

Cincinnati

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Dear father

I am in the Queen City
once more, though I became so fond
of the country & of locomotion ~~on~~ ^{during} my
recent trip, that I hardly feel as much
at home as I did before I started.

I got along rapidly
and without difficulty from India-
napolis to Richmond. The road was
much better than we had passed over
previously (about half pike & plank) &
Fare seemed to have had at least
two hundred and fifty weight taken
off of her spirits.

I found ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~him~~ ^{him} in
good health & spirits. His ^{old} practice
is coming back to him rapidly &
he is acquiring new. He had three
or four new calls among the
Germans while I was with him.
He says he would rather have their
practice than any other in the town
or country, as however poor they
always pay without waiting to be
dismissed two or three years.

I remained in Rich-
mond from Thursday until Mon-
day following & during that time

I spent two evenings with John & Dul-
cinea & her sister. I suppose they have
heard that the family are opposed to the
match & ~~the~~ regarded me as an agent
sent to report what sort of looking ani-
mals they were. I infer this much from
the fact that they appeared quite embarrass-
ed the first evening I was there.

The next time I went, they were more at
their ~~advanta~~ ease and appeared to better
advantage. The oldest sister (Kate) is a
very pretty sweet looking girl.

The younger (John's) does not strike one
as handsome at first sight, but grows
in good looks upon acquaintance. She
has an intellectual looking head & a
fine eyes but is too fat about the cheeks.
In manners she is somewhat country-fair,
at least has not as much refinement
and grace of manner as some ~~town~~
city ladies. In conversation
she is animated and sprightly. I did not
see the mother. The father is dead. The only
other member of the family I saw was a
brother & I only saw him long enough to
be introduced.

Richmond is rather on the line of improve-
ment, though not very rapidly.

I called to see Miss Laws of whom I had
a strong notion. ^{for a wife} She is quite a handsome &
a very agreeable girl & is a star of at-
traction in the society of Richmond which
I did not think the town possessed.

Upon the whole I think Richmond a pleasanter place than John represents it, though certainly it is inferior to Terre Haute in the quality of the society.

Aunt Abby left here yesterday afternoon on the cars for Columbus. She remained at the Burnett house for a couple of days, at the end of which time the river was so low, that no boats were running in which a white person would take passage. She went without company, but I think she will have no difficulty in getting on.

I was quite surprised the other day by a call from Fee, on which occasion he informed me "his lady" was in town & wished to see me. - Nothing like perseverance!! They both expressed great regret that you were not at home to perform the ceremony. They said you was their first choice - Prof Mylie 2nd & Hughes 3d. He told me he enquired on Tuesday evening if ^{you} were ~~in~~ at home & was told you would not be back for a week. If he had enquired on Wednesday, I suppose he would have found you at home!

Tell Liz that Mand lost it will not go to house keeping before next spring. Aunt A. went down the river to Henry Yeatman's with her and spent the day. She was delighted with her visit. I have not seen Mand myself but a minute. I hope you will not fail to be at the convention

if it is at all possible. You should strain
a point to come. Your friends here are
enquiring after you & are anxious you
should be here.

I have a word to say in
relation to the intercourse of Judge
Otto with our family. Do not in-
vite him to the house again - it
puts him in a disagreeable dilemma.
He is a friend of yours & dislikes to ap-
pear to neglect your invitations to the
visit the house & at the same time he
will not do it, being entirely satisfied
that mother did make the remarks
which were reported to him. I know
his authority for believing as he does
& can't see how he can believe other-
wise. The mischief is done so far as the
family is concerned & can't be remedied.
He is a friend of yours no doubt, & that is
all that is of much importance - so let
the matter rest as it is, & don't annoy
him with any more invitations.
Love to all.

Your affectionate

Son Sam.

A. Wylie D.D.

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P.S. I think it is John's intention to be married some
time in the winter, though I said nothing to him
about it. - Enclosed you will find the rect of W.H. &
which you gave me by mistake for the one to John.