

in town business
pertaining to school
and in my own busi-
ness it seemed as though
all care in a heap
and I have been up
late nights writing
letters working
hard through the
day but I began
to see the end of some
of it.

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Dear Bro. Charles

It is with much
pleasure I sit down to pen you
a few lines. Since I last
wrote you we have been through
various scenes at home.
Mother has been quite sick
with lung fever, but has now
so far recovered that she is able
to sit up with her dress on.
She was taken 4 weeks ago last
Wednesday, with a severe sore
mouth and throat, which finally
settled into lung fever.

For the first 10 days she apparently kept running down, with great inflammation in the lungs, and severe cough, and until that was broken up, we were fearful that consumption would be the result but fortunatly that was broken up. but after this she run down until we felt some what alarmed about her, yet the disease turned in her favor, and with the exception of one drawback has been getting gradually better. The doctor does not come now. I see nothing to prevent Mother from getting well.

Within the past week we have received three letters from you, the last two dated at Hoxville, also a paper. So we were glad to hear of your continued good health but pained to learn that you

so soon to retrace your steps
over about the same ground you
came over. Such marching must
be hard, and then to march all
that distance and back for nothing
is too bad. I should think
it might be profitable business
to march back and forth like
that. There is one thing you will
have a good chance to ^{see} the
country through which you pass.
I was in hopes you would remain
at A. B. I was married to Helen
M. Washburn last Wednesday
Eve. at 8 o'clock at the residence
of Miss A. father, so you may
now feel that you have more than
one sister, and the one you have
just acquired you may believe
is a good one. That is what I
think. Mr Webster married us

Marcus & May. Dr. Saselle
and wife were the only invited
guest, and went down with me
and remained over night and
we all came home to Fathers next
day at dinner. It was quite a time
and every thing passed off nicely
and I presume Marcus and May
will think so. May was here with
Mother all the time of her sickness
till yesterday, when she left.

A Mrs Davis is here doing the work
with Helen. As soon as Mother is
well enough, Mrs D. will leave.

Every thing is going along as usual
in B. not great changes, except
some are selling out. George Cook
sure has sold and is going west.
J. Dr. Hatch has sold for 3300.
Mr Foster has sold. Mr Dr. ^{is} ~~is~~
has sold and gone west. Mr Perry
is going to stay and preach another year.
I have not yet received that money
you wrote of sending whilst at Cum-
berland Gap. I have been extremely
busy for the past 4 or 5 weeks.