

and new gina automobile
rides &c. We came away with
most charming memories of a
trip fraught with pleasure
and genuine enjoyment from
our start to finish. The
meetings in Auditorium and
2nd Ch. (the latter, the Women's
Missionary meetings,) were
both so attractive that it
was hard for me to choose
between them. Ed of course
attended those of the Assembly,
entirely.

Mr. stopped a few hours
in St. Louis - long enough

but the weather man
gives us hope
of cooler weather.
My dear Gards &
Mrs Lukens and
your family,
With loving
Greetings - from
and myself
Mrs Elden;
Dridgeton
July 7. 08.
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My pen seems
inclined to blot.

ees - but I felt almost
guilty after you left; for
it seemed as if my sins
of omission as between host-
ess and guest were greatly
in excess of any pleasure
afforded you both.

Did you know that Mr
Feltman and I attended
the General Assembly at
Kansas City, Missouri?

Ed was a delegate (elder)
sent from our Presbytery,
and I accompanied him.
We were gone two weeks

having a most delightful
time. At our hotel, "The
Coates House" many of the
Ministers stayed - Mr Roberts,
the ex moderator, and the
new Moderator; - Mr Sullenter,
who, by the way is a lovely
man as well as gifted in-
tellectually. Mr Roberts, Agnew,
and others, were old friends
of my dear Father's and
it was delightful to meet
them as well as make
many new friends. Mr
had letters of introduction
to people of Kansas City

in your or Mrs Lukens esteem.
The whole affair was the
result of circumstances. - Bridgeton
people did not rally to her help
as she expected, Mrs M. is a
woman of fine mind and at-
tractive presence, but impulsive
and impetuous; and in her
disappointment the first year
put the blame where it did
not belong. She succeeded better
later on - and deserved credit
justly for it. If you send this

letter to Mrs Lukens - I think it
will explain what might have
seemed ungenerous in my part.

^{Mrs M} She has many excellent qualities and
we have many mutual friends. So,
when you both come again, ^{as I hope you}
will - you must both go there and have
her here as much as you want to. It has

Father was told by parties a
mutual friend of both - that
he had been too generous.
The first year was a great
disappointment to Mrs M. a
new and untried woman ta-
king the place of one well
known in educational circles
and having had a large &
successful school for years.
Coming as she did from a
new and beautiful home -
she was very brave to attempt
it. - Father exerted himself
to get scholars for her - some
at a distance hesitated to

very warm

^{cond} until her efficiency had been proved. Suffice to say, in her disappointment she spoke freely to pupils - endeared to my father, to people in the town &c, all of which came directly to us, speaking in unmitigated terms as to his having misrepresented the status of the school - his injustice in settlements - in fact things I cannot speak of even writing letters to him that were very unworthy of her. It was a shock to us all - and my father felt it until his dying day - but always charitable he always

insisted on our ignoring or to use his words forgiving the offense. So I have tried and succeeded for the most part to be at least friendly with Mrs M. we are on calling terms - are included at each other's teas &c. Some word on Mrs M's part was dropped by her while calling here during your visit that made me feel a little wicked shall I say, that was all, and the tears came I guess - Perhaps I have done wrong in writing thus freely. Please do not think for an instant I would love Mrs M

first having however investigated
the workings of the school - com-
ing in school-room - at table, &c
at any hour - seeing the pupils
and house at all hours.

It was simply offered her if
she wanted it - and to help
her to something for a living
as you know an old house
furnished comfortably looks very
forsorn when shorn of its be-
longings - and Dry Hall as Mrs
M. well knew had needed
and would always need repairs
from year to year. In fact every
thing was open and above
board - could be nothing else
where my father was concerned.

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to take a complete tour about
the city, but made no
other stops on our journey
homeward. My Mother and
sister kept home for me.

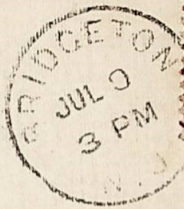
Although my baby is four
teen years old this was
the first trip Mr A. and
I have had together without
one or both children.

In looking for an address
this morning I came
across your and Mrs
Lutkens letter, something was
said by Mrs L. that I feel

needs some explanation on my part. She speaks as if some apology was needed for her seeking Mrs Maxwell-Moore at times. I am so sorry that I may have shown in some way by my manner that my personal feeling was not as cordial as it might have been years ago. We were for nearly on very cordial terms, and one summer were at neighboring houses at the Catskills having a very good time, the best of friends.

When Mr Maxwell died, Mrs M was left with something - but

found it necessary to do something to help out her income. My Mother's health being in a precarious condition from a severe attack of the "Grippe" - and Father feeling that he would like to get a church again and preach - and on Mother's account - had about decided to give up the school - (his lease having just run out also.) - So although he had an advantageous offer from parties in New York - he offered the school to Mrs Maxwell she having applied as housekeeper to relieve Mother. After consulting her friends she decided to take it,



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Ohio.

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1908
12:30 PM
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