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I wish you would send woolen instead of cotton undershirts.

I have no news to give you - of any interest - our employments are the same as ever - a very dull routine it is. We wish very much for something to read. I think old Blackstone could interest me now more than ever and if I only could take home along should certainly have him.

Do write whenever you can as it is always the greatest pleasure to us to get your letters. I hate to write you such an uninteresting letter as this but as Mr Given goes home tomorrow I must send a letter to you by him. Good bye

Yr affc son

Bolling Hall Jr.