as soon as possible for we leave here a week from Wednesday morning - love to all -

Yours truly

E O Mead

The Cooking for Ransy - which comes Thursday -
We leave Thursday night -

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Dear Bess

As I suppose people
will ask you constantly if we
have written. I write you one
letter so you can say we have
been heard from - We left Ashland
at 10. P. M. - & reached the City the
next day at 5. P. M. - As I was in
no hurry the delay did not worry
me as it did Mrs McKeppie &
others - Miss Ransom, Miss Ward -
Mrs McKeppie - Mrs Burr - Mr &
Mrs Manning - Mr Russel - & were on
board & I bathed all day & all the
evening till I was home -
Mrs McKeppie & I bathed tabbouy
& our neighbors till they were
all finished completely -

Today I am having a quiet time
I have just hired a carriage +
been out shopping. bought my
Christmas presents all satisfactory
Your pa wont get back from
Court till evening - so I shall
have a lonesome time -

I wish I could have had a
daughter, with one I should
have enjoyed it better -

We hope to leave for Atlanta
Thursday evening at 8. P.M. -

They say the Exposition is very
good + they have nice shows
berries there + of course it is
warmer love + kisses to all

from your loving mother -

Give love to Beesie -

I wish you would buy that Silver
Sugar bowl at Pollocks for my
present to your pa - tell him I will
pay for it when I get home + also
a breast pin for Harry not over \$3 -
+ I will pay - get them right away so they

10/20/50