

Bracebridge

Sept 6th 1876

My Darling Wife,

I was disappointed at not receiving a letter this morning and have concluded you went to Shady Grove on Sunday and did not get back in time to mail a letter Monday morning - Hope to get one of double length in the morning to compensate for the disappointment. I have been busy to day, about the house most of the time - Potting and repotting the house plants, Transferring the Hyacinths and Tulips to their new bed (which I know they will appreciate as I made

it with my own hands,) and canning fruit. I got a dozen 2^d cans yesterday and found one old one here all of which I filled, with Tomatoes and Apples. If they keep, and I can tell in a day or two, I will get more and put up some more, of which there is a great quantity just in the right condition. My loss planting I fear will be caught by the frost -

After a more thorough examination of the work I find the cotton is injured to a greater extent than at first thought - I don't think now that the whole plantation will make as much as it did last year with considerable new acreage - How rapidly the prospect can change - When I left here

before it was as bright as it ^{is}
could have wished - The com-
plaint is general Through-
out the county - Poor crop
and poorer price - But it
is all for the best - Do you
think so?

How now Mrs L about
that second Centennial
Trip? Every letter from Mr
Bruce contains an invitation
for us, and asking me to
name the time when we
will speak in an appearance
at 121 & 28th. Mrs Bruce
has returned from Atlantic
and I presume Bill also,
as I received a paper
from him this morning in
the old familiar wrapper.

The paper I will enclose to
you with a piece upon
the Centennial marked.

Be sure and read it just
to see how differently people
see the show - My opinion

is that the writ^r of the
article was either drunk
or suffering with dyspepsia
while there - Perhaps both.

I notice a rose in bloom
this evening (Saint Joseph), that
is as yet the loveliest thing
I have seen and if it
has not fallen to pieces, I
will enclose it, that you
may see the color. It is so
delicate -

I do seem a pity that
such a home as we have
here can't be healthy, then
we could always be together.
When you are so sick as
you have been this summer
it recalls to my memory
those happy days of yore.
And I say it in all candor
that I believe I have been
as happy and contented
this summer (while with
you at any rate) as I ever.

was - Notwithstanding the low price of cotton and loss of futures I haven't worried much. Do you think I have? The fact is I am getting to be quite a philosopher and would be a Christian probably if I was not continually thanking God I am not as other men are."

Well as I have got to summarizing I had better close for I know my doctoring does not suit you -

With love for your Ma and kisses in addition for the boys, not forgetting to be kindly remembered to Mrs D and all the endearing epithets that newly married people are accustomed to use, for yourself

I am yours aff
Husband

Will not write again,
Good for me early next
evening thro' the country.



Mrs Elias Leas,

Wassentou,

N.C.