Sparta Oct 8th 1873

Dear Bro. Hines,

Father wrote to Bro Frank day before yesterday, but as yet we have heard not a single word from home. I cant think what can be the matter. Father and Sister Laura are both sick in bed, had chills this morning. They are both doing very well now, they had only slight chills. How are you all getting on? I am very well, and do not intend to get sick. We had to stop all night in Macon coming on. It was about 6 o'clock when we got there ~~as~~ all the city was lighted up and looked very pretty. We stopped at the Brown House, and everything was very nice. We were up early the next morning; the Sparta train leaving at six, we arrived in Sparta about ten. Cousin Will Sasnett was-

at the depot and escorted us up to aunt Sallie's. They were all very glad to see us. Cousin Bolling's wife is quite pretty and I am very much pleased with her. Cousin Emma and Mr Daniel and Helen their little daughter are here now. Cousin Mollie Sullie and Willie are here too. Tell Brother Frank that Miss Susie Pendleton spent the night here last night. She lives in Athens but is here on a visit. Father was invited and took supper at Mr. Henry Harris's last night. He met Mr. David Dixon there I believe. Yesterday evening we (Cousin Eva & Sallie, Father, Mr Harris, Sister Laura and I) went to walk. We went to see Judge Linton Stevens' grave. It is a beautiful place. I gathered a beautiful bunch of garaneums, tuberoses and the like. We are all very anxious to hear from you all. You must excuse the length of this letter, for I am so sleepy that I

hardly know what I am writing
Cousin Mollie goes to school but cousin
Sallie does not. You recollect my telling
you all about the day I spent in the
country here at Col. Lane's! Mary Lane
came to see us yesterday she is to leave for
Macon College tomorrow. I am very sorry for
I believe I liked her best of all the girls
(cousins excepted) I saw out here. Several
other girls have been to see me. Brother
Hines you must not forget that you
are going to write to me. Give my best
love to Charlie and Joe. I do hope you are
all well. Ask Charlie and Joe when they are
going to write. Give brother Frank and
Cunshaw a great deal of love. Tell Bo Lewis
that I wanted to see him badly that
morning we came away. I am going to write
Brother Frank either tomorrow or next day
Goodbye. Yours truly,

Carrie S. Hall.

Dear Hines,

I'm sick abed am going to take blue mass tonight. Laura is eating sugar she is going to take blue mass tonight. If I am well enough I will take dinner with Mr. David Dixon Friday. I have had time to see but very little around here yet. I am very much pleased with your aunt Sarah and her girls, very much pleased. We are very ~~much~~ anxious to hear from home and John. You must be particular to write at least every other day some of you, & tell me about gathering the crop & how things are getting on. I cant tell what time I may come home. Yours truly

Bolling Hall

Ha is in bed & got me to write for him

C. S. Hall.

ALA. DEPT. ARCHIVES & HISTORY MSS