

Jacksonville Ala  
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Dear Josie

I want to begin the week by writing you're a short letter though suffering greatly with one of my old fashioned headaches, this is the fifth day I have been worried with it but have managed to keep going. I have no prospect of a cook yet, but have a very nice little help in the person of Annie Wyly, Aunt Adaline's granddaughter, she is very bright and handy and really I haven't felt tired since she has been with me. Mrs. Arbery [Arberry] is still without a cook and has a young lady boarder from Selma have met her once and am very much pleased with her. The school opens tomorrow, Mr. Daugette says he is expecting at least three hundred but it looks to me like they are very slow coming in not over a dozen have yet arrived. Mr. Thomson and his sisters are here, they occupy the house built for a servant's room on the back part of Mrs. Adkin's lot; the McGlothen girls are also here

Mrs. Miller was buried Saturday and Mr. Journey's son (one of the twins) yesterday, he was accidently killed at the lumber mill by a piece of timber being driven through him, died immediately, the family is almost crazed with grief. We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Bowman who boarded with Carrie last year, have heard no particulars of his death.

There have been some changes in our little town in the last few weeks Mr. & Mrs. Gamsby have their mother and sister from Ocala Fla visiting them. Mrs. C.J. Porter has moved back from Anniston and occupy the old Privette house. Mrs. Farmer has purchased the Aunt Martha Key house repaired, painted and moved into it. Mr. Daugeette has bought the Brothers place, don't know whether he will occupy it this year or not.

I was truly glad to learn from your letter that you were so fortunate in securing a place to board I hope Mrs. Lay will never have reason to regret taking you. The school year just opening will I trust, be a pleasant and a profitable one for you doubtless you have begun work with renewed zeal and have formed many good

resolutions for the future, somehow I have no fear whatever about your work in the school-room for I believe you are too conscientious to shirk duty however irksome it might be, but it is the social feature of your life that makes me anxious. I would not have you wedded to the card table and the dance as some of the girls of the present day are, not for all the world. I have no respect for a woman whose happiness depends upon such trivial enjoyments, so for Grandma's sake I want you to avoid these silly amusements as much as possible. Tell Mrs. Lay you are all the daughter I have and she must keep you straight.

I will have your coat fixed for you and anything else you really need I will try to get for you. Your Uncle told me he had furnished you with sixteen dollars and a half (\$16.50) which, with what I gave you ought to get what you really need, try to practice economy 'tis a good lesson for all young people to learn. I am expecting your Aunt Mat about the middle of next month (Oct). I have had a very lonely time since you left and will be glad to have her with me. I suppose you hear from Mary Mason she has not had her visit to Fayetteville yet

With an aching head and a bad pen this is the best I can do for the present, will write where I can, would like to hear from you at least once a week. It is raining to-day you ought to have gossamer and rubbers.

Love to Lois and also to Mrs. Lay and don't forget to write to your poor old lonely grandmother.

M.D. Caldwell [Mary Darthula Caldwell]

Mr. Liston has a new daughter. The new Science Teacher has come – wears glasses – has wife & children and is an Episcopalian