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At Father's Wednesday eve.

Dallas Dec 20th 1876

My dear and respected Father,

Your kind & paternal letter of the 18th is now before me, and as far as I am able will try to answer,

But will ask you to excuse this month paper, In regard to the blessings of ^{our} Heavenly Father I will say that I am a strong believer in all good coming direct from him, I trust your hope for my anticipations of pleasure will ^{be} realized also those that are and will be connected with me, shall be full participants in my expected joys, And for such ends I would be more than thankful for your prayers.

No doubt we will find some thorns as we travel down life's uneven road, this is why we should be so careful to have the love & confidence of those that are to be our stay in the hour of trouble, This is where I reap, my happiness in the hope of the future, for I do honestly believe that I have the entire affections of my beloved and I am sure she has mine, I would argue from this stand point that we will always make the best of the circumstances that surround us at the time we are called on to meet such difficulties as may appear before us.

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it was large
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map of the
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very little
space on
your son
Lance.

However, those old land marks should be carefully guarded while the boat is moving smoothly along, In regard to my children, it would be something more than I should expect to bring to them, at once all the patient watchfulness of a mother that had borne and nursed at her breast a child from the very day of its birth.

But that blessing is impossible consequently the next thing best to be done is to come as nearly as we can to this end, which I trust we are doing.

I think I've thought seriously about the station that I am calling her to fulfill, but I believe her adequate to the task no doubt she will make some mistakes, their own mother would do the same, I hope she will always have my aid in this matter, and I think you will all be happily surprised to see we will have no trouble on this score, I will surely acquiesce in your good judgement in regard to our staying away until the good Ladies are ready for us.

Although I must confess it not entirely in accord to ^{my} feelings, we had such a good time when we were up, a repetition of the same ^{would have been nice} during holidays, but Carrie says we will take our holidays at some other time.

I must stop now as I expect I ^{have} already taxed your patience in reading this, would be glad to hear from you at your pleasure your son
C. C. Blaghton

How is this for school boys time

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Dallas, Texas, Dec 22nd 1876

Dear Father you will
see by the date I failed
to mail this letter but will
ask pardon and mail it
yet. This leaves me well. I
have our home already and
now await orders from
the good lady, to come up
and enter into anticipated
pleasures, you would think
if you were here every body
had come to bow at once
wishing you a Merry Christmas
I am your obedient son

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C. C. Slaughter