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Chicago,
March 20, ~~1880~~

1881

9/10/83

A. D. Hyde

My dear Father Love,

At

last I am able and
have the opportunity to
write you for the first
time since Marion was
opened her eyes on this
mundane sphere. She
is sleeping her morning
sleep, how I wish you
could look upon her just
as she is, without a Mother's
guide I can say she has
a sweet little face, and
she is goodness itself.
She has not kept us
awake one night yet

Will has not walked
a mile [but-promised]
yet, still her habits way
change, who can tell.
Of course I think she is
the dearest, sweetest-
child that ever lived,
and I know Uncle Sam
will say almost as much
when he sees her. I
suppose you know her
name is Marion, after
no one in particular, but
one that is not anywhere
in the family. We did
not think until after
the name had been
decided upon that in
reality we had named
her after George Eliott
whose maiden name

was Marion Evans, but
we did not want to
change it, for we thought
it a sweet name.

Baby has ~~very~~ so much
dark hair and I think
her eyes will be brown
which fact-phases Will
exceedingly. I wanted
a blond girl and he
a brunette, but perhaps
nature will compromise
~~and~~ ~~and~~ by dark eyes
and light hair by and
by. After the nurse left
Mama came up and
stayed there days with
her, and how I tried
to have her ~~live~~. Friday
Lara came up with
little Mary, who was

delighted to see the baby.
She did not know what
to make of it, and I
imagine she will have
the baby for a new theme
of conversation continually
and she is an inveterate
talker, she is to be the
brandy of the family.
I never saw a rosier:
healthier child in my
life and a very bright-
one too. Har is with
us now, but will
return to-morrow if
this snow will permit.
Did you ever see such
a nickel for snow!
Your
letter was received
on Monday last - &

March 20 1880 or 81

Julia

with the exception of
two postals this is the
first of my writing.
Grandpa & Grandma
Hyde have presented
Maion with a crib.

She has received
several nice presents,
& has been well favored
every way. I hope you will
come to C - in May
for I want to see
you very much. I judge
from your last that
you ~~are~~ have better
health, I am very glad.
You must not neglect
yourself, you cannot
afford to. Exercise &
rest as much as possible.
Father and George have

not see the baby yet -
hope they will come in
soon. All my friends
have sent hearty congrat-
ulations. When the young one
is three months old
am going to J. to visit.
Will is already bragging
about the baby. He was
not at all excited.
#560 has lost its last
chance, Min and Gen
are engaged and she
has a diamond, and
perhaps she will be
married next fall, that
last fact is not certain, but
the first are sure. Hannah
was over the other day
she has been indisposed
this winter. Is it not so
bad about Gradina's
dislocating her shoulder.

Johit,

May 11, 1881.

My dear Lou,

I am at-
home now for a two-week
visit - and Mauna is so
full of work and so many
that - I volunteered to -
write you, flattering
myself that - a letter from
me would be as acceptable
as one from Mauna when
she was so busy. Mary
is lost; I unfortunately
sent her on an errand
but first extracting a
promise from her that
she would come back
soon, but she has not -

come and we do not-
know in what direction
to look for her. Is she
not a tutor. I never
saw a more rugged or
healthier child, she is a
noble specimen of a child.
Poor Paw, everlastingly, has
started out in search of
Mary but in vain. I suppose
you heard of her last-
exploit in the Barber shop
with the colored child.
— Mary has come home
E. Hoffman, that rough
lad, bought her home
in his arms. She was
very below the Robertson
Hemmer starting towards
the east looking for a
baby carriage. Mama
has tied her up, but-

that circumstance will not be over enough
I fear. Will you show Saturday and not
a parcel of his baby that he carried her
up from the depot without of accepting of
offer of carriage. The baby is a sweet-dealing
and one of the best father & son ever. Little
friends are coming to see her as fast as
possible. I wish you could see her now
at her sweetest age than months. You
must come and see her as soon as
you can come home. I am anxious to
see you again soon but I suppose you
unfortunately existing mainly in vacation

Thank
you so much
much - I
will tell
you with
me or much
from
all to you
you know
time when you
be home. Grandma is
holding the baby for me
while I write - Poor Maama
make es hard and she
is far from well. Mimi
and Maama are coming
down the last of this
week perhaps, to make
a visit - I wish you were
to be here. Maama is a
brave baby son and I
know you will be proud
of your niece. I hope to
have a nice visit - and
I trust I will. Papa
is well but suffering
from the heat - as usual.
George is still in the -



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Louis N. Hyde

Ann Arbor

Box 2221,

Mich.

Dear Lori

We are
all well, and I
could not write
for one word on
Sunday for my
usual interruptions.
Everything is as
usual, weather cold
and business dull,
Received your letter
this morning, Will
try and write some
time during the
week, ever best &c.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Louis H. Ryder,
Ann Arbor,
Mich.

Oct 1903.

Love, May 17.

I am in my
arm room at - 5th & W.
Washington st. and
nearly settled. We had a
brave trip, reaching
Johal-Saturday night -
and remaining there
until this morning. We
had a charming visit -
at Auntie Perkins and
also at - Kinswick. They
^{were} glad to see us and I
think enjoyed our visit
very much. Grandma &
Auntie are quite well. I
will write the particulars
of our visit - when I feel
more rested. You must
let me know when you
come through -
on your way home. Write -
me often Love Lovingly L. H. E.

Chicago
June, 6, 1881.

My dear Brother Sam,

L

was thinking this morning what a short time it would be before you turn your face homeward and are you not glad of it my dear. I am very anxious to see you and I think you had better return home by way of Chicago and see us. You owe that much to your little sister and her small mother, do come this way if you can Sam. If we have a reasonably warm summer I

want to go home and
visit while you are
there. I did enjoy my
visit with the dear
one so much and
I would go down very
often if it was not
for fear that the change
might affect the baby.
It seems to be just
the thing for her
in May as she gained
two big fat, round lbs.
She only weighs sixteen
pounds, but even if she
is heavy and fat, she
could not be sweeter,
that is the verdict of all
relatives and not mine
alone, and I never imagin-
ed a better baby could be
brought. She says seldom

cries during the day, and
never at night. They
say she looks like
William "the pa" still
she will be a "bunwell"
I think, and "she has her
mother's disposition". How are
you feeling now Sam?
I hope your headaches
have gone over to return.
I wish this year was
gone fast, but next year
will skip away fast
enough. I hope Will
Maione and myself
can attend the commu-
nion exercises if all
is well. Maione and
Papa seemed to enjoy
the baby's visit very much
the dear one seems to be
quite proud of their first
grandchild. Papa did not

waul - her "chucked" out
of the window, as he do
because she was not a
boy, that was a suggestion
father proposed when I
was born. How I suppose
you do not know is
in Kanabaw visiting
not-Ida Sidel, but War
Moor. We want to
to visit her some time
soon. Little Mary is will
be a surprise to you, for
she is the finest specimen
of a healthy child, that
I ever saw. She thought
anything of the "ill-
Maison". She would say
"isn't she sweet" twenty
times a day. Baby Paul
I enjoy this bright summer
weather, I wheel her out
in her fine little carriage

June 5, 1881 - Julia

every day. I saw all
my old friends at-
Johert, but I was disappoint-
ed not to have the
baby baptized, but hope
to the next visit. We
are all well at WCO, every-
thing as usual David
and Minnie still uncer-
tain as to the nuptials.
Papa was working very
hard on his statue
wheel, which I hope
he will finish soon.
Here is Mr. Coffin Don-
Hall and all your friends.
I wish it were possible
for you to take a trip
this summer, to prepare
you for next winter's work.
Be as kind and thought-
ful of Mamma as you can

this summer. Hoping
to see in C - soon I
must say good night - In
Baby sends me.

With love,

Your loving sister,
Julia.

Chicago,
June 26/88/

My dear Brother Sam
George
Whitney is with us to-
day, having come from
Phillman to spend the
Sunday. He has improved
very much and I like
him exceedingly. I hope
sincerely to see you before
this week is ended and
you must not fail to
come and see your little
niece Marion. I am more
convinced you pass for
the "Junk" and said
you would be in Chicago
on the 30th and she
was to meet you on the
3rd of July and then

you both were to leave
for Lea Grange. I thought
you must come to #560
and make us a visit
from the 30th until you
go to Lea Grange. Minnie
has sent a special in-
vitation through me,
or do not disappoint me.
I hope to hear something
to that effect from you
by Tuesday's mail. I will
make a visit while you
are at home in Aug. or
the last part of July perhaps.
Will and I thought we
might spend the Fourth
in Joliet, but as you and
Hannah are to be away, we
thought best to wait
and make the day

as hard for Hannah, with
the care of Mary and
company for Derbinger
upon her as it might
with her away. You
will have a fine time
at Lea Grange I know.
Papa is troubled with
rheumatism in his
mole, and Hannah's ear-
rings hurt. I hope we can
have a nice visit together
this summer some time.
Betsy is lovely, but you
must see her to appreciate
and love her. I had her
picture taken Saturday.
She is just another Mary
Hyde as regards perpetual
motion, we tried ^{an} eat-
ing six times before, perfect
picture was obtained

Be sure and come to *bed
and stay. I will be
angry if you do not -
With love from Will,
Baby and myself. I remain
(L. Phoebe) Your loving sister
Julia Evans.

The baby is "fidgeting" up
ever good bye. J.

remain -
Don't bring
sister -
July.

Chicago
August 17/1887

My dear brother Sam, I
have a few moments of
leisure which I will
devote to the dear ones
at home. Marion has
just shut her eyes
for a long summer nap
so my time is not
precious to her. She
has grown so much
and improved wonder-
fully since you saw her.
If my plans do not
fail we will all be
together again before
you return to New York

I want to see papa,
George and all of you
so much. I have good
reports from Mauna
and I am delighted
still I would be happier
if Father was only taking
his much needed rest.
How is the dear Maun
now; hug him for me.
I presume you are all
living well and happily
wait if I am does the
the household. I would
like to step in and
help her, but baby and
I would only be an added
care. I advise mother that
you had suggested her
going away to school
and Father seemed

to form the idea, if
you succeed in that
undertaking I say bravo!
"bravo!" send her to St.
Louis by all means.
Could she not get board
at Dr. Elliotts, perhaps
such an idea is absurd
I only thought it his
fairly the best I know
of in St. Louis. I am
wonder that more
education, and I know
she will regret the lack
of it always, so have her
improve this opportunity
if she has the least
chance. Have you
"tricked" the light guitar
these balmy summer
evenings? I judge.

get away first the city for a change
air. So I thought I would go to
call and see Mr. [unclear] and
might be [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
is away. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
much, [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
having [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
and a [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
2250 Washington Ave. [unclear]
she has not [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
I think this is [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
with - [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
some [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
than [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
Till we see the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
much [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] and all. I
she desires to be able to

Chicago,
October 4, 1881.

My dear brother Sam,
Mama
was in the city last
Friday and she told me
of the serious time you
are having with your
eyes. I am very, very
sorry for you Sam and
I feel as if I could not
have it so. I do hope they
will improve so that
you will be able to
continue your studies.
Why not go to some oculist
in Detroit if there is none
in Ann Arbor. Do not
think the trouble may
arise somewhat, from

the "location" it may
be too powerful in its
effects on the system.
I sincerely hope you
will have improved
before this letter reaches
you. If you cannot
write to me and the
home ones also, have
them send your letters
to me. I will be very
anxious to hear from
you. I had wondered
why you were so silent,
but all it explained now.
I have been so busy
since I came back that
I have neglected to write
you. All are well and
happy at home. George

was in the city - Saturday
to spend his birthday
in the Exposition. Will
see him at the office,
and said he had a
fine program for the
day a swim in the
natatorium, cold as it
was, I hope he happened
to have on "whole under-
wear" drill - you! 500
is lively when the two
infants begin to howl,
but they are lovely babies
nevertheless. Louise
is growing finely. Carrie
is near Waukesha for
a change, Mrs. Evans
is in Beloit - or Minn
is housekeeper. Thane

that have spent the year at the school - the -
 m, or where we have the -
 will not -
 take part -
 under a school -
 and night -
 and some -
 came out all night -
 have one the -
 of those having -
 bring -
 some -
 is the day -
 we have had -
 up building -
 and I had a -
 one it. When -
 are finished -
 eng -
 the best -
 against -
 boys expected -
 were obliged -
 the idea -
 red-tails are -

Chicago,
Nov. 7, 1881.

My dear Son,

My neglect
towards you shows sure
in the face, but when
I think of the work I
have done in the mean
time. I am not surpris-
ed that I have been
remiss in my duty
towards you. You will
never know the cares
of a mother, even with
one child! & my care
is a pleasure still it
is confining and constant,
the older baby grows
the more care she is

now is the time when
I must be ever watchful
of her, the dear little
darling loves to hug
the tongs, poker etc, and
delights in eating coal,
and blacking herself
generally, however
she is a fine, splendid
specimen of a child
and the admiration
of her father and
mother and every one
in the household. Little
"Don-i-sa" bids fair
to rival her in size,
but of course not in
any thing else. I suppose
you are improving in
health or I would
have heard to the
~~contrary~~. You do not

write very often but
then your time is
probably as thoroughly
occupied as mine and
we will pardon each
other for neglect. How
are you to spend
Thanksgiving? I wish
that same young lady.
I wish we could all
be together this year,
but we will hope to
be next year, when
you are out of college.
We want Han to
come up and spend
Thanksgiving with us
and stay to Elmer's
wedding which takes
place on Nov. 29th
Friday. All at \$6.00
expect to go in a body

minus the labor of course.
I wish you could be
here to go also. Dighus
may attend. All
are well and happy
at home, I hear some
in two weeks perhaps.
they are busy as usual
I know. I do hope Lou
gives you with more
news than she does
me, however. The poor
child is washed with
business and I can
sympathize with her
former past experience.
Mama takes life too
hard and many are

Nov 7, 1881

L.

around is disposed
to catch the influence
and do likewise. I find
it very hard to break
myself of hurrying and
worrying through my
life and undertaking
more than I can do.
I find I am better if
I take life easy and
can work to better ad-
vantage. I had a
very nice call from
Mr. Dennis the last
week. I mean to return
it very soon. Lou is
spoke very highly of
you. Allow me to con-
gratulate you on win-
ing the prize in
the fiscal contest.
I am proud of my

Arthur and his lauck,
proud to think he
has developed into a
graceful juvenile, where
a few years ago he
needed a forty acre
lot to get around in.
It is well Leon is
acred in one thing.
Do you intend to
bring your chum
home during the
Holidays? It is near
the time when "church
yards yawn" and I
must say adieu.

With dearest love
Your sister,
Julia

Chicago.
February 26, 1882.

My dear Son,

As William
is regaling himself at
the Club and I am
left alone and alone
I will avail myself
of the leisure and quiet
that now offer themselves
and answer your letter
received some time
since. Your very prompt
answer desired marked
approval from me in
the way of a speedy
reply, but for lack of
time and attention I
have failed to do that

pleasure. Give me credit
however for writing
before Commencement
the time you suggested.
Before I indulge in a
little chat with you
Son, allow me ^{to} justify
my husband in your
sight, by convincing you
that he is not addicted
to "club-gatherings", as
you might imagine by
your previous conduct,
one night in the week
away from me is always
sufficient for him, I
am thankful to say.
Now that Will is justifi-
ed I will draw nearer to
the real object of my
affections, dear little

Elaine. She is still
"too small for anything"
is improving every day.
Her development since
you saw her has been
wonderful, for now
she can walk all over
the house if necessary,
Her steps of course have
a little uncertainty, she
resembles a sailor some-
what in that respect, but
she gives promise of being
a fine, light-stepper
and may perhaps rival
Ellen Douglas.
Even the baseball lifts its head
Elastic from her tiny tread.
The dear little sweet-heart
is going to be so much
company for me, me

have nice long talks to-
gether, she makes desperate
attempts to talk, which
end in odd little sounds
and gestures. She tries
to say Papa, bye, bye, bird,
and has the turkey gobble's
call to perfection. I fear
you will laugh at us,
as Father does, or I will
refrain from mentioning
thaiam again. Dear old
You arrived safely Monday
night and seemed very
happy over her visit.
We were very thankful
to see her, for I was
beginning to feel nervous

Feb 25, 1882
Julien

L.

having expected her
Sunday and hearing
nothing from her. I
knew she was too large
to be kidnapped, but
I feared she might
have been lost in the
city perhaps. For some
unusual carelessness
Will reached the depot
too late, (one moment too
late) and she was forced
to take a carriage. But
I must tell you a good
joke soon. There sat
Fau with her fifty-cent
piece to pay the driver,
but when she got out-

he demanded \$2.50, the
last-cent she had, but
we laughed at her. That
is the usual price in
C — I suppose I have told
you all about my visit
home, Alice's wedding
etc. I was so glad to
have a quiet visit with
them all. Papa seemed
so happy to have me
there. I expect Fannie
told you what ^a singular
attack he had. I cannot
help but feel worried.
I hope he will take
the contemplated trip
to Illinois, I do think he
ought to have a
decided change of air
and scene, and that
short trip may help

Feb. 25, 1882
Julia

8.

him a little. I am so
happy over the fact that
you are to be with
him so soon. How the
time will fly from now
until June. I suppose
you can scarcely wait.
I suppose the mill will
be in running order by
that time. Papa seems
worried over the under-
taking, but I suppose that
is natural with his
family and at his age
of life. I do love the
dear old man so much.
I wish I could see
him every day. I

and my thankful
has not me, an old
maid, on his hands
to support. I suppose
you chime are happy
now with your family
gives, I wish I had
the time and strength
to make you kind
lamb. I wish I had
as you would not light
than heat. I think it
is best as it is. We all
560 "keep the good
of one way" rising till
has happened. I intend
to you, still you might
be pleased to know
that Minnie has a new
beard. But do not tell
that. I am sure.

Chicago.

April 25. 1882.

My dear Brother Lon,
You wrote me last week that you were feeling quite nerved again. I am very sorry for you Lon and I wish you would accept my sympathy and love and immediately improve. I hope it is nothing more serious than the result of hard study as you said, for I know young gentlemen recover from that trouble especially so near the end

of a college course. Forgive
me Son if you are
sick and miserable, and
know that you have
my sympathy. I have
waited and waited
for some word from
you since your return,
but in vain, but I hope
this may elicit a prompt
reply, unless you entire-
ly are occupied with
your studies, then I would
be satisfied with a postal
regarding your present
condition of health. I
hope to hear favorable
news in every particular.

I am really
quite anxious about
the home ones, since

the small pox has
become prevalent at
Johnt. Last week Fri-
day Yannie assured
me that they were
all ~~over~~ well, but as
the accustomed Tuesday
letter has not arrived
I fear something may
have happened, still
I ought to know that
I should be the first
person informed should
the affliction reach them.
I hope they may escape
and I trust they will
if vaccination is a
preservative. I presume
when the excitement subsides
the reports will prove
to have been very much

exaggerated. How else could
that - they were in the
middle of "house making"
and without a servant.
I am sorry and wish
I could help them
with their work. Baby
William keeps me very
busy all the time now,
since you saw her she
has improved wonder-
fully in health. She
has her usual amount
of flesh and is very
happy. She insists on
remaining out of doors
all the time, I expect
she will keep me on

April 25, 1882

Julia

2

a "hop skip and jump"
all summer. She is so
soguish and full of fun,
I do wish you could
see her now. I want
to take her home in
June or the last of
May for a short visit,
that is, if the season
has left John. We all
want you to come up
and attend the May
Festival, which will be
very fine. Mr. Haughell
and yourself ought to be
here then, it will be
too bad to miss such a
fine opportunity to hear

grand music.

Carriv and the Adams are in Detroit at present they are thinking of making a business trip on his part and pleasure Carriv. Well E- is well, still stirring his wife and daughter, he is contemplating a camping trip this coming August season which may be carried out - thought some of going to a deserted mining town called Harrisburg on Lake Superior was the pictured in the however are still having a longing for the

John -

June 17, 1882.

My dear Sam,
Mother and
Fau are both indulging
in a little "Hens" and
"Sun", and as all is quiet
I will also indulge in
a little gossip with you.
I suppose you know
that baby and I are
home for a short visit -
we arrived last Monday
and have visited very
hard for a week. We
found Mother quite well
but owing to medicine
and guests she has
improved very much
and now she is in a

fine condition to enjoy
and be benefitted by
a trip to Ann Arbor.
How much I wish
I could see you to night
and have a nice long
talk with you, and
press your hand while
I offer you my heart-
felt congratulations. I
wish you every success
and all the pleasure
you desire. If it were
not for having my dear
little baby I would
enjoy participating in
~~the~~ the coming events
that close your college life.
I hope you will find
it convenient to visit
us before your return

home, so I may congrat-
ulate you, while you are
"fresh from your laurels".
I wish it were possible
to induce Father to go
with Mother, but of course
that is an impossibility
in the present conditions
of affairs. Father feels very
cheerful and confident of
success in his new impor-
ment and I have faith
in his feelings. I presume
some of his happiness
is due to the fact that
you are coming home
or soon.

The old lady Hau
is not quite well this
spring, the cold and damp-
ness of aggravates her

tumble and affects her spirits
somewhat. We
had a nice visit from
her during the Festival
week. Your brother George
has given a good training
for above his oldest sister,
his present state of voice
is decidedly gruff and
uncertain, but I know
he is coming out all
right - voice and all. Dear
little Mary and Marion
are both severely afflicted
with an "influenza" which
is quite prevalent among
children, they are sleeping
sweetly to-night - so I am
relied and happy.
Dear little Mary gives

June 19, 1882

Julia

L.

like a mud also Marion
who looks rather thin
as she is passing through
a severe time in infancy
the teething period. When
she looks better and her
cubs are ^{on} long I intend
to have her picture taken,
and will send Mr. H—
one if he still wishes one.

Will spent
Sunday with us, and
we enjoyed a three mile
ride in the "photon"
which has not yet started,
but we enjoyed it and
were thought of things,
tolls on buggy. Mother

wishes me to say that
she will write to-morrow
and give the facts regarding
her intruded visit to A.A.
Good night dear Leon,
with love, I remain, your
ever loving sister

Julie
Please remember me to
Mr. Baughett.

Lovingly
Julie.



Chicago
Sunday August 27, 1883

My dear Lou,

Your letter
reached me Friday just-
after Wilk's arrival and
I assure ^{you} it was welcome
for I had been anxious,
and longing for news
from dear little Mary.
I am delighted to hear of
her continued ^{improvement}, and I
hope before many hours
to see you all again. We
left Escanaba Saturday
afternoon arriving in
Chicago this morning.
How delighted we were
to reach home once more.

I was very poorly, and
homesick there, the weather
was so unpleasant the
last two weeks. I am
glad however that I remain-
ed for Marion seems so
much better and is benefitted
by the change. She has
cut one eye tooth, and the
others will soon follow I
suppose, and then I hope
her most trouble will be
over. She has had a hard
time with her teeth from
the first. I will leave
Marion some day this week
and go down and see
little Mary and you all.
I cannot say which day
but the first one I think
best. I will try and

manage to have ^{her} over night,
so I can be with you for
a longer time. Now I
would love to stay and
take care of Mary and
allow Mother to take a
rest, the poor dear woman
is tired out I know. I do
not think it best to
take Marion as she would
surely disturb Mary, therefore
I will have to make a
short visit this time, but
I hope, when every thing
is all ~~settled~~ right at home,
Mother will, and your fall
evening down, to make a
little visit with Marion.
Miss Wright Hyde is very
ill at Kate's house, ~~told~~
with bloody dysentery, she

happy one that's
the dear mother
Please make
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for the best
you - all
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6 July 1887.

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and certainly Mary
gives evidence of press-
ing many that are
good. Please give
her my love. I will
write her soon.

With love to yourself.

I remain.

Your true sister
Jette.

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