

From: Ellen Maria Goff, Stockton, California

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To: Alice Maria Watrous, East Berkeley, California, care S. D. Waterman

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Dear Alice:

Your letters were both received and I was quite relieved to hear that you were not down sick. I hope you will improve and get to feel more like your self.

Mr McGregory came Wednesday noon, and I tell you there has been some talking done in this house since then. They have been way back to the time they were small boys going to school together, and talked everything over that has happened from that time to the present.

Ben has been to Oakdale, and E. J. staid here Friday night and last night. She seems to think it very funny to see these two men talk so much together about things of no interest to any one but themselves: paying little attention to anyone else in the room, and not giving her a chance to get in a word edge ways.

I don't know how long he is going to stay. He wants your father to take a trip to Tuol Co with him, and I think if the weather is pleasant they will get started some time this week. He has a son 23 years old studying in Germany, he is very much interested in science, electricity and chemistry principally. He went to a college at Hamilton N.Y. where a brother of this Mr McGregory is a professor of chemistry. The prof. took a notion that he wanted to go to Germany again himself and study a little more, so he persuaded his brother to let him take the boy with him. They went and the boy is still there, has been there I think about 2 years.

Mr McGregory looks to me to be about ten years older than your father, while he is only ten months older. I was surprised to see him looking so old. He is not old in his actions, only his looks. He brought a gun and rubber boots all the way from Mass. so he could go hunting.

I send enclosed an Express money order for \$10. Will send more when your board is due and sooner if you need it.

from your mother E. M. Watrous.