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1904.

Prof. R. T. Raley,
Tompkinsville, Ky.
Valued Friend.

You will pardon me for not thanking you for your kind favor some weeks past, relative to the business at Tomville.

Owing to sickness, I could not accept the place at that time. I feel under many obligations to you for your kindness.

I have accepted a place with the above firm for a short time.

Now I am going to ask you another favor (you will keep it in strictest confidence): If you attend the Fair or know of any opening there at any time soon

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let me hear from you.
I would be pleased to
be with you if you secure
a place there. (Are you
going soon?) I have a nice
place here. Should I be
so fortunate ~~to~~ to secure a
place at St. L. I believe
it would be months education
for me.

Let me hear from
you at your convenience.
With all good wishes, I am,
Hastily,
Emmett.

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songs you sent me while at
the Fair which I was very
proud. As I have said before
I will never forget your kindness
to me while there. Your letters
all along the line have been
both interesting and beneficial.
I certainly prize a good corres-
pondence and you are a splendid
writer also a fine conversation-
alist.

I suppose you found a
few hearts in St Louis of course.
I have no sin or in other
words no place in your heart.

Hardyville Tenn.
Nov 9-1907

Mr. W. G. Raley,

Louisville Tenn

My dear Mr Raley:
Perhaps you have found a
conclusion that I have forgotten
you but let me assure you
that such is not the case.
I can never forget such a
nice true friend. The reason
I have not responded to your
most highly and appreciative
missives I have been away

3/ have had a royal good time
the past summer and fall.
Mr. Bailey, you spoke of want-
ing one of my photographs.
I am very sorry indeed to
say that I have no good ones
in my possession but I promise
you that I will have some
made in the very near future
and send you one. I would
be very much pleased to have
a new photo of your self. I have
looked at the one I have
until it is a part faded out.
I received the nice book of

4/ from home and did not re-
ceive them. When I returned
home the last time I found
your letter from Louisville
awaiting me. I was very much
surprised to know that you
had located there for a
while at any rate. Glad to
hear that ^{you} are back in dear
old Kentucky. I know you
must have had a lovely
time while at the fair.
I am very sorry that I did not
get to attend, but cruel fate
and hard circumstances
were against me however I

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You must come to see the
folks down here while in
Leicester I am only about
5 miles from Boultie and
a good road. I can hear
no 5 now and how I wish
you was on ~~at~~ that train.
For fear of detaining you
and promising to be more
punctual in the future than
I have been in the past

I remain faithfully
Ida Burd

M. B.

Wishes soon,

Key
wants rec



F. R. G. Railey
Louisville
Kentucky

* 635-6th Str

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ROMLETTS, KY.
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"Friday" 8, 1898

Mr. Raily, I will leave here tomorrow at noon (Saturday) will go to Mrs. Smith's 1621 Olive St. and await you -

What I have gone through with is a plenty - Would like to be with you a little while - Please do come - and do not disappoint me - for I can't stand much more -

Cousin Pearly Reed is keeping house I can go straight to her home when I see you - tomorrow night if I see you in time - So drop me a note to Mrs. Smith's
(over)

and tell me when
to expect you -

I am so anxious
to get away from this
place but will not
leave until Tomorrow,
Saturday after noon or
at noon -

Please let me know
when to expect you
at Mrs. Smith's

I am so glad to be
out and among
human people again
and live my own life

So come and
let me know
when to expect
you -

Maria

an assignment ✓✓

ST. LOUIS, MO.
JUN 14
12:30 PM
1904

WORLD
FAIR
ST. LOUIS
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Mr. G. S. Raily
5761 Actzel Ave
St Louis,
Mo.

Pageville, Ky.
Sept. 21, 1894.

My friend, Mr. Bailey:-
I hardly know how to begin since I was so disappointed in not seeing you at the World's Fair just about one month ago - Did you know I had been there? Your letter did not reach Pageville until the day after I left - Aug. 18th, and of course while I was in St. Louis I had no idea where you were. Did not even know then that you were still in

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The city, but could not
help looking for you any-
way. Where in the world
do you stay? Of course I
looked at little (?) of going
over the entire yard grounds,
but it seems that I ought-
to have seen you somewhere.
Are you an Electrician?

We were gone almost two
weeks, but was in St. Louis
only one week. First went
to Cedar Grove, Ind., to
visit a brother of Papa's -
one I had never seen,
and it was my first
time to be ⁱⁿ Ind.

We went on boat from
Louisville to Cincinnati
and I enjoyed that -

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my first boat-ride - as
much as anything else.

The exposition is certainly
grand. Wish I could
have stayed an other week,
or even longer, but Papa
and "Miss Lou" were tired
and ready to start home
at the end of our week.
Jeff and Betty were with us,
and the others are coming
later.

I should have written
you as soon as I returned
but was ^{so} disappointed, when
I came home and learned
that you really were in
St. Louis, that I had to
wait until I recovered
from the shock.

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I met Mr. Sam Chism
while there - He was very
sure that you were up-
in St. Louis or he would
have seen you. Mr. C-
promised to help me find
you, but neither of us
knew which direction
to start. I am really
anxious to know where
you keep your self.

At every moment I expected
to see you - just could
not keep from looking
for you.

Many thanks for a copy
of "The World's Fair Survivors
Book of Views" - I got a
small one to use as
a guide while there.

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They are nice for our to have
to look through & for
visiting the Exposition.
Will there have some idea
of what is to be seen -
and I did not.

Do you meet many peo-
ple that you know? Quite
a number have gone from
Glasgow. My sister, Mrs. Harston,
intends to start in a
few days - I will keep-
house for her. When she
gets back I am going
to Glasgow to spend a
few days.

I am getting to be a
perfect "old maid"
- guess you say it's time
to get - how? I seldom ever

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for any where - Have not-
attended a party of any
kind for over a year.
Have almost- stopped
corresponding with any one
except- you - Do not- aver-
age one letter a month.
So, you see what- a quiet-
life, I am living now.
Oh! I don't- feel so old-
but just- don't- enjoy some
things that- I used to enjoy.

I was up home and
at- Austin one day last- wk.
Mr. Turner is teaching at
Green Hill again this fall.
He has employed some
one to teach for him next-
month. You know he is
a candidate for Clerk.

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There is nothing of great interest to tell about anyone. I suppose you take a Glad you paper and are as well informed as I am on the County happenings.

'Tis growing very, very late and I must close.

My pen is terrible and scratches so that I fear I will wake every body down stairs.

I return your letter which you clipped from your home paper as you requested. You were kind to send it.

Though it came too late to be of any benefit to me at the Fair, my sister read it

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and looked over the
"Book of View" carefully.
Please pardon my not
writing earlier - cause al-
ready explained. See!

When you have time
to write, I shall be glad
to hear. Good night
with very best wishes

Sincerely Yours,
Minnie. H

Remember the little song
"Absence makes the heart grow fonder"
The fear of detaining you -
Mr. Railey I deem it necessary
to bring my message to a close.
Trusting I shall hear from
you at your earliest convenience
and wishing you much happiness
and a good time.
I am yours cordially

Ida Burd.

Hardyville Ky.

June 5-1904.

Mr. A. G. Railey.

St. Louis Mo.

My friend friend:

I was made the happy recipient of your nice letter on Wednesday last. Very glad to know or at least to hear you say that you appreciated my little message of which I feared would prove somewhat inexpressive to one of your activities.

like your self. For I am sure
 you would put forth every means
 to enable sport to ~~take~~ render my
 stay pleasant and agreeable.
 Perhaps I will come in some
 time when you are least expe-
 cting me, and perhaps I shall
 find you making love to some
 beautiful young lady I will
 walk right in and remind
 you of your little Kentucky friend

Let me assure you that your
 remembrance of me is certainly
 highly appreciated. Words do ~~not~~ not
 flow spontaneous enough
 to express to you how
 proud I should be of those
 beautiful "souvenirs" of which
 you spoke. of which you
 may send to Hardyville.
 I should be very much plea-
 sed to visit the Fair this
 year and should be more
 than pleased to meet with
 a congenial companion ship

Nelsonville, Ky.
April 11, 1850.

Mr. R. B. Raile,
Tompkinsville, Ky.

My Dear Sir,

Your good letter rec'd
some time ago and I should
have answered ere this, but I
have been quite busy and
have never had a good chance
until now and I do not
know from when I can
mail this. I taught
last week, but my school
has been exposed to the measles
and I have dismissed for
two weeks and perhaps
longer. I am now at Mrs
Frontman's waiting for the
children to take the measles.

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You did not come to
Louisville with your sister?
I wrote to Darpu the other day
and told him to send me
that paper, but I have not
received it yet. I wish
you had sent me another
copy at home, but there
has been another wedding in
your family since then
has there not?

When I came to Nelson I wore
a black ribbon at my neck
and Mrs Brown wanted to know
if you were not married.
She said she heard you were
and when she saw me in
black she thought I was
in mourning for you ha! ha!
I thought ^{she} was only pumping
but she said that Bro. Laugherty
told her that you were married.

and I have been wondering how he knew so much ever since, because I did not know that he knew anything about you.

We had a box supper at the church last Sat. evening and my box brought more than anybody's. I was aiming to write to you before the supper, but I was always busy and I knew you would not come anyway. We had such a nice time.

The people here have asked me to take my old school this fall, and I am thinking of taking it.

Have you gone to St. Louis yet? Yes, I would like real well to attend the Fair, but

do not know how it will be. When is summer coming? It is first warm and then cold, so I can never know how many wraps to put on when I start any more.

Are you coming this month? If you are sure you are coming I will go home to meet you, but you must not disappoint me, you know. If you want to come on here I will not be hard to find, because I am right in town when I am teaching and am in S. S. every Sun. in the same place. I am Secy. and Treasurer. and teacher in S. S. now, so you see I am at work again. My sister came up last Sat. to see me and I feel somewhat homesick, because I am

not teaching, and when I
am not at work I always
feel like I ought to be at
home.

When shall I hear from
you again? Let it be soon
please, and come on here
when you start, or let me
know in time to go home.
If you want to come here
you will change cars
at Lebanon Jct., and let
me know and I will meet
you or you can ask the
P.M. where I am and he
can almost tell you.

I must close, as I am
somewhat sleepy and tired.

With best wishes, I am,
- as ever,

Your little friend,
Josie L. F.

(over)

April 13, 1904.

Your last letter just rec'd.

I will try to be at home
the 16th, although I am
watching the measles.

Now don't disappoint
me, for I am home-sick
any way and while I am
not teaching I will have
a better chance to come
now than later.

I'm in a hurry
Good-bye. Let me
hear from you at once
if possible.

Your little girl,
Josie L.

COMPTONVILLE, MONROE COUNTY, KY., AUGUST 12, 1904.

FROM MISSOURI.

St. Louis, Aug. 2.

Quite a number of people have written me recently concerning board and lodging during their visit to the Fair, and as I am very busy about sixteen hours per day and haven't time to write them all, I desire to give through your paper, to all who contemplate visiting the Fair, some economical advice. Here in the glare of Electricity and in the shadow of the great Exposition night becomes day and Sunday, Monday. All is rush and hurry therefore don't get run over and killed. Don't get robbed by the high-price-man. Good nice rooms can be rented for two dollars per week, and the best meals in the city can be had for 15cts and 25cts at the restaurants. There are also many one dollar per day boarding houses, many of these are good some are not. After three months experience here I think I am amply prepared to give my friends a few financial pointers along the line of economical living while here. I therefore should advise that immediately upon your arrival you rent a room on some street whose cars run direct to the World's Fair. This done, you should next locate a good restaurant where you can get good meals at 25cts. The city is full of fine restaurants, in fact the whole city has been connected so to speak, into one large Boarding and Rooming house. Barber shops are likewise all over the city, shave 15cts, hair cut 25cts, shoes shined 5cts. While these prices prevail and are known to us who are here, yet the legalized robber is here also and is always on the alert to victimize the innocent and unsuspecting. Some barbers rob by over charging the strangers. Some of these however have been recently put in jail. Some boarding and rooming houses over charge you unless you have a plain understanding before you enter their houses. Therefore occupy no room on so called "reasonable rates", but know exactly and specifically what you are going to pay before you occupy the same. Best and cheapest to pay in advance for rooms and

and worry about rooms. These remarks are made for the benefit of those who, like myself desire to realize the very best results from the money expended. If there be those who prefer higher living you can be accommodated at either the "Jefferson" or the "Monticello" at forty dollars per day.

I should like to say something concerning the great Exposition and its thousands of exhibits and its strange and peculiar people from every land under the sun, but time and business forbid. Will merely add that it is the biggest thing in the world. Never expect in my life time to see anything like it again. I was quite fortunate in getting a position of any kind and thrice fortunate in getting so good a one as I have. It is an educational opportunity of a life time. Thousands come and applied for positions and went away without any. I spent sixty dollars myself before I got one. Stood two physical examinations passed alright and secured at last one of the best positions.

Before I left Monroë last April, many of my friends ask me to aid them if possible in securing positions here. I desire to say that it was impossible. First, you had to be here in person. Second you had to stand physical examinations and pass successfully and get certificates from the Board of Physicians. Thousands were here in person, passed the examinations and failed to get positions and returned to their respective homes. Nearly all employees are college and professional men. Some are graduates of Yale, Howard, John-Hopkins and other institutes of equal ranks. I must now close and go on duty. I hope these briefly scribbled remarks may prove beneficial to those at least who contemplate visiting the Fair. On account of hot weather, I should advise you not to come before Sept. or Oct. Will add, however, that if any one desires a copy of the World's Fair Official Guide Book, you can get a copy of it by remitting to me 25cts in stamps.

R. G. Railey.