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This is my work for reading prayers at the opening exercises of the College every morning: would you not like to see me conducting those exercises, before over one hundred boys including some twenty Baptist ministers? It always, I am sorry to say, impresses me in a somewhat comic light, as of all denominations the Episcopalian is the most contemptible, and the lowest in the eyes of the righteous Pharisees that dominate Marion.

Good bye, With love and best wishes all around I am
Yours affectionately
William

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Marion, Apl. 11th

My dear Sis

Although I believe it is your turn to write I have concluded to make partial amends for my errors in correspondence during the Winter by writing two for one now. Not that I have anything in particular to let you know of but simply to show that, tho' far away, you are not forgotten.

So you have "Miss Puggs" with you now; how does Madamwille deport herself towards the "Liberty-villains"? All right I hope, with no especial exhibitions of haughty pride or contemptuous indifference. I am-

dertook some slight lessons in penmanship with her and the monkey but she did not take kindly to them, and is I fear, but slightly disposed towards anything that takes some little trouble and patience especially the latter; it is to be deplored, as ere long she will have neither time nor opportunity for such exercises and will, in addition, feel the want of the improvement designed and obtainable.

College work is hard and laborious this year, much more so than it was my first Session, classes all large and hard to manage, and plenty of them, five a day besides drill. Little time have I that I can call my own and

that little finds me too weary and fagged out to do much else than take a quiet walk, generally by myself, as after drill the other Prof's have all gone off and I have no one to bear me company.

How is tobacco making getting on this year? Garrett must have his hands full now that Jack has left for Richmond. I suppose the Gravis's are all flourishing and alive and happy. Has Miss Lillian returned from Richmond yet? And "Mamma's Keepsake" and her handsome sister, how are they? And last, because best, is Mme. Meri Purthe and "Cousin Estelle" are they still at Liberty, or have they left for foreign parts?

Saturday April 27-

My dear wife - I have received your letter a day after Uncle Des - I am now contented now that you appear at ease and comfortable.

I have no more leisure than when I began but having some assistance I am getting in much better and doing some work. The General yesterday gave me additional duty by making me Director of Artillery I now have quite a large corps under my command and am pushing ahead with new vigor. I incline much to that has reached me in the due course of the mails. It seems I heard since I last wrote it was with the day before my birth day. I send off my first pay account this morning with directions to send the check for amount to Father. Some of the Defeatments in Montgomery are getting very old foggy and put many obstacles in the way of getting along - not only

to get our pay but also to finish
military operations. We have some
as good officers here as I ever saw
but they are tied up by necessity -
promotions or need of quarters.
The big fancy appointments
lie up at home while our ordinary
youngsters are sent to do their duties
and that without the necessary
means - however we keep in good
spirits and make as hard work
possible. Capt. Hadenstein gets in
a big disgust about Tom a day
before he was dead and as yet
you work hard all the time. I
help only all I can and per-
sonal paper time for his next
days work. Besides the work I am
doing the duties that would require
at least four regiments to finish any
as it should be finished. My frequent
saying is and that that is my duty
during my absence - Good
bye my dear my children for me
love you husband all the time and
take many kisses from him - Mrs. [Name]
love is wife and little ones

Saturday

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My darling Wife. I received your letter
last night and another day before yesterday
The first named contained your Mother's and
Mother's answer. I shall take an early
opportunity of writing to Uncle Andrew
and letting him know my intentions.
The drawings are a good bit, and I shall
show them to him. Capt. O. B. and myself
have talked of locating a ranch of 2000
acres and a convenient passage to the
across the lagoon in rear of our lines
I will try and come to a conclusion on
the subject to-day or as soon as possible
I have pretty well made up my mind
that you shall have your own home
somewhere and as long as possible
as near to me as possible. I know as
you will know always through the
results of living with friends or relatives
for the long a time. With my Father's
family I find that under such circum-
stances as the present I have a right
to a portion of his home and can provide
I do not require him to have the burden

of my family expenses - but in that
expectancy I have failed - Now there is nothing
left but for me to give up or you to follow the
pipe and drum - I will try the last for awhile
It was only in your Father's family that we
have lived for three months in perfect accord
and to me pleasure and I shall always look
back to our combined family with the greatest
pleasure. We must hope for better times my
dearly, I have many a heart ache over you
and my little ones but still I hope I could
not remain satisfied until I saw you and
felt that you were as pleasantly situated
as possible under the circumstances, and I
come back full of confidence, Tell my darling
how up a little while longer - you have been playing
with trouble ever since you married me - and
let us trust if we can and I hope do in the
kind Father of all. Kiss my little darlings
and take much and many for yourself,
I enclose a ~~small~~ order for money