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Jackson, Miss Jan. 8th 1875.

My Dear Son:

I had the very great & in-
-expressible pleasure of reading your
letter several days ago. I had been
looking for letters from Georgia
& Winfield, but had not anticipated
the pleasure of one from you.
You wrote a very good letter for a
boy of your age & experience at
school. You are improving in
your hand writing. I am flattering
myself, that you will make a good
& great man. I am very proud of
all of my children. If they do well,
it will be a great source of happiness
to me in my declining years.
If they should not do well, I could not
be happy, but would be miserable.
Parents live for their children, & for

W. S. S. S.

their happiness I will fare.
Do you not think that Georgia
& Winfield ought to write to me;
I have been very hard at work
since I came here, & shall
continue to be so. I hope to be
able to go home the last of next
week; this, Saturday night. I shall
attend church tomorrow. You &
Winfield & Georgia must attend
your Sunday School, & attend church.
Remember your Creator in the
days of your youth, put your trust
in God, read the Bible, & obey its
precepts if you wish to live long
on earth & live happily. This life
is intended to prepare you for
eternity after death. I will write
to your Ma tomorrow. Give Pa's
Love to all, & Bips Ma & all your
sisters & your brother for Pa. Give
Pa's Love to Grand Ma & cousin
Maggie. May God in his mercy,
lead you by his counsel in all things,
spare you, & shield you, & all the family
against harm, is the daily prayer of your devoted
Pa W.S.S.

My love to your Ma, in all things, & you will be happy.