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My Dear

I reached home last night safe and sound, but "nightly tow to pieces in my mind" (as S. H H ever say) on account of our separation.

I saw in the cars Miss C. D. and her cousin Miss. S on their way to Bath to school,

I took much interest in getting a good look at Miss D having heard so much of her - She has a very good face, and a pleasant cheery look, As the train stopped your residence, she (Miss D) took out her pocket handkerchief and waved it very industriously for some time, Was it for you or a token for "Juice?" Ask him and let me know what he

says. We are all quite well, except some slight headaches &c &c

I found an accumulation of unanswered letters awaiting my arrival and this out after obtaining presents me from coming yon sure. Which sure could I say them but I love you dearly and shall count every hour that elapses between now and April = if we are not married sooner. Give my love to all the folks. — I hope your Pa is better

I saw Miss Della Lacmee in town Monday - She was looking very pretty as usual and gave me a Delaware smile and a bow as I passed = I saw David at Rocky Mt & Sam Bethea & sister of Miss D's team I want you to go to see Mrs Baker and Mrs Lloyd and apologize for my not going to see them - want of time you know Don't forget my "puffy organie chicken" Yours Affectly

John