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University, Miss.
Mar. 6. 1897.

My Dear Mother and Father.

This letter will reach you about the same time that my report does. I myself will not know my ^{marks} until ~~Monday~~ but there will be twelve absences from recitation, exercise and three from chapel. I think but am not sure that there was one absence I forgot to see the chancellor about.

So if I have any demerits you will know it is because of neglect to hand in my exercise and not because I "cut" and had no exercise.

None of my marks for this month will fall below eighty and I think there will be one or two firsts.

Well, you will know it all by

Thursday evening. I have carried
my extra work very well so far and
think I can continue with it, with
all ease.

I do not know when we can
afford another feast but one or two
of your feasts, or rather one or two of
your cakes would be feasts in them-
selves. I write "feasts" in place of
cakes because they were synonymous
terms. The boys here have not
quit talking about that fruit-cake
yet. Every cake that comes, some
boy says "this cake is all right but
it cannot come up to that cake."
Edmunds had just after Christmas.

And so as I said, your cakes would
be feasts in themselves - particularly if
they were Angel-food or seed-white cakes.

Do you understand?

To-day seems too beautiful and quiet
and Sunday like to stay in the house

and study and yet as soon as I
finish this letter and two more
besides I must lie me to work and
keep it up for five solid hours.

You should see some of the designs
I have drawn for the Annual —

for the various clubs that have been
organized — "Stag Club", "Turkey Club",
"Walla Boyer". The and singing
clubs innumerable. For all of
which I must get up some sort of

designs — some come some serious
some pretty (?) some grotesque. and
the more I draw the more there is to
draw. I have only one more month
in which to draw and heaven help
my report for that month. — For the
Annual work must be done.

It is the first time the A. of M.
has gotten out one and — "to quote
a familiar saying "The A. must
and shall be upheld." They will be

all "two's" on my next month's report but I will get my name in the Annual more than anywhere else in the University.

Doctor Sullivand's family is not here yet —

And now here is something for you to keep to yourself. Get Feather to work on Dr. S. about Fraternities.

I found out from a Member of S. S. Fraternity that they intended to "set" lines when Percy when he came back to school. Clayett is a member of the Fraternity of which D. S. was a charter member and while the club is weak now — it has some very good men in it. They did not know Percy's father was a member of this club until D. S. came up the second time and made himself known to them. Percy can never do any thing

in school until he joins a club.

He needs some one to spur him on and ^{only} one's club mates can do that for one.

And no body gives a snap of one's fingers for a "goat." That is rather a sweeping statement but it is nearly true. Chagell is ambitious for his club and for his own name in it and would use every effort to urge Percy on and would have the success that no one else could have in that line; for when I would urge Percy to take one step or do one thing he would do exactly the opposite thing. Please get Mayor to do that is tactfully as possible. for I hate to see Percy go through school and leave no record behind save on the University roll. As it is now is when he leaves school and anyone should happen to meet a class mate of his.

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Mrs. J. C. Edwards,
Bellevue,
Mississippi.

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