

Savannah, Ge.

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Dear Tom,

Home again from a foreign shore. I reached here about nine o'clock yesterday, & found all the folks as well as I left them. Uncle Alex. Lawton & Dr. Southward Smith spent the day with us & went on to Griffin in the afternoon, that is, Uncle A. did. Dr. S. will go as far as Marietta, so you see my time was occupied in entertaining them, & today I have been quite busy attending to small matters for 2<sup>d</sup> home folks. Sister did not go to Buford, as she expected. It was on account of Brother's getting another spree, or at least, a continuation of the same one he was on when I left. You need not mention this to our sister. Poor Sister, I don't know what will become of the child. From this marriage "young inexperienced maid", take warning & don't let some hardened man so inveigle you as for you to offer him your hand.

The City is quite as dull as when I left, if not more so.

If you had been at the Boat, Sunday night, you would have thought it a week day. I know I thought so at one time. I played whist with Sam Wood, Mr. Lafcet and Mr. Simon. Mr. Lafcet was my partner. No, no, I meant to say Mr. Wood, and we beat the Jew & Lafcet two out of three games that we played.

I have come back just when the folks expected me and I expect to resume work 1<sup>st</sup> September. Clarence is quite smitten with a young lady in this section, & old probability says they are, or will, be engaged very soon. He carries her to Church & takes her Buggy driving etc etc & the whole thing looks rather suspicious.

We shall look for you folks this winter sure.