

Greenboro N.C

Sept 30. / 87.

My dear Friend,

As this is  
"our birthday" I must  
come to you for a mo-  
ment with my love and  
congratulations - and  
wish for you every  
happy return of the  
day. Although I do  
not give you every  
proof to the contrary.  
I want to assure you  
tho. that it is not ne-  
cessary for the anni-

nursary of this day<sup>21</sup> - to bring you - my  
dear friend to my mind - I often recall  
the pleasant days of our acquaintance  
and friendship - Almost twenty two  
years have passed since I first met  
you at West Green - but the memory  
of it is still one of the green spots of my  
life - I haven't been standing still - while  
time moved on - but with my girls (some  
would say young ladies) around me

and Tom a young man of twenty - I cannot but realize - while I won't recognize the fact, that I am growing old - Tom is now in S. C. where he has been for several months with the S. C.'s engineering corps - He likes his work very much - Marie is at home, she has not been in school for a year - Katy is hard at work with studying and music - Katy will take the English course here at the U. of T. College - When I will consider, as to where we will send her - she is robust and strong and can endure hard work -

Every one calls her "my image" - Cheston begins to show signs of great improvement. You must visit me this winter and see for yourself - I have visited Western N. Y. every fall for quite a number of years - and I had planned in my own mind to see you this fall - if possible

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when I went on for my  
annual visit - but  
God wills otherwise -  
and I was suddenly  
called home - by the  
sickness of my dear  
father - who only lived  
twenty four hours after  
I reached home - I  
remained two months  
with my mother - then  
returned north the  
last of June - so I will  
not go again this year -  
I hope to hear from you  
and how you have  
spent the days since

will be a very quiet one - with my  
family only - Mai has a young friend  
from Augusta visiting her - but this  
like one of our own - Mrs Ball is well  
but Dolly has been sick for three weeks  
with fever - Fanny has been spending  
the summer in Chicago - she will  
her Grandmother will return next  
month - Mrs Ball is manager  
for the "Dike Park Co" and is  
closely confined at the store -  
I suppose you know that she  
went in partnership with her  
Dike - and after his death Mrs  
B - felt she must look after  
her interest - Tell the Judge - I have  
just commenced "Butter's Law"  
Think I shall like it very much

Give my love to the Judge - you both  
hold a warm corner in my heart  
and with much love for you and Lodie  
in which our Hugh would join me  
(if he were here - but he is at his office -

Believe me most sincerely your friend

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