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# Correspondence to General William Robertson Boggs, 1900s: March 18, 1900 - January 6, 1908

Edith Boggs

George R. BIssell

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Lucretia Garfield to James A. Garfield

NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, March 18 1900

My dear Dad.

Many happy return of the day. even if it does not get there in time. I have not heard from you in a month of Sundays — I am afraid you have become of having grievances enough — What did every body do today. And what did the

fabus bing you.
Did you get all the
finches & claps like-
wise presses that were
coming to you this
year By the way what
want you for a birth-
day present this
year? anything in
the clothing line? Not
a thing kind honey
What's the news from
Bro. Will? Is he go-
ing to be with us at
Easter? Or have you

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Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

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New York, ..... 1900

not heard further from him —

Easter is getting very close now. The weeks just slip away so it almost seems as if it would come to Christmas and time for me to be at home again

Whats the news from the "Aunties" Ann is in Richmond I know

have you heard any
thing recently from
Aunt Rebecca? I have
not Aunt Fanny I
have seen once this
winter. Now be sure
and write me all about
your birthday, what
you had to eat especial
ly. I am getting
starved again for
home cooking. Good by
with lots of love to all
& especially yourself
Your truly daughter
Ella

NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,
51st Street and Lexington Avenue,
NEW YORK.

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Gen. Wm. R. Briggs
Norwalk, O.

4168 Central Park West
April 1st
1880

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My Dear Dad -
We are in the flat -
a lovely flat and I
am looking out on
the Park - It is beauti
ful - I came up last
night and will be home
tonight going down
to the N.Y.C.R.R. tomorrow
morning in time for
work - But I would
like to have your
next letter come to
571 Lexington Ave
as I would like you

to send me $40.00
if you can for we
need furniture and a
few things to start we
we had lots of fun last
night Elmer won two
cots, a dish, 4 saucers
½ tumblers 1 teaspoon
& knives & forks and a
bread knife unpacked
we bought some corned
beef, olives, bread & butter,
potato salad, pickles jam,
cheese coffee mustard crack
ers & Bus and had an
elegant time eating off
the stationary window

at K & C's. for work
for the next several
months so I guess
my mail mighty as
well come there as some
times none of the girls
will be here and there
will be delay in forward-
ing. I am going to
cook supper tonight
so I guess I'd better
light my fire and
get ready to get it.
Good by give my love to
all the folks — with lots of
love Edith

seat and sitting on
one of the cots. Then
I went to bed at 9 o'clock
and slept until 10 this
morning. For breakfast
we had delicious cof-
fee (drip) corn-beef ste-
for lunch crackers &
cheese & Bier. For din-
ner tonight we expect
soup, sausage, pota-
to salad, etc. I am go-
ing to bed early again
tonight and oh how I
shall enjoy sleeping all
night again.

I shall probably be

Give my love to Bro.
Will and tell him I ex-
pect to see him in K.C.
soon. I wish he could come
& stay at the flat but I
suppose that would not
be quite proper. Tell him
I have his book engaged
but it is not his yet
The bookkeeper has had a
lot of trouble with it
and I did not care be-
cause they had said

it would be so sim

ple

with lots of love

again

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Gen Wm R. Boggs
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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, Aug 7 1900.

My dear Daddy -

Will you be so very kind as to send me a check for $15.00 I meant to have asked Sis taking it on with me but she has moved so fast she's got away from me Do tell me what you think of my pictures and did Percy give you my insurance policy, The pro

missed to do some other things which she forgot and she may have forgotten that also.

Mother's letter came this morning so I know they are started. But Bro. will suggest the possibility of their missing the boat which means they may not get here until tomorrow and I find my self all upset. The weather is hot but

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Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

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New York, ..... 1900.

there is air stirring and there is always the water for coolness — I hope Sister will take back a good account of the flat and the girls I want very much to bring both Miss Scott and Miss Powers home with me for the holidays but that is a long way

off yet and a thousand
things may happen
The weather is beautiful
if it is hot. Sis will be
able to tell you all, all
about the place and
then when I write of
things you will under
stand better Aunt Beck
is North and I want
let her know. Bro. Will
and Sis will be here
Goodby with lots of love

Edith

NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,
51st Street and Lexington Avenue,
NEW YORK.

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Gen. Wm. R. Boggs
Winston N. C.

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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, Aug. 24 1900.

My dear Dad—

The people have gone. Left me on the 3 o'clock boat this afternoon, Of course there are some things they have not seen. Just a few. But I really think they have seen and done most of the things we set out to do, and see — even Bellone which interested Barrett very much. Also

the Metropolitan Museum
where there are several very
pretty things and a
multitude of ugly ones
West Point is exquisite
A beautiful place. Sister
wants to describe one stone
we saw so I will not fore-
stall her. The Boy looks
well and is very much in
hopes his class will be
graduated ahead of time
and ordered to go China

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Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

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New York, ..... 1900.

which hope his Brother does not share.

Barrett is prepared to talk you to death about the McCullough Memorial Hall which is certainly a magnificent thing. Aunt Pirisita does not see what we find interesting in "that dreadful grave-yard." It is a perfect place that

grave-yard. The riding Hall
I did not see although I
saw several mounted cadets.
and we stayed for dress parade
and guard-mounting.
The plebs were in the bat
talion for the first time, poor
fellows. They look so pain-
fully young and harmless to
be making soldiers of them.
And once their arms all fill
by a senior they 'daren't moor
them. Good-by With lots of
love to all and especially some
Dad. Dave your loving Baby

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Gen. Wm. R. Boggs
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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, Sept 6. 1900.

Mine Dear Dad.

As the little Pegum has left I suppose I may soon expect another letter from you, Am glad Barrett had so much benefit from his trip He was certainly a great delight to us no end. Though I must confess to a little disappointment at not seeing Hal. However we

are now in the home stretch
for Christmas when I will
see them all. Aunt Edith
only stopped the one
night with me then on
to West Point I do not
think she would find
the fun roughing it as
the flat that sister
did but she is quite
welcome to try it. Both
Mondays for enjoying
that sort of thing was
for a short time are

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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

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New York, ..... 1900.

Last Sat I listen to till
you about it going out
before breakfast and getting
rolls etc and coming in
and heating them I
must confess I can
face the world na tu-
rally empty stomach and
always have a cup of
coffee immediately I
get up if breakfast is

not in sight with every
body going home, I find
myself quite spoiling for
Christmas Well it's
only 3 mos off now and
I have stood the other
9 finely so far as bodily
welfare goes — Have had
some very nice letters
from Mrs Sullivan
since she has been
away this time with
lots of love yrs
Baby

NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,
**51st Street and Lexington Avenue,**
NEW YORK.

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Gen Wm R. Boggs
Winston N. C.

Los Gatos Cal. Sept. 23. 190

Dear Boggs.

When I last wrote you I did not expect to be living at the present time, as my health then indicated a short remaining time left for me. Though my heart is not in good condition and I have suffered with rheumatism for five years, judging from the past, I may yet live some few years longer, or I may die suddenly at any time. Hearing some months ago from Tom Jones "of ours", that you were still living I thought I would write to you, in hopes of hearing from you again. Lately I have been greatly troubled with so called "head noises" (resulting, I am told from nasal catarrh) and even now while I am writing there is such a ringing sound in my

head that I can hardly keep up any consecutive train of thought, so you need expect nothing but a very stupid letter from me. Nearly five years ago I quit trying to attend to the ranch, and turned it over to my oldest son Eugene who has been "running" it ever since. The only members of our family living here are Eugene, myself and my California baby Annie, now some months past 21 years old. She is our housekeeper, (and a good one too) and is the joy of my old age. Last March (25th) my daughter Cora was here from Alameda, and we celebrated my 70th birthday; so you see I have passed my "three score years and ten". From my general appearance strangers take me to be strong and active - but just the reverse is the case, the slightest exertion greatly fatigueing me.

I hope you have found relief from the trouble with your eyes

and that you now have full use of them. I should like to hear all about each member of your family, where they are - whether married or single, and also all about Symington & his family. Please give him my love and tell him I have not yet forgotten the dinner he gave me & my brother James, (since dead) at the "Poodle Dog" in San Francisco, some twenty odd years ago. About a year and a half ago my Sister, Mrs. A. E. Haight, died in Oakland Cal. thus leaving me alone of the original four children of my father by his first wife. Since the death of my dear wife, nearly five years ago, life has not had the same attractions for me that it had before, and the short time before me does not worry me.

While in the East hundreds died from the heat, we have had the coolest Summer I have yet experienced

in California or elsewhere. Our crops of fruit this year are all good, tho' prices are somewhat lower than in some former years.

To day is the fourth birthday of my Irish grandson (Kate's child) by name John Bissell Minniss. They live in Dromore, Co. Down, Ireland. I have been greatly in hopes they might return to California before I die, but the present prospect of their doing so is very uncertain.

Since I last wrote you I have (by letter) renewed my old acquaintance with Genl. Frank J. Nicholls, now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of La. When I resigned, from Fort Yuma, in 1856 he was a 2nd Lieut. there and resigned a month later. In one of his letters to me he wrote of having met you during the War when you were ~~as~~ Kirby Smith's Chief of Staff. If you wish me to do so, I will send you a copy

of some verses I wrote him a few years ago, which commenced our correspondence, after so many years of separation.

About a year ago Seb. Symonds had a stroke of paralysis which partly disabled his left side, and somewhat affected his brain, particularly his memory of present and recent events, tho' of our cadet days he has a very clear recollection, even better than mine. He is gradually getting more feeble, and I will not be surprised, at any time, to hear of a second and fatal stroke.

Through Tom Jones I have lately heard of more of our classmates than from all other sources. He tells me that Jesse Cravens is living in Fayetteville, Ark.

About two years ago Seb Symonds met Smith W. in San Francisco. He was there as Inspector of the New Post Office building, in the course

of Erection. O.D. Greene is in San Francisco & Dick Chandler near Los Angeles – both retired.

I enclose you two small photos, taken last Spring about two months after I was 70 years old. I have a full head of hair which is but slightly grey. If you can spare me a picture of yourself – or better still of you and your wife I should like very much to have one. Do you think I look anything as I did when you last saw me in St. Louis? That was about 26 years ago, if my memory for dates is good. Now, Boggs, write (or have written) to me a good long letter telling all about yourself & yours. My very kindest regards to your worthy wife, and to such of your children as are with or near you.

As of old,

Sincerely your friend & classmate
Geo. R. Bissell

Geo. R. Bissell,
LOS GATOS, CAL.

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Genl. Wm. R. Boggs,
Winston,
North Carolina

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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, Jan. 19. 1901.

My dear Dad,

Will you please send me a check for $160 on N. Y. Exchange by the 28. of this month? I am very well and at present most of my household are well. I saw Aunt Fanny Sunday and she was looking much better. I expect to go see her this afternoon

She seems very much afraid
to hear the news of her sick
miss reach Augusta as she
dreads any one coming in
She says she has ner-
vous prostration but I
think she has had a slight
stroke of paralysis.
Sunday 20 — I went to
see Aunt Fanny yesterday
afternoon. Had rotted in
to take her a few flowers
as I had not been in
since Tuesday. She is
much more cheerful and

NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

**Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.**

New York, ..... 1901.

writing to Kitty herself yesterday morning. I do not know however if she mentioned being sick. She dare allow her to go down to her dinner and she waits on herself entirely so I expect she is over the worst of it. Had a very nice little day - I just missed getting working but the afternoon and evening were just

in at the flat. Miss
Morgan is on a nice case
now and quite enjoy-
ing herself. Miss Powers
is still on the case she
had when I went home
Miss Scott has not
returned from Va. yet.
Otherwise we are all here
Oh Mrs. Miller thinks she
has another attack of
appendicitis and has gone
to a hospital. Goodby
With lots of love Edith

NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,
**51st Street and Lexington Avenue,**
NEW YORK.

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Gen Wm R. Boggs
408 Summit St.
Newton N.C.

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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, Jan 28. 1901.

My dear Daddy.

Your letter with check received and the premium has been paid. Will send receipt as soon as I get it. I went to see Aunt Fanny yesterday afternoon. She is very much better, had been to church in the morning and I took her for a short walk

in the afternoon — I guess
it's all right now to mention
that she has been sick so
she told me she had
written both Aunt Kitty
and Kitty Boggs in
Augusta so the entire
connection should be in-
formed by now. She is
just the same Aunt
Fanny so don't let
Mother worry her down
so she would take you
both into a fragile

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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

**Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.**

New York, ..... 1901.

The reason I write this is because I know she wants to be asked. I have told her Dorothy has been and still is most unwell. I have not had any time for any one else so far.

We have had a very pretty collection of pictures of the Institution taken and as soon as

we have had the meeting of our Board & forward them soon as I think you will all be interested. Had a nice letter from Bro. Rutt this morning. I do hope the Boy will get here this time with much love to all bless me always your loving daughter Edith

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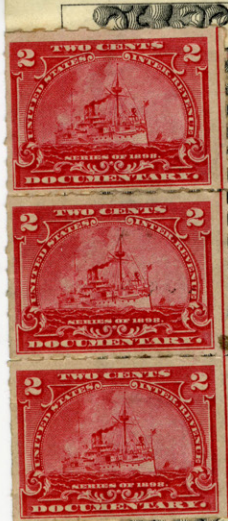
If at any time in the future I can be of any service to you wont you command me? With many thanks for your courtesy to me and with best wishes for your continued success I am, Most Sincerely

Howard Gray Bonnell

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Gen. Wm. R. Boggs
Washington D. C.

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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, Jan. 29, 1901.

My dear Daddy,

Enclosed is the receipt for my premium. Please file with my other papers. I am well but very busy and cannot write a letter this morning. Give my love to everybody. With much love yours devoted

Baby

NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,
**51st Street and Lexington Avenue,**
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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL.

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, June 3 – 1901.

My dear Daddy –

I have had a letter from Kitty saying she is short of money and would be glad if I would send her $7 or so to pay for the packing of my things. Will you please send P.O. order as that is the way she prefers it. She says the freight will have to be paid but she does not know how

much it will be until they are packed and weighed and she would rather have that later. Smith writes me you and she are very lonely without Geo. Will. I should think you could be. I am sorry he did not have time to come by this way. I am very busy just now getting ready for the summer's work. Pill will receive

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Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, 2 ..... 1901.

the first installment to-
morrow. I go down with
them. It is a pretty little
cottage but frightfully in-
convenient and I don't know
what. between the mosqui-
toes the poison oak and the
change in finding that the
loss is not greater than
the gain to the children.
It is certainly a con-

taut source of worry for me - as it is right on a public road - and these women are not of the most refined type.
I am in very good condition at present - very tired of the continuous rain - The sun shone Saturday morning and this morning Saturday night and all day yesterday stormy and now clouding again Good by with lots of love Edith

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51st Street and Lexington Avenue,
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Winston N.C.

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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, July 20 1901.

My dear Daddy,

Will you please send me N. Y. Exchange for $20 or so I can go to Buffalo next week and take in Niagara Want up to West Point with you pic-ture and Capt. Rivers is a most charm-

ing man. Took us
round himself as
long as he had time
and then sent a very
nice man called
"John" who showed
us all about the
place. Mary was
greatly delighted
said it was much
nicer than Woking

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Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

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New York, ..... 1901.

about asking for
strangers - Capt
Rivers is not hand-
some and is painfully
thin - worn but as
nice as he can be took
me in to the Chapel
himself. What a grand
place that is! Perfect
ly marvellous. He is

evidently very fond
of it and proud as
punch of his 5 British
plays. I am so glad
you sent you photo-
graph – Good by
I'm housekeeping and
must go give out
supper. Saw some
of Whistler's work.
lots of love – Edith.

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Gen. Tom. R. Bogg
Winston N. C.

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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, July 27 – 1901.

My dear Daddy.

Your enclosure received but your letter has turned up decidedly missing – We are just back from Buffalo where I certainly enjoyed myself and do not think there is any question about the kids enjoying themselves – The weather has been perfect. If anything a little cool – We only had one day for the Exposition one for the town and one

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Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, ..... 1901.

for the Falls. We did them as thoroughly as we could in that time and made a day of it in each place. We went up by the high R.R. which gave us Delaware Lehigh & Susquehanah views and several very pretty lakes, with a most exquisite view of Wyoming valley. Altogether I think the trip has been a great success But I am tired tonight so Good by with love to all

Your loving daughter.

Edith

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Gen - Wm. R. Boggs
~~Washline~~ Winston
N. C.

408 Summit St

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Los Gatos Cal. June 24th 1903

Dear Boggs.

Have you forgotten that it was 50 years ago, this month, that we left West Point, after (what I considered) a four year's imprisonment in the Highlands: By the last Bulletin from the Ass'n of Graduates I see you are still at Winston, and by this you see I am still in the Santa Cruz Mountains, tho' I am the only Bissell on the ranch.

Nearly a year ago my best beloved daughter Annie came very near losing her life, when, suffering from neuralgia, she took an overdose of chloroform. She is now in Alameda with my daughter Cora (Mrs. C. P. Warren) but goes over to San Francisco every week day, being now a clerk in the Ticket Auditor's Office of the Southern Pacific R.R. My son-in-law, Chas. P. Warren, is head clerk in that office where he has been employed over twenty years. Eugene is now living in S. F. and has been since the first of the year.

I am boarding with a man (& his wife) who has rented the ranch, on shares, for a year. I like

the Mountains so much better than any city, that I much prefer living here - even tho' separated from my dear children. I however see them from time to time. One of them, Cora, with her youngest son is near me now - visiting a neighbor for a week or two.

I see Duryea & Smith J. A. have diminished the number of the survivors of our Class. Billy, it will not be long before both of us will join the Great Majority beyond the Great Divide. I often think I care little how soon the time may come for me. I am still suffering from head-noises - sometimes being nearly crazy with them. I am now undergoing a treatment which has benefited others, and it may - or may not - me.

I should like to hear all about you and your family, and where they all are. I sincerely hope all the blessed light has not been shut out from your eyes - but rather that your eyesight has been restored. My love to your estimable wife as well as to your dear old self. Hoping we may meet under happier conditions in the Great Hereafter,

Your sincere friend & Classmate

G. K. Bissell.

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I have mailed you a copy of the Army & Navy Journal (only a year old) in which appears a short article about our class, which the Editor wished to insert in the Centennial No.

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GEO. R. BISSELL,
LOS GATOS, CAL.

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Care of Genl. W. R. Boggs.
Mr Henry P. Boggs ~~Winston~~
Seneca So. Ca ~~North Carolina~~

Train to Charlotte,
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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.
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1410 Santa Clara Ave.

Alameda, Cal. June 6/07

Dear Boggs

Your letter of May 5th reached me on the 13th, and while I was glad to hear from you, was surprised and shocked to learn that your dear wife had been gone nearly two years and I had not heard of it. It now seems to me that the last letter I had received from you must have been written but a very short time before she died. While you had her with you nearly 50 years, my wife died 36½ years after we were married; she having died Nov. 30th 1895. My old friend Sep. Symonds, who had been living about 7 miles from us, died just 5 years later Nov. 30th 1900.

I can realize how lonely you must feel, and how few attractions this world must have for you,

for I am in nearly the same condition: my daughter Kate, (Mrs. Edmond Minis) having been in Ireland Eleven years, while her twin Sister Cora, (Mrs. Chas Warren) died here over two years ago. My oldest son Eugene (47) lives in San Francisco, where he is in charge of a large Warehouse, and my youngest daughter Annie, (our only California baby) is clerk in the Ticket Auditor's office of S.P.R.R in San Francisco; both of them single. My youngest son Lewis, is my only child living in Alameda, but for the present I can not live with him.

I am now boarding here, but am within five minutes walk of him, and four of my grandchildren.

I can imagine how lonely you must be, since the death of your wife & of the death of your daughter, under such painful circumstances.

To fill up a portion of my idle time about two years after my Wife's death

I tried writing some rhymes, and wrote quite a number; one of which I enclose.

Well – our old Class is getting pretty small, but not as small as the one of 55, in which my friend Nicholls graduated.

It will not be long before all our names will disappear from the list of the "association"

as far as I am concerned, I often think the sooner the better, for with these ever present annoying head-noises life is only a burden to me, and I am of no use to any one else.

We are having the coldest Summer I ever remember. Tho' we are well on in June, a fire has been comfortable for two weeks back.

Wish I could write you something interesting, but I can't; so, my dear old friend Good-bye & God bless you.

Very sincerely,

G. R. Russell

# Second Anniversary of my Wife's Death.

I.

On the last of November, two long years ago,
With thy friends all around thee, our eyes filled with tears,
Came the message from Heaven, that called thee to go;
My Wife:– My Beloved;– Companion for years.

II.

And still I am mourning; my heart full of sorrow:
For memory brings me but heart-ache and pain.
And still I must weep; for, today and tomorrow,
And many days after, will tears flow again.

III.

Then why did they tell me that Time would bring healing;
Would banish this grief from my sorrowing heart;
Would remove from my soul this terrible feeling
Of Solitude – now of my being a part?

IV.

For Time is a tyrant; he makes my bonds stronger,
He fastens my fetters with rivets of steel.
He shortens no sorrows, but draws them out longer:
On Oblivion's neck, puts his merciless heel.

V.

eet oblivion, Time may not control.
s me nightly, in that God-given sleep;
ing the sorrow which shadows my soul,
s are so pleasant, I have no cause to weep.

VI.

has deceived me, I shall look for another;
, who is willing to shorten my grief.
can find him: Time has a half brother;
he would so kindly, I think, bring relief.

VII.

Death alone, can I hope to reach Heaven,
hee, Beloved, with our two children dear;
, to me, the assurance hath given
or He hath opened shall make my way clear.

VIII.

His mercy shall summon me home;
nessenger Death, He shall so kindly send;
dy, nay, longing to come,
ve to my footsteps, new vigor may lend.

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Jan. 6th, 1908.

Gen. W. R. Boggs,

Winston-Salem, N. C.

My Dear Sir:-

The annual meeting of the Twin-City Club was held in the Club rooms on last Saturday night, and as Secretary of the Club I am requested to advise you, and I assure you I do do with a great deal of pleasure, that an honorary membership to the Club was extended to you, and I am requested to notify you of this fact and to state that the members of the Club were unanimous in their vote when this was presented by one of our honored members.

I hope that you will avail yourself of the privileges accorded to the members of the Club just as frequently as you possibly can, and we think you will find our rooms very confortable quarters, where also will be found all the leading papers and periodicals, which we hope you may enjoy, as well as any other privileges that the members at large enjoy.

Expressing my kindest wishes for you throughout the present year, I am

Respectfully yours,

W. H. Masten

Secretary & Treasurer.

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