

W. A. Gilead Co.

Dear Bill.

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You see I am here alright. Left Mt Vernon on Friday a.m. Struck Westfield a little after dinner. Well I got your letter and there sat down and figured all the rest of the P.M. After supper I went out to Mrs M. Breckinridge but she was not a home Sat. a.m. My tire - front wheel - was flat. Found about a hundred little holes all over it. I pumped it up. Put a 2.50 - 3.00 worth in my valise & started out to sell them. Sold a 2.50 at Miss McCurdy. teacher.

she is to pay Mrs Dambikin on Monday. She was all alone & wanted to talk it over with her mother but finally she said she would risk it so I left the fork there. Mrs D said that it would be all right. I went to Clace's & Martins. Clace just got a book & Martin was going to get a set of Enycl. If you had seen them while you was here you would probably have gotten them. I've got a time to pick with you after a while. Well I got Mrs D to take a 2.90. I left Slaughter at D's. as he had left the cash there. So here it stands.

Miss Smith	2.90	\$ 15.85	Deb
" Barber	2.90	\$ 3.00	Pd
" McClurdy	2.50	\$ 12.88	Bal.
Mr Slaughter	2.50	\$ 13.70	
Mrs D	2.90	\$ 12.88	
		.82	
		.30	Expres
		.32	on clothes etc
	\$ 13.70 @	\$	

That left \$32. Well I took that & added \$13 and paid my board for 3 meals. I was there for supper, breakfast that makes.
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 \$68 that you have paid me. So we will let

that be my pay for delivering the books if you think that is all right.

You were going to give me something equal to \$2.34 - price of your book - That would be entirely too much.

I think for that little job. If you don't think \$68 is enough you can send me some more any time you want. Tho' I am

satisfied just as it is. You made a mistake. I sold 2 B's to that lady for a reduction, and as I have 3 extra C's ordered in my batch here at WA Gilead I couldn't make one of your B. I hoped I could

sell one of them for you at Westfield
but I couldn't. I was glad enough to
sell the 250. With 20 more for
that. Say Will they said you didn't
half work while you were here. I
~~know~~ I have not been much better
but I would have worked hard for
those books - to put them in the
school. Mr. Wilson said that
you didn't seem to care whether
you put them in there or not.
Dad but he is a corker isn't he.
concerted blamed old freak. He
wanted me to stay there Sat night
& try to get them ^{at school board} to take a test
finding for 275 - I told him that
you could sell them down there for
390. Yes he said but you
would have to pay \$35 for express.
I told him I had to send your
things down anyway. Those
things had to go over 2 lines

So I had to pay 50.³ They weigh 18.
I thought I would send them
by freight. But he - the agent - said
you wouldn't get them for a dence
of a while. I wasn't very sure any
way. I hope I did everything
all right to suit you. You
must have been up to Saddusky
looking for a job - from Sat - Thurs.
Well I didn't get any thing definite.
When I got back to Mr Vernon
Thursday P. M. 6.52 I found 15
letters waiting for me. Mother, Charles,
& Wesley all think I had better come
back to school this year anyway
& we would try to get along some
way. I am going to write again
to day & tell them just how matters
stand. I've got a good rec. from
the Sup & Mr Vernon, one from
Moth & one from ^{the} Elder. - the highest

Official in the Meth. church. you
know the Presiding elder. I have
all the names of the pupils in all
the school 7 grades. So I ought to
sail in & get a good haul. I'll see
by next Sunday. Perhaps I can
make school after all this year.
I wish you were going to. Ad
bye. Work hard Bill & get
out on top. Well I must close
now as I have about a dozen letters
to write. Write & let me know if
you got your watch & things all
right. I forgot to send your
ring will give it to you the
next time I see you. Well
that be all right. Well
so long. Now work Bill
and surprise yourself &
all of us. M. J. B.

W. Vernon Q.