I sometimes fear I was not prudent enough when before one judge, and if I had kept perfectly quiet things would have terminated more favorably, but I thought their silence was a confession of guilt and so answered them.

The long more and more for dear Clara. My love, hand, yourself, and me there will get great comfort from her — I feel much relieved about Aunt Anne. This fact that coming with all the other public trials bears hardly on my delicate health and indeed everything seems gloomy and I feel tempted often to give up in despair and believe if there were any Presbyterian converts would return to one and selfishly live away my years apart from the world and all in it — then I look back to a very few years ago when my life seemed so bright and I had such a light and happy heart, it seem a sickening dream — and I already feel like a wreck. No earthly power need try to rouse me from it — no how our being ever had on ever could have, any influence over one, and my God alone can bring comfort and rest to my worn out weary soul.

Mrs. Porter and her Daughter Maggie are now returned to R. Wilson and their return seems to have greatly startled the people. Aunt Jane relates an interesting conversation between a Confederate Captain who had surrendered with Lee, and was present at the interview with Grant and Mrs. Porter who met mine on the boat on her way down the river. I shall write you as Ann.
except walking through the galleries and
attending the lectures which are
just across the street from this place. They
are devoted mainly to the amuse-
ment of the children and nurses of
the city who seem to spend most of
their time there. The children have
been very much carried away with the
hottest places which they have for the toasts
which are scattered about the gallery,
and even those for as first sight of
them she has been able to talk of
nothing but how "Punch and Judy"
poured up and down. I told that
intend to write you such a detailed let-
ter again but will send this in order
to show you that I have not forgotten
you yet and to tell you that we are
all well and having quite a pleasant
time. I send a letter to Clarence where
I wish you would ask Colonel Jones
forward for me and give the direc-
tion. You must do and write as we have
written or else get some one of the family
to do so for you. I hope that your health
will remain good. All join me in
most loving regards and the rest of the
family. Remain your loving friend,
Sarah

Paris, Hotel de France, November 17th

Sarah

I am almost ashamed to commence
a letter to you at this late date but you see
I believe we did not hear. "Better late than
never", and would much write some of my many
places which I am afraid you will think I am
very poor ones. The whole time that we were
in London we were out of town entire and
when we came in at night we were all so
exhausted that we were obliged to retire
immediately if not sooner. When we reached
Paris I determined to wait no
longer but intended to write you im-
mediately, but I am not ahead of you and
dispatched a letter by the last steamer
and I thinking it would be pleasant
to do so as we at different times
waited for the next steamer. I hope
that these excuses will serve to make
one appear to you a more affectionate friend.
I was surprised that you must have thought me before this. When we got started for the course I intended to write you regularly. I spent a delightful week in London but the weather has been so dreadful ever since our arrival in this place that we have not had much pleasure and the worst of it has been that we were obliged to spend it in it. I would have liked to have been anywhere for the winter arranged here. We intend to leave this place for Dresden next Tuesday. I am afraid that we will not get to Breslau until the 1st of Dec. I feel quite anxious to return as I have no taste and need to know so much. I intend to study hard while we are in this country. If that does not work some time, I never wish to have it said of me that \\
I have no leisure. We were glad to receive your letter of the 20th of Oct. but were only to learn that you had had a dull day after we left.

I hope that your many friends are happy. I have not seen any places of interest or amused since our arrival in this place.
Sarah

New Haven, March 24th, 1862

Miss Martha Day, we are quite curious to hear whether it is true or not. I would like very much indeed to be there in order to see him about it and pay off one of my practical jokes with him which he used to enjoy so much. We were glad to hear that Billy was so much better. Please give him love to him. We went over to Sagamore this week for some shell making. There, it is a pleasant scene where in which there are a large number of broken oysters, one of which was about half a foot long and made of tortoise shell out of which made a little curved plate of porcelain, porcelain which is yellow when you touch a finger of one and most beautiful little white jet black set, that this week, of a month, and then came and sound and gone with the most charming melody. It was signed at 20s. All will be gold. The old man who made it has also invented instruments which, when played, sounds like a white hand flapping.

Yell! Says that cannot come to it at last due to the hedges and he must immediately.

I have been intending for some time to write you and have wanted to do so very much. But, now, that I go to school I find it quite hard enough filling up the list of letters that I have to write. I find you about the best reader. I am not that we have and but there you that we value the trouble that you take in writing to often very much. We have only had one home twice since we have been here, and one of those letters was about the last of October just two days before we arrived. The other were sent over to a friend to from Pvt. Tison who had come over to join the University at Heidelberg, we are very fond to see him as it would be so delightful to behold any one who had just been off into the world, family circle in which, if it is good enough to write last trencher him to come and spend the holiday again.

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Near all of the time we have been here, but this week we have been having a little know which is the first that we have had this winter, I am very much afraid that we are not going to have much snow. We have not been riding or skating, I have expected to be gone for the holidays but we are to go to travel in the winter. The Americans and English who are here are next week going to give a large ball to the ladies of the town in order to return some of their many kindnesses and I believe it will be a grand affair, one of us intend to make our appearance as we are not prepared to attend balls, except when who I think will have a gay time as he rarely knows any ladies here and does not know how to dance the grand dances. We all expect will be perfectly shocked when I tell you that we have a Ball on tap at the hotel and the ladies are to be out in all their best. We are not intended to learn how to dance the Grand Dances, but merely try to learn how to be graceful, whether we succeed or not remains to be seen.
Dresden Dec 24

My dearest Grandma

How I do long to see you. We have been in Dresden over four months and to think that I have not written to you yet. Tomorrow is Christmas day and we are going to have a celebration. Mama has been buying presents all last week for us. Please tell Harry that I will write to him the very next time Mama writes. Tell Harry please to write soon to me. She has not written to me since I left New Haven. We go to school now too to Miss Möller who is very kind to us. We are trying now how to learn German it is not hard at all at Mrs. Minell who stays in the same house with us. Her little girl goes to school with us and we have a real nice time. How I wish Harry and Marry were here to go with us. We went...
to drive yesterday afternoon and had a splendid time and we saw the house that Schiller the great poet lived in when he was a child his house is about 3 miles from Dresden We are going to the grand cathedral tomorrow morning to catch the opera last week to see little and nothing novel and it was so pretty in Dresden the concert commenced at half past six and it let out at nine and when they have anything every fire it keeps up until ten. How is Emmie Probstein give her my love and tell her I hope she is well love to all and keep a good share for yourself.

good By your ever
devoted Granddaughter

Essie Murdoch
December.
Year 1847.

My dear Grandma,

I have just finished my first letter to sister, Annie, and must write you now, although a long letter from Miss to Uncle Tom last week will give you late intelligence. Miss last from you, all is more from Cousin Ones, which came in good time was quite welcome to me, if he won't write letters, we want him much better pleased, yes, dear Grandma perfectly astonished & delight—You are a near regular, good correspondent, and we look forward to your letters as our only intimations of your happenings & doings, so in the East. Year all the rest are not our correspondents, as not even the children around the house, but letters, are constantly playing there—Well, perhaps they are as busy as ever at school and play, and really get little time for letter writing—Miss and Dora still go to a letter not for form here, but complaint of their teaching teacher is that I hardly think they will remain there very long. I hope they will soon have a teacher in the house with them.

For five or six hours a day, she will read to them, sit with them, while practicing I walk with them to the wheel, will look as much better than the present array, great of sending them forward where we are afraid they will not improving as fast as they might. We plan also that is stop it in our German, and hope will in about ten months longer be...
asked at all cost. Our lecture was the first of its kind for topology in the extreme of the people, that one must understand. Much so much, before you feel you understand anything. We laughed, and some bright morning we will wake up to find we have gone back over our previous ignominious state and can speak German. It will I am afraid you be a bright day, with a resurgence, for one if it ever arrives. Already I can keep all a little, that is can sometimes make myself understand. Our circle is perfectly delighted at our progress that the French and the Frenchman is always better in bed best. As I have been told, it is always better in bed. She is the one infallible compliment to the poor lecturer is the consideration of a German scholar. A master of French, English, Latin, German, Greek, and the latter comparatively with their French. They think that all that we can do. It is to be the back bone and I find all are of these languages to precise our own the are precise. But good. Our minds will never be destroyed. I trust you are not of me, dear old. 

Drinks too is by no means wanted in amusements. A grand party given by the American Legation last week. The devil and I attended they go extensively. We returned home about about three o'clock having danced until Tuesday last drop.
Tue. March 2nd

That has a wife and gone to housekeeping, it made an end of somewhat of the days until Pa. Ma just move out due to die, we get along very well however, and Annie is of great comfort to me. I hardly know what I would do without her she says she will not a few lines the this to you —

I will be so glad when they all come back from Europe, they will be so much company and will make this house so much more agreeable to Annie — Well I never say goodbye with letters of love and

Dear Grandma,

I have been intending for some time past to give you another one of your produce bills, which have been kept very busy indeed, with my business, until the last one, since which time I have been quite sick, for four days, did not not take a mouthful, but am now just improving, and regaining my strength, which has been greatly decreased for so short an illness, but now. The only trouble is, that I still have to be very careful of my diet, not able to eat any solid food, known as my business in keeping funds, I hope to be able to go to the plantation in the carriage, there not being enough to ride on train back at yet and the weather in 20 20.
I trust my dear friend is keeping well through all this cold weather she must be having in New Orleans now, then the long and dreary thing to pass through before you can have pleasant summer weather again. We get a constant supply of letters from all the places and in spring there are real good about writing, and I am happy that they seem to understand situation and are at home by now. It is too long to hear their troubles, country and take my dear wife to see them. All the former pleasures of plantation life which you are probably recollect are gone now, that the Cameron has left all these gentlemen; I mix some of these could see the former acquaintances I have from the old men for fine food and who would ensure the old regime be well cared for good and money in obedience, but now are left to take care of themselves, but I suppose it is all right. I have not heard from you since Christmas, but have written to you twice also to Cousin Ellen, did you get any of them? Aunt Ellen was down here last week with me while I was sick, but has returned to New Orleans, where she will spend a few weeks with Aunt Ellen, who you probably know is staying the winter there with her two daughters, Blanche and Nova “and”. They are all pretty well in New Orleans; Cousin Ellen better has been a little sick but is better; I am looking for the Better house to stay with us before they will probably remain with us, having rented their home for a year.

I wish dear Grandma you could be out here to see your precious
Your most

My heart would not be glad

And you write

The receipt of a letter from you

Your heart would not

As rounded of your good half
Dear Mr. Grant

Jan 21st 1846

Ever since hearing of you, I wish to see you. Through the letter to your Grandson, I have been intending to write and thank you for it. It would give me great pleasure to see and know the Beloved Grand Mother of my dear husband. We are now living here in his old home, and though it is all very pleasant, still I wish to finish his Phthisis and return here soon. It would be kind, to send a letter to your Grand daughter.
our first efforts at home keeping. I'm all so settled in, I hope though after a while we will succeed. Confining Ellen Butler & her sister, they come to stay with us this year as I expect. They are very pleasant and will be a great addition to our small household.

Mr. Thurrock frequently receives letters from Edith and I take such interest in reading them. I'd have known nothing of them, I feel quite an affection for the dear ones. They gave welcomed ties to kindly into their circle. I do so wish for their return home.

I intend writing soon to the little ones Dick and Ellie to thank them for the pretty jar they sent me. It was so thoughtful, such children as they are. One would not have expected it of them. I hope next Winter you will enjoy good health. During the cold winter in this climate, it is very mild and pleasant. Although earlier in the season it was quite cold.

Hoping, my dear Madam, to carry the day great yon, I am.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
My dear Grandma:

It has been about two

months since my last to you, which ran out of the

boat, came your letter of Dec. 4th but I

think you meant Law as Mr. Austin had

died. When I wrote last I was not

sick. Your long and attack of sickness, but

soon I am as well as ever, and have

enjoyed fine health ever since.

Aunt and I arrived yesterday

from Vicksburg, to which place we

had gone on the "Quintana" and

returned by the second boat. I now

must hasten to try to leave my present

one in the meantime I did not

reach, but hope on Tuesday that

I may as soon as possible, and then your poster of the county of he

is only 18 miles, our route leading to

the premises.
Our latest date from Nealville, Dec. 30th: she has just heard of our having joined in the Holy Family, much to their pleasure as well as mine, who are very anxious to hear it was not from a fearful cause, as they thought I was so completely alone myself at the prospect — but now it is getting on toward three months since the time, so I am just feeling the importance and dignity of married life; I want to tell you that we had no carpet prints, or we would have sent them to you all.

Our writing is just getting out, already; the trees are beginning to show signs of spring, and this will probably be one of last cold spells, we are having a cold rain tonight, which I trust will bring clear weather soon, that I can go ahead with my ploughing, which is now very backward. Just with you, I suppose, you feel as if you must just getting in to it. The girls had just tried skating when Mother wrote and was expecting great pleasure from it, it being a great pet and in December! Their letters are so interesting that each one makes me long the more, to be with them. Cousin Eliza, Nella, and Harriett, will be down this week to live with us, most of their things have come out and she is only waiting for me to send for her, they will be company for Annette, who I know must feel the loneliness intensely, when I am away from the home, which is a great deal of the time. All have met in Port Clinton; Aunt Anne is to leave in a day or two for New Orleans, going to pay Aunt Ethel a visit of several weeks. Aunt Anne’s health continued pretty good, much better than she had expected; she only troubled is she allens three hateful mouses to move her life out of her, as they do most everybody. I know you all
Annie wrote to you in my last letter. I hope you have received this. She is always greatly interested in your letters, and often to her it is a delight to read them. She longs to know you, but she fears there will not be able to come north this summer. Plantations are not the same as they were to be, and require the constant attention of the owner, and the greatest vigilance, to prevent anything from going to the dogs. I trust you will let me have news from you as often as you have heard from me. I am always glad when I get one of your good kind letters. Next to mother I hold you in greatest esteem. I am left very busy with affairs here, and only can be able to write at night and on rainy days. But I shall always find a pleasure to write to my dear Grandmother.

Annie sends a great affection of love, and believes in

Yours affectionately,
Grantly Williams.
Saturday March 10
Dresden

My dear Grandma,

I am ashamed
to say that I have not written to you at once since I have been in Europe and that was in Paris. I have been waiting for a letter from Harry but I have not received one yet, she promised to write to me as soon as I got here. It has been snowing all day but as soon as it falls it melts. Fannie got a letter
getting well of a bad cold. Mama is going to Shankow, a place in Sayon Switzerland, about 10 hours ride from here. In the cars to look for a place to stay in the summer and she is going to take Joe and I with her. Mama is only going to stay three or four weeks in Sayon Switzerland and then she is going to the other Switzerland with Fanny Sally and John and leave Joe and I with in Sayon Switzerland. As it is getting late I will you good Bye.

your ever loving daughter

Essie Shumlee
Dear Fred:

A letter from you, accompanied by a note from O. B. Irwin, to ask of March 12th, gives us the sad news of your passing and return to the race. You will be very much missed by all. We hope this news found you all.

A letter from Mama to O. B. Irwin, dated March 13th, had been favorably received by both, and Mrs. Irwin, in her letter, has asked us if we would be interested in sending any news from you all.

The greater part of March has been written to you, and we have been very happy to receive your frequent letters. We are very glad to hear from you, and we look forward to hearing more from you.

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repair damage," the poor old house was drawn up to pieces, thinking that it was not to be saved, all united in heavy, slow, shudder, tender echoes! We all clung to the old to that moment, it was too late to look back. — Feigning that you did not hear from them after, thinking you might like to hear I have written this — politics is much worse now; many matters that were so against him, and think it thinks he would sometimes become desperat — but for the treasure you told — that she can discern is all the facts, is changing away his cares & Troubles, she says she is truly the Guardian of these. Here we are deep in eastern views for which preparations among big little have been making since several weeks.

Yesterday, all the Americans in Marseilles, in spite of a big wind, were supplied with a procession in the Catholic church, in which the King was all the priest, and the Bishop, the Queen, the rest of the royal family and the maid of honor etc. made up the small tale. That day the immense procession, that day, the immense cathedral moved its way, there was the middle with this show of soldiers and the drama performed there danger and danger. For this and the fire, we were obliged to promise to

knell during the service, or not attend.}
neglect my other friends any longer. Please give my love to the Uchhugh, and
you see them - also Antinman & all the
Chaplains - Sellers is going to write to
Boston to-day -
Tell Coninck Lewis his friend Mr. Johnson
has proved piddling and not in any way
fruitful at all - I think he must have considered it too formidable a
snaggle for him to attempt. Smith he says
let him out on a parting call for my
safety. The above circumstances for the want
of some refreshing fruit, which historically
has demerits at -
Dear Grandma, we will not expect you
to write as very long letters, but we hope to
get short and quite often to let us know
how you are, & then we will - We would
like to hear very amuck also from Aunt
Caroline - When do they think Milla
will be able to return home - Coninck
will as he has been given permission to
write & receive letters from home - I know
think from that he could soon come home himself - Aden dearest Grandma, as my

May 10, 1864

My Dearest Grandma:

Uncle Don probably

arrived in New Haven too late on

Saturday night to tell you of his stop

departure from New York, much wind &

weather. It was truly a most disagreeable
day & I fear too from present appearance

she will not have pleasant weather and

it is so disagreeable on a ship in rainy

weather. When a close cabin or berthroom

it only resort - I hope she will not

be sea sick long & will be able to go of

on deck & enjoy the spring breezes. For

Hammo how many trials she has to

endure - there seems no end to them

any precious Papa once paid of her

she acts mostly -

She was so distressed at leaving you

to hastily on saturday - she truly the

really had so much to do she just had
time to let you goodbye - their road
so much to be done before leaving—I suppose her return next fall will depend entirely on the turn affairs will take in the coming few months—Our family scene was so completely broken up as it is now—but it will only make the few together draw closer than ever to each other. Could you dear Grandma but have spent the last few years of your dear life in peace with us in our southern home, how delightful it would have been—a thing which we all have always longed to have you do, but which has always seemed impossible.

We are beginning to feel rather home at home here now—and I suppose will after a time begin to like it at tho. How that seems to me to be an impossibility—things I have almost come to the conclusion there is not such a thing as an impossibility in this world—

Please ask Uncle Tom if he has directions with him about our pocket money—how much he could allow us each a month. I have not a cent of money now—I could not even go out in an emergency if I wished to—Help him if he calls upon us some as soon as possible—

I hope we shall hear from her in two weeks as we told her to write as soon as she reached New Orleans. I do hope she will not be detained by quarantine as it will be hot on board the ship to remain so long. My greatest anxiety however will be for her. After she leaves New Orleans on her way up the river by to Nashville where the taste vastly always have to run past some bottling or pike firing—however they may all be so engaged out the best time. Just now that our firing on touts is going on—

I hope Mary receives my letter written on by Seamma the last time she visited us, and that Dille soon get a nice answer now that Seamma has gone. I smile out.
Bethel at Rodney. On the same day, he preached in Rodney, and attended church at Oakland, so we have services every week. Mr. Threedor, Mrs. H., my dear Grandmother.

Wishes to add a few lines as I will close. Cousin Ellen Butter joins me in love to you. And, I thank you. Believe me, affectionately. Only join it. I am so fond to hear granddaddy hear you. Job and I wish to be there. God bless you. And God bless you. Cousin Susan Butter. And God bless you. Cousin Ellen Butter. And God bless you. I wish you this summer, but I do so only that he cannot possibly leave. I hope, though, we may be able by another summer to visit you. I would do all things like to be with you when the family returns from England. I can well imagine how delightful it would be. Cousin Ellen Butter, with Bethel.
Petunia expects to leave in a week or two days for the North. I bought him to that. I felt as though I knew you well. I am inPhiladelphia with the gentlemen at the moment. I should really have driven with them. Mrs. Nickerson and I will be there with the others. I have not seen the ladies or Mr. Nickerson. I will see him on the road. I have not seen the ladies alone when they leave. I have not been in the ladies or Mr. Nickerson.

My dear husband, it is all exaggerated. He is not well. I think him. I believe you. He has been so quiet and grown. His love for his grandmother. He is the most generous letter. Some little thing. He has a very fine violin. Which occurred when he had a very fine violin. He so wept, he so wept. He was a very fine violin. Who was the Wheeler of Pennsylvania who so wept, he so wept. He was a very fine violin.