

Dearest Beloved:-

Well, as it is Sunday evening and I have no sweet heart
to sit down and ~~talk~~ wish you
much happiness while you are
talking to yours.

I have just read your
last letter and such dear and
costly thoughts I have gleaned
from its precious pages; there
is not a moment but what I
am thinking of you. Could
you only half realize my love
for you, you surely would say
you loved me. Every pulsation
of my heart beats for you, and
only you. Nothing, thank God
but the Death Angel can stop
it. Oh! may it spare me long.

#2.

I am through some means-
unknown- convinced to believe
that it was intended for me to
love you- even though I suffer
through it- I regret not a thought.
While I have written you (too)
intimate letters- yet I do not
regret one word or sound. May I never.
Some one is driving up- May be
it is my fellow- Excuse me:

Well! it was a married
man- Mr. Jackson- He is trustee
and the one among the most
prominent men of Meadock
District. He came to see if he
could get me to teach the 3 mos
Spring School at Meadock- Muey!
It is nice to be liked and
sought but My Goodness I have

#3

only had 5 weeks vacation
since February 10-1908- I have
got to decide tomorrow and
Wednesday- They want me back
at Banghs where I am teaching
and they are nearly crazy for
me to teach at Brooders
Chapel- That's where my widower
lives- I am going to teach where
they will give me the most sure
money- I do not boast but I
can always have my preference
as far as I am known in my
work- I said, Mr. Jackson I
am tired (but poor) and really
need rest- He said, Miss Arnett
I am requested to ask you to
promise in contract not to marry
during School- I said well!

#4.

Mr. Jackson I have no idea of such a thing. He only laughed. Mr. Arnett was present and said, Mr. Jackson I am sure that Georgia has no such idea. Nor have I.

I am a poor girl and have to work so hard. But thank goodness the "Good Book" says, "The heavier the cross the brighter the crown" - My! My! won't mine shine!

Well, I am tired and worn out but no rest for the poor in this world for me.

Say, I have been told that Mr. Jackson said at Anton Store last week that he was going to give me his oldest son.

#5-

Perhaps I'll catch him - never
do I want him - he is not for
me - I don't love or admire any
one but My L.R.R. - but the very
moment you marry I will, for
I would never have mind
enough to teach a doll and
you gone - Will it I only have
4 more weeks after next week.
Amas will soon be here and
how delighted I would be to
be with you. - I just draw
up an idea that you are a
young man that likes to
attend Balls & Theaters, etc.
Are you? I do not. I do not
partake of any worldly things.
I am going to live closer to
God next year than I have

#6.

The past year - yet I have not been
as wildly as many but as the
year draws nearer I see where I
could have improved. Do you?
I have thought of you all day
How many times have you
thought of me?

We are going to have quite a
wedding at Henderson ^{on} Tuesday
Night - I have an invitation
but will not attend - would be
glad to but can't neglect my
work. They are going to Oklahoma.
When I marry I want to marry
in June and want to marry
at home and not have so
much ceremony over the matter.
I first, want to love & be loved,
have a home of his and one

#7.

of my own and want to have
money of my own to furnish
the home, neat plain and
comfortable - Two things I am
going to have in my home
Religion and love. Where one
exists you find both.

I want my husband to be a
good religious man - have
prayer and thanks. Now if you
have not thought of this you
seek a religious girl.

I am a christian but if tonight
I was asked to become a wife
Hesitation would confront me -
I feel that to become a wife
(especially a mother's place) I am
not good enough - I mean that
to be happy wife or mother I

#8

would have to give up much that
I now care for or partake of.
I mean that to become a wife
I would have to dedicate
myself fully to the Lord to be
a model wife - They are not
as numerous as the Sander
but if I ever become any, I
will be a model wife.

When I marry you send your
"wife" visit me and I'll try to
show you a model home -

It may be a cabin, but be it
so. There will peace and happiness
reign. Oh! Mr. Railey. I believe
with all my heart that there
will be few women in heaven -
The immorality that reigns
in married homes.

#9.

Sin is Sin, Do you suppose
there will be so many saved.
My! God. Can't tolerate murderers
and hypocrites, Can he? No.
If I have written you unvirtuous
thoughts, I only ask God to
convince me. How can you
treat truth and virtue credly?
Mr. Raily I am going to try to
plan for us to me Xmas but
if we can't meet, then why
as soon as we can. I love
you I know I do.

I am a poor girl but am a
true one. and don't want to
say a word to you to cause you
to dislike me.

You correct me if I should.
Well it is late and I will

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close hoping, if it be God's will,
that I will hear from you
soon. How is your mother?
Live nearer the Lord and
pray that I may.

Your Devoted Friend
Georgiannah Arnett.

Shepherdsville, Ky. May 11, 1965.

Mr. R. L. Bailey,

Tompkinsville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Bailey,

Your good letter
came to hand some time
ago and I take this beau-
tiful eve to reply.

I am now teaching
at Hebron, about four
miles from home on
the Preston St. Pike.

I only have eleven pupils
but one is finishing up
for the May Ex. so I am
kept busy all the time.

She and I board together and study after school hours. Do you think we will pass?

And you are practicing law? Well, I attended court a part of two days during Barbo's trial and I can't see any good in lawyers.

I only heard the lawyer's speeches in the case, and I made up my mind, when I have a case at law I don't want any lawyer

in it.

Now, I know you feel complimented, but you know my opinion of lawyers of old. I am fully convinced that a man can not be a lawyer and a Christian ^{if} ~~his~~ only aim for the money in the suit.

And you are coming to Louisville in June. I may be teaching although I am thinking of closing in about three more weeks.

I presume I shall teach here this fall, as every one seems to be pleased with my work, - and that was the object in having me to teach here this spring.

I had a letter from Gracie Daugherty asking me to come back there this fall - but I hardly think I shall. I could do worse, perhaps, but I shall aim to do better.

How does this weather

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suit you?

I must now go to
work, as ^{our} time is short.

With best wishes,

I am, as ever,

Your friend,
Josie L. Foster

OFFICE OF

A. J. RAILEY,

DEALER IN



Forkton, Ky., Apr 28 1905

K G. your Goods has come in from
Baltimore

Can't you and Grover come out tomorrow
and stay over till Sunday and see
our start on our sand garden

K G if you can find 2 narrow
weeding Hoes good ones suitable to
weed the Meadows Bring me 2 I
Don't want the sprouting Hoe
Bring me one Broad Hoe suitable
to make potato ridges Resp

A. J. Railey

Dakshad Apr 27 '05

Dear Mr. Bailey:-

Ida requests me to say your letter which was rec'd yesterday afternoon, Ida has been very sick ever since Sunday afternoon. Our Physician came yesterday and will come again today. She has a low fever she is real sick but not seriously sick. She has't any appetite and has't sat up at all this way. She was very much disappointed because you did not come "Eggs" she says for you to

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be sure to come on as soon
as you can arrange to leave
your affairs; we extend to
you a hearty welcome -
notwithstanding the fact that
owing to Beck's little Sda's illness
we can't entertain you as
we would do if things were
different I don't feel that
we are expecting a "Stranger"
I will not receive you as a
stranger, Sda is very anxious
indeed to see you and days
seem to roll slowly by with
her she speaks of you every hour
and wishes you would come

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she will certainly expect
you just any time after you
rec' the missive; just come
on. We are here & the "Larch-
Lang" on the outside"

Suppose you try to get here
for dinner esp. day May 12 &
my sister Mrs. Burke will
come here Monday about 10
my husband will meet her
at Lowitz.

Don't worry about Ida we are
doing every thing for her that we
possibly can - she has the very
best medical aid - and we
are all doing all we can for her

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Please dont be alarmed but
come on to see her as soon
as you can. she is so very
anxious to see you.

She cried over your letter
yesterday and "says Mr Rainey
is the best man that ever lived
or ever will live on this earth"

Trusting you will come
in the very near future and
asking you to overlook errors

I am yours truly
Mrs. P. H. Burch.
Hardysville Ky.

Harkton, Ky.

Apr. 13, 1905

R. G.

I wish you would
get my Higher
Arithmetic from
Willie Chandler he
borrowed it about
2 years ago and he
won't send it home.
Wash wanted it
last summer to
study as he thought
he would have to
be examined and
I wrote and told
Willie to leave my
Higher Arithmetic

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at my Jimmy
quarters as Wash
wanted it, The
last I heard
it Millie still had
it. I want you to
see Millie. Get once
and get my book
it may be that he
left the book at
my quarters if so
be sure and get it.
I think that book
cost \$1.25 - and I am
going to have it
back as the money
and if Millie Charles

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can't return it he
will have to be
made. The book
was as good as
new when he
got it and he
I will have to
return it in good
shape or pay the
money, he just
wants to keep it
but I am going
to have it back
or the money, if he
wants to keep it
he can pay \$1.25
Def. The book is
nearly worn out

4.

make him pay the
money.

Be sure and
see about this book
at once and get it
as I am going to
have it. Back.

I will send Green's
Book 4 1/2. but it is
not as new a book
as mine. Wash has
my book and I will
get it for Green
soon. This book has
about the same lessons
he can make out
perhaps it has the same

your sister

Thornie Bailey.

Time
out - the
time

Hardyville Tenn.
April 12 - 1915

Mr. R. P. Railey
Tombinsville Tenn.
My dear Mr. Railey:

The mail true to its sweet
brought me your highly appreciated
missive about one hour ago. It
would be useless for me to attempt
to express my appreciation joy and delight
that my heart experienced on its glad
reception. So to night finds me writing
to you at my home my Father came
for me on last Sunday morning I found
all well at home my mother is to great
deal better than she was when I left
home. We have recently had a letter
from Mrs. Burns stating that she was
improving very day and also said
that she thought she would be able to
come out to visit us in a bout two
weeks perhaps she will be here when you
come. I am at home now to stay
shall be glad and happy to have
you come at any time just come on
when you get ready it certainly
makes me sad and unhappy to think what

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Cruel fate has kept you a way
and deprived you and I of a happy
meeting in my home. The Post has
said "Be it ever ever so humble ~~that~~
there is no place like home" you
wanted to know how far my father
lives from Glasgow it is 25 miles and
is a splendid pike to Hardyville and
then it is two miles out here from
Hardyville but a good road. Be sure
to write me previous to your coming
and be sure to come in the next
future we will do all in our power
to make your visit pleasant and
agreeable. Remember that you will
not meet with any cold faces in
my home you will be greeted
greeted with a cordial and hearty
welcome by me and all.

Mr Bailey as ~~not~~ my pen is miserably
bad and I have not good paper I had
better cease promising a more worthy
missive. The next time write me when
convenient. I am always glad to hear
from you. Good night.

(over)

Yours faithfully
Eda Surt

Mr. Bailey

As I failed to get your letter mailed in time for you to get it Saturday I will add something more to my letter. I wish to make a suggestion to you. Can you possibly arrange to come next Sat and spend Saturday and Easter Sunday with us. You will get this letter in plenty of time to write me whether or not to expect you Sat. Tell me about what time you will get here it is a much better way to come by Glasgow than by Edmonton. Be sure to write me by return mail.

Sincerely

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April 16 - 1905.

Feb. 28th, 1855
Longlewy. Ky.
Mr. R. S. Railway
Tompkinsville, Ky.

My one dear love,
I thought you had
forgotten your little girl
for dont no how proud I was
when I received your sweet letter
it was sure like a peacock
Mr Railway, I am glad to no that
you are getting along so nicely
in your home,
and glad to no that you are
enjoying health,
you wanted to no what
become of my Broctus Lockall
he is at home with us and
enjoying health,
you will be surpris when

when you recieve this letter and
 find that I have left
 Henderson, but Mamma
 thought it was better for
 us to come up on the farm and
 spend the summer, and I
 had much rather be here
 on the farm, and at Henderson
 only it is a little lonely
 I can get to go more here than
 I did at Henderson
 we moved from Henderson the
 20 of this month

Does your credit to be here
 the second Sunday in next
 month they are going to
 start a meeting here then
 and dont you see I will
 have a time

I guess I will kill my self
 you dont you think so
 I dont like playing the
 organ and I havent
 got time to write
 this letter will be a dandy
 I guess I was delaying on
 what I am writing

And your first credit to
 have been here to see
 and see me hurt my
 hand I was cleaning
 down the walls and went
 to get a nail out of the wall
 and I mark my fingers
 and I got hollowed
 and so I didnt use the
 hatchet in my work, I was
 afraid I would kill my
 self next. I will be so proud
 when we get strater up.

you was speaking about Miss
 Dornine stopping at my
 house I am sorry but
 I wont be there
 she will hope come over
 in the country some time
 to see me, you see I am

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a country ^{girl} ~~girl~~ Denver, ^{Ho, Ho,}
we left Denver crying when
we left Henderson they did
hate to see us leave
but, O my Henderson is a
dry old city.

Mr. Raley you said you had
rather see me than my bed
you dont want to see me
my nose than a horse
I see you said if you went
to Aka to look, you wanted
me to go with you
and you wanted to see
what a thought about it
of Aka I have done
what to say about this
matter. you dont think
that much of me as to want
me to go down there with

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you. As you, you say I
prefer more your love I am
better than any body in
this world. Well I am glad
to no that they are some one
care for me, but Mr Railey
is it true that you care as
much for me as you say you
do. I certainly will approach it
if you do, I
and in another place
you said you ~~know~~ know you
love I the sweetest & prettiest & best
little girl in all the world
and I certainly approach
that compliment. but your
affair I you are proud to
them. are you not?
I see you would do no less
much & more. The best time I

man & I man O 125. 10 6 am in
 the country of man and I guess
 I will stay here. Why do you
 not me to go to 145.
 I guess I will go to 145. I
 get to stay in the country
 very long and keep in good
 health. I am in very health
 at present. just feeling fine
 I sent this of the weather
 but we have had several ^{parties}
 days over head. and I
 hope they will sleep
 that way for a while
 and drive the snow up some
 I take a horse back in today
 for the first time since
 I have been here
 and I am very near
 getting well
 I guess I am the first girl

that not one has the way
 she acted & she began
 jumping and kicking
 and I thought but I found
 it so my brother grab his
 or I got off. but I got on
 his all night. and had to
 miles in some place. that
 had water in it she would
 jump it. I guess I never
 rid a horse if she were
 to throw me every time
 I got on him.
 I never saw a horse that I
 nor afraid to ride
 I am so sleepy I can't
 hardly write
 Lord I've spoke of one
 of the picture I will
 send you one if I can
 find one but they are not
 very good. I don't think

They look like the very much
I intended to have some
taken before I left New York
but didn't

Well I guess you are dreaming
sweet dreams, but Mrs
Deer says she & I lets
us go down in G. P. &
Locate, all night just
in place that suit you
will suit me.

Well dear I will hope
in a guess for I am
so sleepy to write to
answer soon and a
long sweet letter
from me that will all
be true so I good night,
Auntie Host
H. on the 1st, B.