Auburn, N. C.

Aug. 23, 1906.

My dear Mary

While I have a few moments leisure I will spend in writing to you. We have been in a whirl all the week with a house full of company. The children are having a little house party. Mr Proctor, Carlotta Swannanoa & Mary Mitchel are here, they came Tuesday & will stay till tomorrow Friday

going to stay a long time with me then. I wrote to know if he is seriously ill, & if he is I guess I will go as soon as these girls leave. Mary I will have the gravel sent as soon as I possibly can I dont suppose you will have this before Oct. will you? I will be so glad when I can see you. I am glad the climate agrees with you both. Hope your breast is all right you will have to leave off having it drawn by degrees as, you know the oftener it is drawn the more milk will come. You must not grieve about the baby, as this sorrow may be a great blessing in disguise. You must think of her as a precious little treasure in heaven where neither moth or dust can corrupt and may you strive to meet her there where there will be no more parting but one continual rejoicing forever & ever. I will not write any more since your Papa is writing he can write so much more interesting letter than I can. With a heart full of love for both of you always Your own devoted Mama

they Ed, Clarence & Louie invited a few boys and girls up to see them last night and had a little ice cream party. all seem to be having a fine time, & I know they will hate to separate. The time is drawing near when Ed & Clarence will have to leave us again and I will miss them so much. I am afraid we will have to send Louie to Raleigh to go to school as there is a poor prospect for a school around here. I don't know what I shall do when all of the children leave me I know I shall almost die with the blues. My trip to Atlantic City is all knocked up, as your Uncle has had another stroke of Paralysis & has entirely lost the use of his left side. I wouldn't be surprised to be called up there at any time, in fact, your aunt Lou writes for me to come as soon as I can. I have just seen him today and they think he is a little better, says he has his right mind & is lively & cheerful but is perfectly helpless on his left side. Poor old man! I guess he has been here for the last time. I am so glad he got ~~home~~ to see me before he was taken worse off. He seemed to enjoy his visit so much and was counting high on coming down fair week and said he was

giving this property to each other that was the survivor this before & then to be divided between this niece & nephews. I have never learned exactly what his or her will said and made but little inquiry concerning the matter. I guess old Hugh Stevens fixed it like he wanted it. I am not troubling myself much over the matter, I had rather he would get well & enjoy it a long time to come. I saw Bessie yesterday – she returned from home Wednesday – she was looking well. I hope Mr C is doing well in his business. I dont expect Ed will go to school till October the weather is so hot & Yellow fever is 125 miles from N.O. Clovis's school opens about Sep 15 so he will soon have to go. I am not fully decided what I will do with Lucile

We are at a great disadvantage for a good school around Auburn. It gets worse. I inclose Clipping for you I think you will also have women as fair as I. Love to all to you & Mr Christian

Your affectionate brother
Thos Johns

I think I can expect to come for a while.

October

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Dear Mary

Your highly prized letter rec'd yesterday. We are glad you continue to improve in health and hope Mr Cheathoom is also well & doing well. I must not cultivate your great sorrow. We feel deeply for you. But it is not best to grieve so much. He who doeth all things well knows what is best, not only for the present but for time – eternity. All your grief cannot bring the precious one back but, you have the consolation that David had. He said "the child cannot come back to me but I can go to it" So you have one great treasure laid up in the better land. It may be only the voice of God calling you to a closer walk with him. You know not what sorrows & trials it has

escaped, It matters not how well you both loved it you cannot love it so well as he who is all love. Do as much as you could you could not do a millionth part what he can do. So you should feel that the little one is blessed far beyond what you can do for it. It has escaped all the sorrows & trials of this world and both in the presence of him who said suffer little children to come unto — for of such is the kingdom of Heaven. You should try to take this view of the matter & not shut on cultivate your grief. We will ship rocks at first chance. Lucile & the boys have had Savannah & Stone Corbello & Mary Mitchell Chamberlin & Robert Proctor here since Tuesday — they had had a gay time & will remain till tomorrow (Mon day) They all seem to be having a big time. Sentard boys came last night & stayed till 12 1/2 o'clock We have had rain almost daily since about 1st of July. I dont think I ever saw so much grass in my life. Still corn on upland is fairly good. but bottom land is not much. I am sorry to tell you that your Uncle Henry had another strok of Paralysis Sunday morning. He has no use of his left side We rec'd a letter or rather PC card today from his nurse I presume saying he was no worse & possibly a little better. Said he knew everything & was lively. Of course he can't write much if any with help — Mrs Gray wrote Sunday & got the nurse to write other letters. I fear he will go suddenly some day. Your Uncle is thinking of going up some day next week if he gets no better. Mrs Gray thought it was brought on by writing a new will Saturday. She did not give particulars. He made but little change in it, I think from what Mrs Gray said he left his property to be divided equally between him & Alices nieces & nephews. You know Alice & Henry made their wills some years ago

Letter to Mother from her father when her first baby died

AUGUSTA
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Mrs Jas. T. Cheathow.

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