

Cropwell Ala.  
Feb 23rd, 1877 -  
My Dear Friend,

I feel ashamed that I haven't  
written to you before this - I have thought every week  
since I left your house that I'd "certainly write

this week to Mrs Caldwell," but here six weeks have  
passed and I am just now writing - Altho' I

have failed to write I never fail to think of you  
and love you as I do only a few on this earth.

I do hope your health is good and that those horrid  
headaches have left you - Suppose you try my bitters  
this Spring and see if you can't renew your youth.  
Sulphate of Cinchona, Tinct. Iron and whisky taken

after eating - dose table spoonful - Charlie  
and I are well - he is knee deep in ethics and  
worries me no little when I am trying "to think  
my own thoughts" with ethics, esthetics, practical knowledge  
and rational wisdom. I haven't a right clear  
brain nor a theological turn these times and can  
barely appear interested in his studies. I'm sometimes

all in a muddle. 'Twill soon be time for

Col. C- to be home and I feel glad for you  
Johnnie promised I think to come to see us in  
Feb and the month is nearly gone and no John.  
I hope he has a valid excuse for his failure  
Did he go to N.O.? Tell him to please write to  
me occasionally and be sure to come to see us  
when he can.

I have had letters from Mrs Glover  
and Mrs. Anderson both since I came home  
but as yet have answered neither - I shall write  
though before long to them. I have had some trouble  
in regard to Mrs Glovers breastpin which I undertook  
to have made for her in Phila. I believe I  
told you that Mrs G- had a revolving pin which  
needed a new glass front and new pin and that  
Madam Schmidt had agreed to repair the pin and  
fill it with the raised hair flowers for \$3.00 - I  
expressed the breastpin and hair to her and after  
she received it she wrote me that she would charge  
\$6.00 for it. I have written to her to deliver the  
package to Miss Roberson, my friend in Phila. and  
not to do anything with it unless she worked by

her first agreement. She wrote me that she would make you a handsome pin and use the pendants of Lucy's hair, for twelve or fourteen dollars

according to the size - But don't send her the hair until I get this other matter straightened - for she might act dishonestly with you - Neher on Arch st. Phila. does fine hair work and I've directed Maggie Roberson to see him in regard to the work.

Do you hear from Miss Kate and Mrs Steele often and do you think of visiting them this

Summer? My love to them when you write. Tell Kate I frequently enjoy the recollection of her poke and mits and Uncle Shanks one-eyed specs.

We have had beautiful

weather of late. Spring days always bring me sadness

instead of gladness - I think of the bright days

of my youth, the spring that had no sadness for me I think of "the friends of my youth" nearly all gone!

and always of those dear ones who have lately gone

and whose absence neither Spring sunshine nor

flowers can fill - The bright days but mock my

sorrow - and I can't enjoy the Spring time.

How is bro. Brown doing in Jacksonville. I do hope the Methodists will encourage and love him - What has become of bro. Hill - Charlie had a right blue letter from him after he went to Atlanta - Who serves bro. McCauly's churches? Mrs Glover didn't write me.

Mrs

Caldwell I hate to trouble you but I am always doing it and I want to ask another kindness of you. Please mam roll up that feather bed we bought of Mrs Watson and have it expressed to me at Talladega. If you think best you can enclose the bed clothes of Jennies you wanted me to have in the roll of the bed. I will change the feathers

into another tick and have the tick of Mrs Watsons washed and return it to her some-time. The express wagon can get the bed at your door and I will pay the charges at Talladega.

Charlie sends love and says he will always hold you in loving remembrance Love to Johnnie, Ed and very much for yourself - Please mam come to see me this Spring - Always lovingly  
Em W. Allday