

4 "Mar. Last evening William & Ellen went to prayer meeting, & left me to take charge of the house. About half an hour before they came home, some one came & knocked at our door. I was just on the point of opening the door when I thought it would be better to see if it was William, so I called "William is that you"? No answer. I repeated the call several times, but still no answer. Soudpur came out of the upper door & said "Miss Marie Yok Chelibe". I guess she was about as much alarmed as I was. When I finally made up my mind that it was no one that ought to come in I went away from the door & in a few minutes I heard some one quietly creep off of the porch. No all think it likely a soldier, or else a spy, for William has noticed foot steps in night before. Who, can tell if we are not going to be unfortunate enough to have all our goods stolen?

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My dear Father,
Unpleasant as it is, I find that once more I am sadly in want of money. Again I have to ask you if you will be kind enough to send me some. I am almost £ L. in debt to William. 1/2 L. I had to pay for getting a tooth filled. How sure I got full £ L. ^{worth} of pain out of my tooth before I could have it attended to. The rest of the debt is mostly for my trip, of a few weeks ago, to Philipopolis. I really did not care anything about going, but every one here

seemed to think one sick enough
to make the change necessary, ^{and}
as there is no Doctor here, it
seemed to me that I better take
the advice of my elders, for if
I should have gotten very ill, I
am sure I don't know who there
would have been to take care
of me. Mr Clarke very kindly took
some half a dozen hours of his pre-
cious time trying to kill the nerve,
^{of my tooth} but did not succeed, so, after the
filling had been in for a few
days, I began to be very uncom-
fortable with it, and it kept getting
worse & worse till finally I got
the Philipopolis Italian dentist
at it. Since the tooth has ceased
giving me trouble I am better at

together. Even though I am
now comparatively well, I find
that I am very nervous. Mrs
Bond - who has studied medicine
some in America - said that
my whole trouble is over-wrought
& unstrung nerves. It sounds
silly to speak of my being ner-
vous, but I am just as unlike
myself about my nerves, as any
one you could imagine. However!
I am very much better now than
I have been since last Fall, for
which mercy I am very thankful.
Tomorrow our American flag is
to float out of our window, in
honor of "King Garfield" taking his
seat upon the throne of the
United States of America.