

Northboro Mass

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Dear G. W. Foye  
Respected Friend

Yours of Oct 15<sup>th</sup> is at hand. I am right glad to hear from you once more and to know that we are not forgotten.

I have been north with Mrs A. since June and shall remain here for the present. My health has not been good for the year past.

Am gaining however, and hope to be right side up soon. I think that some right down cold weather will set me up. I have seen no cold weather for many years.

Mrs A. is improving very fast. She enjoys Northern Society immensely you know.

Mary Augusta is in want of some A. teaching. She thought that she could not withstand a northern

writes. Edgar is in South Carolina  
this State. He has been engaged in Flori-  
culture. His health is much better  
than two years since.

It is so long since I have heard  
from N. C. that I have entirely lost the  
name of Stripp there. Gov. Fort R. is  
dead & Proctor is in the Executive Chair.

How does he navigate and how are  
Stripp generally? How is our friend  
Walker? Do you hold on to your  
Judgeship after Jan 1? If not,  
will you after that date resume  
the "practice"? How did your  
"Spoke & Needle" factory come out?

I hope that you made a good  
thing by it. How happens it that  
the Rep. Delegation (with one exception)  
in Congress is Democratic? Where  
is Gov. Holden, and is he P. M. still  
at Raleigh? There, I must not  
ask you any more questions of this  
sort.

How large a family have you  
and how are all?

Whether I shall return to New-  
Orleans is doubtful. What I shall  
do I hardly know. If N. C. were half  
civilized I should like to make my  
home there. I must have a cooler  
climate than New-Orleans, but some-  
what nearer the severe winters of the  
North. I cannot endure labor and  
happiness as I used to. I should like  
to be connected with some Institution of  
learning. I must wait and watch.

I shall certainly purchase "Soi-  
nette" on my first visit to Boston.

The newspaper notices are very  
favorable.

Shall be happy to hear from you  
often. Mrs. Jones me in affectionate re-  
membrances to your wife, children and  
yourself.

Yours truly  
G. G. Ashley.