The Wayland Letters

Correspondence of the Temple family
of Essex County, Virginia

1823 – 1912

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About this edition

These 133 pages of family correspondence run from 1823 to 1912 — from the Concord Academy letters of a Temple schoolboy through the losses of the Civil War to letters written from Arkansas a generation later. The originals are letters written to and among the children of **Mary "Polly" Latane Temple** (1785–1848) of Essex County, Virginia, and their descendants and cousins. This edition follows the pagination of the existing typed transcription exactly (page numbers appear as small raised marks ‹like this› wherever the underlying page changes), so that it can still be cited against Lucy Fish's notes, the WAY citation index, and the original PDF.

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The correspondents

> **Mary "Polly" Latane Temple** *(1785–1848)*
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> Born at Langlee Plantation, Essex County; married John Temple in 1804 and was widowed in 1812. She raised their four children at Meadow Farm, the Essex County home of her brother Henry Waring Latane. Signs her letters "M. Temple."

> **Arthur John Temple** *(1804–1878)*
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> Eldest son; the earliest letters in this collection (1823–1826) are his, written as a schoolboy at Concord Academy and Rumford Academy.

> **Lucy Latane Temple** *(1807–1882)*
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> Eldest daughter, and the recipient of most of the family's letters from the 1840s onward. Unmarried; lived at Wayland in her later years with her brother Warner's family.

> **John Taylor Temple** ***(1809–1828)***
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> Second son; a student at the University of Virginia in 1826–1828, addressed in several of the earliest letters here. He died in 1828, not long after leaving the University.

> **Rev. Henry Waring Latane Temple** ***(1812–1871)***
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> Youngest son; bought Wayland and became rector of St. Paul's, Tappahannock, succeeding Rev. J. P. McGuire there in 1850. Many of the later letters in this collection are to or from him and his family at Wayland.

Houses and places named in the letters

Langlee

Last Latane owner was Lucy Robertson Latane, who married her 1st cousin, Joseph Lewis (my g.g. uncle). He died in 1850, age 32. She continued living there until Reconstruction days, when the house was sold for taxes and demolished. I don't know why. I remember going there as a child and seeing one lone column still standing; the graves had been plowed over.

The Meadow

Burned in the 1930s or '40s. The house and some land had been sold. It (or most of the land) is owned by the grandchildren of H.W. Latane, Jr. Allan Latane and his sister inherited the property from their father, but Cousin Allan lived and worked in Tappahannock and the sister married her 1st cousin, James Meriwether Lewis (my g. uncle), a lawyer and bank president in Tappahannock — so the house stood vacant and was sold. It was a lovely four-square frame house. The property adjoins Wayland.

Hollywood

Still standing but has not been owned by the family for many years. It adjoins the Meadow and Wayland.

Mansfield

Burned in 1893. Still owned by Lewis heirs.

Lewis Level

Not standing. Sold by the children of Warner Lewis.

Edenetta

A beautiful old place, still standing; until about five years ago it was owned by the Baylors. It was sold by Robert Baylor, Jr. after his mother died — he lived and worked in another part of the state and didn't want to return to farming. About 5,000 acres, two miles in from the main road.

Kinloch

Owned by Harry Baylor, son of Richard Baylor the builder. He also owned Edenetta, which adjoined Kinloch, for a combination of 10,000 acres. He had ten overseers. Cousin Harry tried his best to sell Kinloch, but had no takers; my father had the property for sale for years. It was finally sold in the late 1930s and burned to the ground in 1947. The house was five miles in from the main road — a magnificent plantation, more like an English manor with a large park around it, with a stable for 40 horses. Aunt Lucy Temple spent a lot of time at Kinloch and used to take my grandmother there with her. Cousin Harry Baylor moved to Edenetta from Kinloch, and Kinloch was vacant for many, many years.

LETTER 1 · PP. 1–2

Concord Academy Aug 12th, 1823

Mrs. Mary Temple
Meadow Farm
Essex County

Dear mother

You seem to think strange of my not writing to you from last count it was owing to my thinking it would be unnecessary as I have so lately seen you. When I returned home from Mr. W's I saw brother John's letter to you and feeling anxious to know what he thought of my not going to see him. I opened it and saw that he was much disappointed for which I was truly sorry; but I will try to make amends for it by writing often and letting him know how much I regret not seeing him, for indeed it often gives me much uneasiness to think he took pains to come over from the academy and loose as much time as he did to be with me during my vacation. I am much obliged to you for your present which I received quite safe. My health has been very good as yet and I am in hopes you were misinformed when you were told this was an unhealthy situation. I can assure all necessary pains have been taken for the preservation of our health we are comfortably situated at New Prospect a place to which Mr. Coleman moved from his old seat which is farther South and nearer his mill than the place where we now live. Present my respects to all friends especially to the families of my uncles and remember me to Cousin C. Butler Cousin L. W. Eliza and E. Robb and

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believe from

Your affect. Son

Arthur Temple

P.S. I hope you will pardon or excuse this bad letter as I had to write it before breakfast. I wrote two letters Saturday which I was obliged that I might hereafter have leisure to write to you.

Arthur Temple

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> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
>
> 1. P.1 *"Meadow Farm"* — Usually called "The Meadow." Home of Henry Waring Latane, my g.g. grandfather, brother of Mary Latane Temple.
> 2. P.1 *"Eliza Robb"* — Married Robert Payne Waring III, son of Lucy Latane Waring, sister of Mary Latane Temple (see enclosed Waring notes).

LETTER 2 · P. 3

Walkerton 15th Sept. 1825

Mr. John Temple
Rumford Academy

Dr John

When Baylor Temple returned from King William on Sunday he mentioned seeing you and Henry and said you were both well. I am glad to hear it and wish you may keep so until the sickly season has ended. I was in Essex the day you saw Baylor at the Church though I only stayed long enough to get my dinner after sermon. Mamma is at Mr. Warings. I expect to go up in a day or two. Robert is to be married on the 20th this month but to whom I cannot say as I do not know myself. Sister is in Hanover at this time she went up with Aunt M. Latane. All other friends are well. Henry seems to have forgotten that it customary for persons to write to each other in order that we may learn how they are and what doing. Yours in haste.

Arthur Temple

My respects to Mr. Johnson and [Ben Kenbrough] if you please.

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
>
> 1. P.3 *"Rumford Academy"* — I have heard the family mention this academy, but can't remember what was said.
> 2. P.3 *"Aunt M. Latane"* — Probably wife of T. L. Latane, brother of M. L. Temple.

LETTER 3 · PP. 4–6

March 2, 1826

Loretto Essex No. 127
7 March 1826
Master John Temple
University of Va.
Charlottesville

(opens directly "I have received both letters my dear John")

I have received both letters my dear John but the one directed to Loretto came first to hand. I am happy to assure you they have relieved my mind very much - After seeing the last I was sorry I had said so much about money matters, you will know it was only my great anxiety, not that I doubted your prudence or integrity. I make no doubt you were much disappointed at not getting a letter by Robert Hunter. I was not less so at his going without my hearing of it. I could not account for it unless it was they were all so much distressed at the time, for sister Waring sent a servant down there only the day before they set off but we heard nothing of it till he was gone. I am pleased to correct a mistake in my last respecting Mr. Hunter's death. At the time I wrote, we were under the impression that he died without saying anything of his prospects of Eternity, but he gave perfect assurance of faith and love. You have seen his death perhaps in the Herald. I have had a pleasant little visit to Mr. Grays since I wrote you. Cousin Payne was going to Fred. I went that far with him. I

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went to hear Mr. Edward McGuire but it only served to make me think more highly of our minister. I greatly prefer hearing him. I am very much pleased that you have it in your power to go to a house of worship regularly every sabath. I am also glad that you join in the service; it certainly has the advantage of keeping the attention fixed even when its beauties are not spiritually perceived. I have often observed that most frequently the first steps in vice have been traced to violation of the sabath. Tell me in your next who is your room-mate and who you associate most with.

I am sorry to tell of the last time I heard from Arthur he was at a party at the [Roping tree] 22 Feb. he has not written me since you saw him; I am affrraid from both circumstances he has forgotten his mother. Cousin Clements is here she always inquires particularly after you, cousin William looks very badly he has had the prevailing cold and it has increased his cough very much. Our friends below are well. When I go down I shall let you know that you may direct your letters. With regard to your inquiries about the

distribution of your time, I am at a loss how to advise you. I have always thought night and morning the best time for reading the scriptures, and I hope you will be mindfull of exercise, it certainly conduces to health of mind and body.

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Perhaps another year, if you live to see it, you [will] have a watch to regulate your hours more exactly. [And finally] dear son be assured you are constantly remembered in [the prayers] of your affectionate mother.

M. Temple

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
>
> 1. P.4 *"Loretto"* — Post office of "Edenetta" and Kinloch.
> 2. P.4 *"sister Waring"* — Lucy Latane, who married Payne Waring.
> 3. P.4 *"Cousin Payne"* — Is the above-mentioned Payne. He was a cousin of his wife, Lucy Latane.
> 4. P.4 *Robert Hunter* — John Temple's roommate at the U.Va. Robert Hunter later became a U.S. senator and Secretary of State in the Confederacy. He lived near Edenetta.
> 5. P.5 *"Cousin Clements"* — One of Parson Latane's daughters married a Clements.

LETTER 4 · PP. 7–9

Farmsfield, King William, June 21st, 1826

Mr. John Temple
Student of the University of Virginia
James Johnson

Dear John,

Were I to let pass this favourable opportunity without writing to you, you would think, I suppose, that I am remiss and care nothing for the love and affection that formerly existed between us, but I hope you do not entertain such faint ideas, for whenever I am solitary, I am enlivened by the recollections of some of our actions.

In consequence of not having something to inform you, I am afraid my letter will be shorter than I would wish, recollecting, however, that your part of the world is very abundant in news, I shall content myself with the expectation of receiving something from you in your next.

Mrs. Richeson came down very unexpectedly to all of us, and I believe was received very cordially by all of her old acquaintances during her short stay. I should like very much to have accompanied Mrs. R up to the University on her return, but I had little while before gotten from Norfolk, and I wish to give up the

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balance of my vacation to reading, as I shall have to come forward the next session with some specimens of my own compositions, I expect, in consequence of not having an exhibition the last. Some other matters induced me not to go up with Mrs. R. Why, I am told, John, unless a fellow is trimbed off in the nicest colours, he is ridiculed by the whole band of the students; as such I take it to be best to keep clear of their ridicule a while longer, for I have not an equipeage suitable to their taste at present. I have been told some very unfavourable news of the university, that the boys are very mischiefous, that they sit up the whole night playing cards, that they catch cows, hang them up to the professors doors, cut off their tails, etc., etc., etc.

I wish John you would write me the whole news when you write to me, and you must be very quick in writing, for I wish to hear the facts. The Ayletts, I have been told, have spent a great deal of money since they have been there. I am afraid Mrs. Richeson will start before I can close my letter, therefore I must stop. You must certainly write before the commencement of the next session. I wish to hear whether Mr. Hawkewood and Miss

Mary Lewis have been up to the University. I expect the young men will be very much pleased with Miss Mary and will display some of their gallantry. I thought, John,

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I mentioned the name of the young gentleman * in my [last] to you, his name is as well as I can recollect a Mr. George. You must certainly write me in very short time, relating the actions, manners, customs, etc. of the students. Father wishes very much to hear from you and the University. Give my respects to boys from this country, and bear in mind yourself.

Your loving and affectionate friend,

James Johnson

* You recollect I mentioned in my letter that a university buck was pleased with Miss Mary.

James Johnson

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.8 *"Miss Mary Lewis"* — Have no idea who this is.

LETTER 5 · PP. 10–13

Oct. 14, 1826

Tappahannock, VA
16 Oct.
Mr. John Temple
University of Virginia

My dear John

The time seems so near for you to return to us. I think this is probably the last letter you will receive from me before we meet. I begin already to plan how you will come. I think perhaps it will be more convenient for you to come to Fred. than to Richmond, you will know which is best, and let me know before the time comes. Arthur came over last Sunday but I was gone to meeting and as he staid only a few hours I did not see him. I begin to think the only way I ever shall have his society again is when he is married. Then if he should be fortunate in his choice, I may stay with them sometimes. Although the scriptures tell us, a "married man careth only how he may crave his wife". Arthur left a letter from you in which you mentioned sending Henry the books I wrote for - yet he was so impatient he had applied to Arthur and got money to purchase one. I am affraid he will always have that spirit. I expect it would have been better for him to have continued in Essex for he was taken sick in Fred.[ericksburg] on his way up and he was

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very sick several weeks. The day he set off he told me he had never complied with his promise of writing to you but he certainly should do so as he was about to take a little vacation, but I expect it proved a very lonesome one; he was sick nearly all the time he was absent.

Cousin Clements has not been with us for a long time. She has been in Fred. lately attending Court where she expected her long law-suit would be brought finally to an issue. Mr. Loman I understand has been down, he can tell you the result. I really dread to hear. [Matt] is at cousin Warners but I think quite disgusted with his occupation. I am sorry he is so for it must make the task much heavier, he and Arthur have not met yet. I wish they could, for Arthur seems to look back with regret at the peaceful hours he spent in that employment.

We have been uncommonly healthy in this neighborhood this fall. I have scarcely heard of a case of sickness nearer than Tappa. Dr. Ayres carried his wife to the springs. They have been traveling in the upper country a good deal - they will probably call at the University on their return. I wish they may. I should hear particularly from you by them. I

like Dr. Ayres very much. I think he is an exceeding good man - he does not think as much of "number one" as many others. There love has often come badly off. This wife you remember is very eccentrick, and he is so good natured. He labours to

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please her unceasingly. I cannot help often wishing he was more equally yoked. One of the servants brought me some potatos this morning and asked me to keep them for you. I put them away and shall often wish you had them. I expect you feel [so much anxiety] about the approaching examinations [and] think of nothing that is to eat or drink. Can't you let me persuade you as I tried to do before, that the anticipation is much worse than the reality? that you will find it so, I have no doubt. When you write let me know if you have fixed on the rout you will take home. I venture sometimes to anticipate the great pleasure I shall experience when you all are with me once more. 'Till then, farewell my dear son. Ever remember it is from God alone cometh every good and perfect gift and to him I commend you.

Your affectionate mother

M. Temple

Brother William and his family have just left here, I think their health is benefited from the trip to the springs. Mr. McGuire preached last Sunday in Tappa. the first time since Aug. He spent a month in the upper country.

Has Dr. Blatterman any sensitive plant in his garden? I send some seed which if you think proper you

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may present him as a natural curiosity. You recollect how it shrinks from the touch.

M.T.

Mama informs me she has not called my name in her letter. Lest you forget that there is such person I will remind you before hand after all that you have said nothing from me would interest you and as I have a smooth wretched pen, I will only sign my name as your affectionate sister.

L. Temple [Lucy]

L. Temple [Lucy]

Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)

1. P.11 *"Cousin Warner"* — Warner Lewis of Lewis Level, my g.g. grandfather. A first cousin of Mary Latane Temple — their mothers were sisters. He married Anne Susannah Latane, a sister of M.L.T., as his first wife.
2. P.12 *"Rich Baylor"* — Richard Baylor, who married Lucy Waring, M.L.T.'s niece. He built Kinloch.

LETTER 6 · PP. 14–18

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Mrs. Mary Temple
Tappahannock
Essex
Via Fredericksburg

Dear Mother,

As I mentioned in my last letter to you, I left Richmond [on the ___] of this month, and had a more agreable trip than I expected, [and found] Hunter and P. Aylett conversing about me, and just arrived [at the con] clusion, that I was to stay and study law in the lower co [untry].

When I arrived here, I found a great change indeed. All of Mr. Richeson's boarders separated; some in one part of the place, some in another; even the Essex association is broken up. Rich Baylor is boarding with Mr. Conway, Hunter and myself at Mr. Minor's. Indeed when I think of this change and division, it reminds me (if small things may be compared to great ones) of the division of negroes in a large estate. I am very well pleased however with my situation, and the only unpleasant reflection is the situation of Mr. Richeson. He is teaching school near this place. I am glad to say I found them in a comfortable dwelling house, or cottage,

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as Mrs. Richeson modestly called it. Much sympathy is excited in their behalf - & we must hope the best & do what each can for them.

I went to Church Sunday and heard Mr. Hatch preach. The Sunday School has been dismissed till the Spring. Mr. Hatch appeared glad to see me, & made many inquiries about the lower country. As he gave notice he would commence preaching at this place that evening, I hastened home, and with the assistance of Mr. Lomax & others, arranged the seats for the company in one of our lecture rooms. We had a very good meeting, tho' the roads were in such bad order, & hope we shall be better prepared next Sunday, when [a Pr]esbyterian Minister will preach to us. Several of the students [participated] in the singing and Evening Service, and Mr. Hatch as well as [others] expressed satisfaction on the occasion. I told him I knew [you] would be pleased to know of it.

We have all, I hope, set out with the resolution of studying [this] year. I was pleased with what I found written on the paper en[clos]ing the money for the Tea-spoons. I am

trying to break myself of all bad habits - such as procrastination - and others which, tho' not noticed probably by many, I had much rather be without.

I often think with pleasure of the agreable time I lately spent with you. But how soon has it passed away. I was going to say like a dream - but I won't say so

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since I derive much real satisfaction from the assurance that I HAVE enjoyed it. By the bye - in looking at the cover of a book the other day, I found written by myself on 20th of November,

"University of Va. November 20th 1827

December 20th where?"

I expected to be in the lower country, but where? I little expected at Brother A's Wedding.

Don't think me careless when I tell you I left my cravats at the Meadow - I felt very certain that we had put them with the rest of my clothes - and so would not mention them. If you should find them, please give them to brother Henry, or else dispose of them as you may wish. I shall not want them as I left some here when I went down, and besides brought two black silk handkerchiefs.

As I before mentioned, I am very comfortably situated, and every comfort I could desire of this world. Really, when I think of my Mother & other kind friends, my situation & all the blessings I enjoy, I feel as if I had greater calls for gratitude than almost any body I know.

I prize the book you lent me very highly, delight in reading it, & humbly hope I may profit by its good precepts.

While in Richmond I gave uncle Billy the Suspenders

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& I hope he was much pleased with our present.

I heard of Cousin Lucy Temple at the Ball on the 8th Jany. but was not present myself. She was at all the amusements of the place almost, and very much admired, but from some cause or another I cared not much to be at them and so lost the pleasure of seeing her, or any of the family.

I know that you are concerned for Mr. and Mrs. Richeson and therefore will inform you, that I brought up a bundle of nice clothing for their children - a present from Mrs. Wacker of King and Queen.

I find since my arrival, that I left at the Meadow An account of my expenses here last year - I will thank you if you should meet with such (a sheet of coarse paper doubled up & unserved) to copy in a letter, the part relating to the Sunday School, & the rest may burn if likely to be seen by any other person.

I found three letters in the Office for me when I arrived; one was from Brother Henry telling me he had abandoned all ideas of going into the Navy. This was written before his vacation!

Please have my box of books deposited in a safe place. Their society will be much improved by the worthies which I have to introduce to their acquaintance by & by.

Tell Sister I hope her [ ]

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fortunate of late. Ask her [ ]

My fondest rememberances [ ]

friends not forgetting [ ]

Do write shortly,

Jany. 17 1828. [John Temple]

[John Temple]

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.16 *"Uncle Billy" Temple* — He bought Wayland for H.W.L.T.
> 2. P.17 *"Cousin Lucy Temple"* — Could be Aunt [uncertain in Fish's hand].

LETTER 7 · PP. 19–21

June 1st, 1828

Miss Lucy L. Temple
Attention of
Mr. W. L. Waring

Dear Cousin

What do you think of my long silence? I am affraid you think I am tired of the corespondence but if you believe me nothing gives me more real grattification. I expect you wish to hear from our trip. We had a very pleasant one but I did not enjoy myself half as much as I should have done if you had been with us, we had some very fine preaching, but it was unanimously agreed amongst our party (I believe) that Mr. [ ] sermon was the best that was preached. When I was in Richmond last time I went to the Capitol and saw general Washington's statue and La Fayette's bust. I could not see much of the Capitol as most of the rooms were shut-up and we could not get the keys. I saw one of the gaurds at the Capitol was was a very novel and interesting sight to me. I could not keep my eyes off of him. I saw May Wilcox at the Convention and some of my other school mates. Page Bragg was maried the night after we got-in town. Mr. Wilcox was very anxious for me to stay at his house while I was in town. I however

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did not accept of his invitation but cousin Nancy and Mrs. [ ] Garrett did. Mr. Garrett and the ladies before mentioned were invited to the wedding. Mr. Garrett was the only one however who went. I did not get an invitation. I forgot to tell you the name of the gentleman she married. It was a Mr. Dunn. I heard thier weedding was put off in consequence of his hurting one of his eyes which he afterwards lost. I heard she said that served only to endear him to her. I got a piece of the wedding cake. Mary Ann [Ken] is at Mr. G's now. We have a new scholar since I last wrote you a Miss Brown from the City. The ladis brother at [ ] house we put up (Mr. Hannon) maried Mary McClandish. She was expecting her sister [ ] but she did not come. [Mrs. Haleburton has lost her child]. It has [ ] ages that I have heard from her therefore I have nothing to communicate on that subject. The Family at Mr. G's are all well except Mr. G's [ ] and she was as well as usal when I left them on Friday for I still keep up my old customs of coming home every Friday. Mrs. Minge is at Mr. Garrett's at this time. She promised to drive here tomorrow with Mr. [Kenwood]. I have not received a single line from my [punctual] correspondent Mr. John Temple I however hear from him through the medium of his other letters. I heard some of the family say the other day that he stood decidely

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higher for piety and learning than any other boy at the university.

I must conclude though with reluctance for I can't write much more. All friends join me in love to your self and the family. Believe that I now remain your very affectionate cousin. LW [Lucy Waring]

It is useless to tell you how much I was disappointed at not seeing you here at Whitman.

My dear Lucy

I arrived at Mr. Garrett's Monday. The ladis inquired particularly after you. The old lady in an overnight [ ] her hand on my arm and said give my love to Lucy when you see her and tell her I feel a great wish to see her. Martha Hunter also said she often thought of August as the time when she hopes to see you. Many give you great merit for what they consider a most [ ] sacrifice of your time. [ ]

M.T. [Mary Temple]

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.20 *on John Temple's piety* — There were a great many letters from him and each one was almost a sermon. My aunts used to read them aloud to me until I wanted to scream.
> 2. P.21 *Lucy Waring* — First cousin of Lucy L. Temple.

August 31st

My dear Cousin Lucy,

I cannot tell you how deeply grieved and shocked I was when I received your letter. It is a most consoling delightful thought when our loved ones leave us, they are with our Saviour, done with earth, no more subject to the numerous trials that wait our every step, but the burden of life here is heaviesom, not having them - love & sympathy to cheer and aid us; that the Holy Spirit the Comforter may bind up the heart so sorely bruised, and by the abundance of His consolation make them feel that it is good for them to have been afflicted is my earnest prayer.

I have certainly intended writing to you but ever since you left I have been sick. I took some medicine & was never as much prostrated by any before. Today is the second day I have been downstairs. I still suffer from nausea and weakness. I should have written to you. I have thought so much of you since you left. All the invalids have improved but Aunt Ann - she is feling very badly. Edwin is about the same - he improved & then relapsed, but I hope is a little better than when you were with us, certainly is sure playful & is a good child. I am anxious to hear from Lucy Walker. I carried your letter to church that the Glencairn family might

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know what comfort you had in dear cousin Betty's death. I felt sorry for the little baby's death. I thought cousin Henry would feel it as another [ ] so early. I fear cousin Mary & Jane will feel the effects of misery. They are scarcely better than invalids themselves. This morning about 5 o'clock Robert Dr. M & Cousin Sanson left us for Richmond. Dr. M will stand his examination. He hopes for an exemption, but if not for the place of surgeon, & [Sister will remain] My pen is so bad I can scarcely write AT ALL. Robert & Cousin Sanson expect to return Friday, the [ ]. The ladies & gentlemen except Robert & myself from here dined at Edenetta yesterday meeting the Glencairn and Broadmere families. Aunt Eliza is very nervous, Aunt Ellen is uneasy about her. I cannot write any more now but will try again soon. Harriet intends writing to [Nannie]. Much love to all Aunt Elizabeth Aunt Ann & all join me.

Yrs

Nannie

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I left my letter open until this morning dear Nannie because Dr. Morrison said he wanted to add a few lines to your letter. He got in late yesterday evening and was called this morning sometime before sunrise, so he asked me to send his love to you all, and tell you he wanted to write to you. I forgot to tell you of my bonnet. It is made of beautiful crape and is a very handsome bonnet but oh! such a shape, I can measure FACE TO FACE with any body, and be almost as tall. It is silk, covered with crape, two large flat bows of crape on top, and a girding of the same all around the front. The cap is all black. No one wears any white in the bonnet as Aunt Eliza said. I send you the measures of the bonnet. I wore it Sunday. All say it is becoming. My love again for ALL. To cousin Lucy Temple, when you write, you must ALL write to me very soon, and often. How did you and Harriet get on that morning with your MISERIES. I told Aunt E. of Harriet, taking so much trouble with her apples. She sent many thanks to her and said she should write to Aunt A. very soon. I hope Aunt A. is much better.

Good bye, Lucy.

Good bye, Lucy.

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.22 *"Glencairn"* — A Waring home.

LETTER 9 · PP. 25–27

Wayland [Feb 17th.]

Miss Lucy L. Temple
Edenetta
Essex
Care of
Mr. R. Baylor

Dr Lucy

I have been all this week nearly alone with little Martha. Henry went to see Baylor Temple the first of the week he staid two days and after returning he found a note here from Mr. Upshaw requesting he would go to see his son who he said he thought sinking very fast he thought he could not stand his suffering, but a short time. He went and was detained by the weather two nights, he left him so low he returned at their earnest solicitation, expecting he could not possibly live, he left him alive this morning. Sister Latane sent me word by Peter last Thursday morning she should come that day to talk about going to cousin Payne, I supposed to fix on the day, etc. The girls she said had come to the Meadow on their way the day before, the day proved a bad one but I expected her. I heard no more till last night Tom from the Meadow told me the girls were sent for to Langlee to see John Pollard. The greatest difficulty I have is to keep poor little Martha from being too consequential, she says she is all grandmamas company

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what would she do if I wasn't with her? I have some chickens she is so busy feeding them, luckily there is a turkey as fond of making battle as the one at Edenetta she is greatly affraid of, that keeps her in the house, it is a young one I think it must inherit the propensity. Sister Waring gave us the stock.

You do not know what a relief your last letter was. I had not heard for a fortnight from Sister Waring but you did not say you even expected to come home again. I have some shirts to make for Henry and I fear he will be in great want before I can finish them. I shall try and send the collars and wrist bands to you to stich. Perhaps you can send them down if I can't get up which I hope to do. Latane wrote me today poor Henry had an attack of croup thursday & friday nights he took oil Saturday and she hoped he would have no return - William has the Whooping cough it was communicated from Spring hill. Eliza's children has never had it yet. I have never had a chance of getting Moses to work in the garden when the weather would allow he has been out at his trade he has put up a chimney at Bob Walkers and begun one at old Mr. Rylond and to plaister at Wm. Wrights.

I can't conceive what their reason can be for having it done this season of the year. I got a bargain in a remnant of black silk from Mr. Wrights a short time since for an apron for you and

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myself. Give my love to Eliza tell her the boys are well and to Tom Robinson tell him old Jerry has a very good home and is a great favorite with us all. Tell him cousin Henry rode him from the Meadow lately and got off to take down the bars coming across thinking Jerry was old and would be glad to stand still. instead of that, he ran off like a colt and made him walk home. I have not heard particularly from Mr. Berkeley for a week he thought the wine & chicken did him much good. [Miss] M. Berkeley left Langlee [last] Monday I do not know when I have seen a [girl who] was as much [ ] with [as] Mary E. Berkeley so [ ] and modest and very affectionate in her [ ] [She] is taught to be useful to herself and others too. Will you be so kind as to tell me where [ ] blue circasian (I was going to say frock) is. I see it is not made. I would be glad to make it [for you]. I hope poor little Nanny's face is well before this [ ]. my [love] to sister Waring Lucy cousin Butler [and] friends. Caroline told me she had received [a letter from] her mother saying she expected to be in Essex the last of this month. Henry is gone to bed. Mrs. Blake got up to her fathers a short time since she left Mr. Blake sick that detained her so long. Believe me your affectionate Mother and friend,

M. Temple

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.26 *"Spring Hill"* — Old home of Mrs. Henry Waring Latane.
> 2. P.27 *the Berkeleys* — Mrs. Thomas Lewis Latane of Langley was a Berkeley.

LETTER 10 · PP. 28–29

Wayland April 22nd

Mr. Thos. L. Latane
Williamsburg Va

I received your letter my dear Thos. in due time but was quite sick then with influenzy. I knew too that Frank Lewis had just written & Henry told me he wished to write you at that time. I write now, hoping to send my letter by Mr. Renolds. I have now gotten much better I was at the Meadow a few days since they were all well there except Henry who had a bad cold. Brother H told me Wm. stood head in spelling & was considered a good geographer. Mr. Hutcheson has been sick with the prevailing [disease] influenzy. Brother Wm's daughter [was] at the Meadow They had been to Dr. Fauntleroys. All were well then, it is said [plans] to be married shortly. I expect you have been told Henry preaches much more than formerly, he preaches at St. Pauls Tappa. and at the Aquinious church in [ ] and he participates in the morning prayer. The Bible [class meets] regularly and the members [take part] in it. Henry [

] seven in this neighborhood. Mrs. Jones has lost her youngest child with it, & nearly all the family there has it. Miss Taylor is still a great toast with the young gentlemen.

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Our friends generally are well. Lucy is with us at this time. She talks of writing to you but you know she takes a long time. Cousin Thom and John Hull came to Lewis Level a short time since. I expect she will stay a good while.

[We all] begin to look forward to [July] with pleasure as the time you will return home, but let us never forget in whose hand our lives are, who [

] He I trust will guide and preserve you, He is ever nigh to [those who] call on him the young more especially he delights in. The friends here join in love to you with Your affec. aunt,

M. Temple

LETTER 11 · PP. 30–31

Edenetta Tues: Evening

Loretto Va
May 28, [1845]
Mrs. Mary Temple
Fredericksbg
Care of
Mr. John Gray, Sr.

My dear Mother

I was sorry not to find you when I got back but was pleased that you had gone too. I doubt whether you need regret that you did not get to Convention tho: there was room for you. You will learn from the friends that I could not enjoy myself at Convention, but I did enjoy the transient visit to the friends and believe you will NOW more than you would have done during Convention. If I enjoyed the society of the old people at Eastwood (for really it was a pleasant time to me) how much more will you. And you will be with Bp: Meade I hope. I expect to go down this morning. I found John Ball here with the [ ]. He said all were well at home except Carter. Mr. Gray kindly [promised] to take him up to the springs this summer for me. I wish you'll learn from him about what time I had better send him to his house.

My situation, I suppose, kept out of my head, (at the proper time) seeing after work for Moses. Perhaps

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Mr. Pollock or cous John Gray may know of some. Tho: John Ball tells me he has been at work for Mr. Garrett since I left home. He left Wayland the day after they carried the horse down. Brother A. & Mr. Pitts did not stop here on their way down yesterday. I hope he staid at Wayland with Susan tho he wanted to get home, sister J would not leave Westwood before he went for her. Dr. Fauntleroy is here. He thinks Mr. [Rowper] better. Cousin Cath Berkeley and the Miss Robinsons got up from Langlee yesterday morning. They stay until Thursday. I intended asking you where the [Bombajene] is, which you told me Susan could have to face my vest with. When you write please mention, if I can get it, as I want to have it made. I am expecting the prayer bell to ring, and have written in much [haste].

My love to sister & Mary and also my friends with whom you are. Your affec: son

Henry

Cous Janet I hope will give you my prayer book.

LETTER 12 · PP. 32–35

[Thursday evening 22nd Nov]

Miss Lucy L. Temple
Essex Co
Hand by
[Rev J.] P. McGuire

Though I am unusally busy this morning my dear cousin yet as I know how sorry I always am not to get a letter I have determined to leave all undone to write this to carry to the Bible class this evening for Mr. McGuire to take to you. I was glad to hear by Dr. Bagnham that some one who saw cousin Arthur in Tappah Monday said Joe was still better. I think as he as stood it so long he surely will recover. Catsby [Thom] left here this evening on his way to Uncle Warners, said he should go to see Joe. He left cousin Lucy in Fred, & said she was very near coming with him. She sent me some violets by him. I was sorry to hear by him his wife's health is very delicate, has been ever since the Spring he said. What delightful weather we have had, and it has been very fortunate for Mr. Baylor, he has been very busy in the garden ever since his return from Balt. For a wonder I went with Billy this morning to superintend the setting out of a few things else, he has stayed at home two or three days at a time and would be out till dinner in the

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garden and then again in the evening. We have had to move all the flowers from some of the borders, as they will be levelled. I often wish for you as I know you take such delights in gardening and seeing such things going on. I had Lucia, Mrs. Bagnham and Miss Nelly with me last week, and another day last Friday cousin Wiley Ann Cathatt, and the Edenetta family spent the day with us and Sat: Miss [Bolling] and I and all BUT 3 youngest spent the day at Edenetta so you see I have been BUSY a little lately. Miss [Bolling] very frequently says to me, don't you think Miss Lucy will come before long, it has been so long since she was here, but I tell her no, that I can't expect you at all till I see you as you have been with Joe so much, and won't like to leave him I mean to be far from him for a long time she expects to go home Christmas to stay a month. I love her more every day. The children all keep well, Hannah's face was very much swollen a week ago her eye almost closed from toothache but it is well now. I think I told you that she waits in the passage 2 times every day for her Pa to take her hand to lead her down to the table and she sits rightly. The day Dr. Bagnham was here, she slipped between him and the chair, and stood by and he just [feigned] to the others there was no one here but him he came and spent a good day with us. His family were spending the day with Susan, we had cousin Wiley Ann and

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the family from Edenetta that day. Mrs. Baylor is no better. She looked as if she feels MISERABLELY the day she was here. I did most truly feel for her, and prayed I might feel thankful that God had mercifully relieved me from such feelings. I felt as if I would have done any thing to make her feel better. Old Mrs. [Micon] is worse, but not in immediate danger, tho they all think she will not be ever be able to walk again. Mary Frances got there this week, she was not sent for. Miss Susan never comes to church now I miss her very much, we are so [poor] we have not ONE to spare. Mr. McGuire gave us the best sermon Sunday I ever heard on the [hope] of and values of the soul. I wanted to thank him for preaching it. I felt as if Mr. B. must FEEL and began at once to ask about his chief and greatest concern the salvation of his Soul. I pray God it may be as an arrow in his soul for if such a warning as that fails, fearful oh fearful will be the guilt of neglecting it. I thought surely Nannie will feel this, looked when I came home (they got here before me) to see if she did not look [seeing], but she was just the same. Oh how strange it seems, how hard is the severed heart. Truly is it said, "Care aught beneath a power divine.", The Stubborn will subdue", To thine almighty Father [time]", To form the heart anew". I have not seen E. [Westhime] since I wrote I shall try to go thru next

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week if I live. The baby grows and improves wonderfully, but his head is still bare, and his eyes blue. He cries for [ity], but not often for me. Dinner time is almost come, so I must say good-bye - Much love for cousin H and Susan Your affect cousin L Baylor

I was perfectly astonished to hear of WM WHITES arrival. I [ ] join in [your] wish and say Amen ditto from my heart for myself and him too if he would feel so - fare well!

Would not 7 yds of Apacaca make one a dress and cape Mr. B. got 8 yds and I want to take a yd off before I send it to be made as I know [ ] makes keep all yardage.

L Baylor

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.32 *Rev. J. P. McGuire* — Rector at St. Paul's until 1850, when H.W.L.T. succeeded him.
> 2. P.32 *"Catesby Thom"* — His grandmother Lewis was a Waring and aunt of M.L. Temple.
> 3. P.32 *"Uncle Warner"* — Warner Lewis of "Lewis Level."
> 4. P.32 *"Cousin Lucy"* — Catesby's mother, born Lucy Lewis, sister of Warner Lewis — first cousin of M.L.T.
> 5. P.35 *"L. Baylor"* — Lucy Waring Baylor, Lucy L. Temple's 1st cousin.

LETTER 13 · PP. 36–37

Edenetta February 18th 1832 9 o'clock at night

Miss Lucy L. Temple
Essex

I have determined to write to you my dear cousin by George although I have reason to think you have never received my last as you have not yet replied to it. I feel very anxious to hear from you ALL, a letter would be quite a treat to me.

I suppose you have heard of poor Mr. Taliaferro's death; he died about a fortnight after getting to Mr. Garnett's I do not often meddle with such matters but I was very much pleased to hear he had left Theodore half his property that is I believe thought to be about 38.000 dollars the rest I believe he gave Mr. Franklin Taliaferro's youngest son. He was interred at the Church, Mr. McGuire went with his [ ], and in consequence of it he could not fulfill his [commitment] here for a Prayer meeting last Friday; he died Wednesday and was buried the following Friday. I heard some time since Catharine Ware had been quite ill, so much so that the Physicians dispaired of her life; I heard afterwards she was much better.

I wish you were here to go to Church tomorrow with us, I could give you a fine seat by me in the blue carriage.

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I scarcely ever go to Church any other way now. I must bid you good night as every one in the room is in bed now. I begin to get quite drowsy myself. I don't think it can be wrong to write to an absent friend Sunday morning particularly as I shall go to hear a Sermon afterwards.

I am now writing to you with my bed-gown on and without shoes or stockings George has sent for the letters and pages he wrote - to get off directly. We are all well here Mamma's health is much better than when you were here. Give our love to ALL with you Mamma sends her most affectionate love to you. Believe me your affectionate cousin Luci Waring

I shall send your muffler and stockings by the first Mamma said she thought the muffler to clean to wash

Luci Waring

LETTER 14 · PP. 38–39

July 12th 1834

Mrs. Mary Temple
Meadow
Essex

My dear Mamma

I was pleased to hear from you by Owen but particularly with your letter to Elizabeth and hope with the blessing of God it may be of much good to her. I have been anxious to hear from uncle T and to know if he has set off and whether sister has gone with him. If he will not suffer from her not going and she has not gone I shall be pleased to hear of it. For it seems to me unless a pious young person will be singular, the White Sulphur Springs is a dangerous place and as to pleasures and happiness although I ought not to say a word "for that we need not roam." It is doubtless found with little and at home, I mentioned in my letter to sister which I suppose she got, that I was disappointed in going to Brother Arthur's as I expected, I shall not try to go now until my vacation, when I hope we shall all go together. The Doct. returned from Richmond yesterday with [Griffin] who seems to be well and is much grown. We heard of the death of Capt. [Will] of this county but have not heard a confirmation or contradiction of the

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report. It was from a boy who was going to Mr. Pollard's in King Wm and suppose it must be true. Like Tom I have some Magazines but some of the children who write in them as lessons have not finished them. Tell uncle H. the Doct's [ ] is on the way from Richmond [ ] and he expects it shortly. I will take this opportunity too to ask you to ask him to be good enough [to come] over for me say on friday morning being the first day of [ ] if we live and the Lord wills [if] I do not go over before which [I probably] may not do. Cousin Roberta does not know I am writing but I know she joins in love to you all. Believe me Yours affectionately

H.W.L. Temple

LETTER 15 · PP. 40–42

[Feby 7th, 1842]

Miss Lucy L. Temple
In the care of
Mr. Geo. [Hill]
Edenetta
Essex

Dear Sister,

I have had an eye to the message in Mary's letter about the grafts ever since I received it - I have once or twice thought of sending them to Mr. Dobyns & thence to Loretto - by the mail carrier - but thot. they would in all probability be so much injured in the trip as to make them unfit for use - had the boat been running they could very easily & safely sent to the Port - Henry thought of going up last week when I gave him a parcel - but he has not gone as I feared - Mr. Hill expects to carry his daughters to Mr. McGuire's tomorrow - I have therefore cut ten or fifteen twigs least budded & send them [believing] they will and even tho. it is very late - I shall send to Mr. Hill's by [Linus] in the morning with the request that he will leave them at Loretto - if he does not call at Edenetta - I told him a few days since that you were in that neighbourhood and would I thought be gratified to go to the school with Betsy Frances - Mr. McGuire gave us yesterday one of his best pratical sermons - "Whatsoever a man serveth - I sincerely hope good was done" - tho. there was a small congregation -

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the family from Lewis level & mamma were absent & others - This sermon by special request he is to preach for us at the new Church on the 5th Sunday in this mo. We had a [ ] yesterday & concluded as Bp Meade will visit us shortly after this Convention - if possible the Church must be ready for consecration - times tho. are pinching hard with us who have to put our shoulders to this work -I wish you would ask uncle Payne if he will be so kind as to [procure] us the [liens] to his [land] in Tappahannock by the 1ST OF MAY - if practicable that I presume will be as soon as we can plaster the [houses] - and to defer it [later], it probably would not be in reeadiness - for consecrating -

What [ ] is Susan [now] I hope moving on pretty well - & but few changes have taken place in the immediate neighbourhood. of Mr. Pendleton's death you have no doubt heard - Old Mr. [Sharp] too did not quite survive the winter - now for [ ] is - Emily Brown & a cousin of ours have been bargaining [ ] times - she discards him two or three [months] since for some sound cause twas said - when he, (later that night) excited the sympathy of

all within hearing, by venting his grief aloud [ ] they however I believe have made it up and expect very shortly to be married - It [seems she] repented very shortly of what she had done. she chanced to go to the neighbourhood of B.[ ] on a visit, and the gentleman

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was at the house where she was going - the girls prevailed at him to get behind the door, when they saw [her] coming & after she took her seat, began to ask her why she had treated him so cruelly etc., & if she was not sorry for it - and if she would not be grateful to see him - to all she said yes - when he left his hiding place and greeted her very kindly.

Please remember me very affectionately to all the friends - I often think of them & wish it within my person to be more with them - I forgot to mention that our excellent sermon last Sunday was was followed by an enjoyment for some of the good people about Tappahannock seeming rather inclined to come to the feast during the fine [ ] weather we had about 2nd - of Feby.

May the Lord favor you - and use his [ ] keeping after [ ]

your affectionate brother

A. Temple

Feby 7th [1842]

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
>
> 1. P.41 *"Uncle Payne" Waring* — Husband of Arthur's aunt Lucy Latane.

LETTER 16 · PP. 43–45

Aug. 29 1845

Millers Tavern
Aug 29 [1845]
Miss Lucy L. Temple
Loretto P.O.
Essex

Dear Lucy

Hearing you are still at Edenetta I will again write that you may hear from us. Mrs. Richards came last week she told me the family at Hillsborough had returned I concluded to go to see them 'tho hoping to repeat my visit there when you get home. I went home with Mrs. R. from [Brangton] & next day went to Hillsborough. I found the old people very feeble they have their chamber up stairs and stay mostly in it. They were so affectionate and kind I could scarcely get away a good many friends came the next day Joseph has the managment almost entirely it is said he is visiting Betty Walker it is very pleasing to his friends we dined at T Walker's wednesday where Arthur met me & I returned home with him, I found Delphia much as I had left her tho evidently weaker her face too, is more swoolen her lower limbs are greatly distended. The friends all inquired much after you. I told them we would visit them when you got home. Henry wrote me [that] Susan had been to see Ann

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Latane she & John were sick. The girls request me to give their love to you & say they are going to visit you soon. I forgot to tell you in the right place Straughn's wife has a daughter, she manages as well in that as other things she dined with us at Hillsborough the day her baby was 4 weeks old I rode up to see her one [morning] I wished you could see her flowers such quantity and so flowering they are building too have added a dining-room to their home. Straughn is so agreeable and so afffectionate I like his wife too very much. Frances Harrison is gone to Caroline to stay some time she [carried] F. T. with her. Volney's Juliet was at Temple's she is more delighted with her last child than any before she said she expected it was his name, you know he is called William Humphrey. What do you think of Bob Walker's having a party at his house & Ladies going the Miss Pendletons Miss O Wood & others T Walker would not let his females go. Remember me affetionately to L. B. Eliza, and all the friends. If you go to Lee or meet with the friends from T.R. give my love to them - thank them for me for the great [ ] to poor Carter You can't think how I miss being at home.

ever your affectionate Mother

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As grandma has left so large a blank - I will try to fill it. I wrote to you some time ago but directed the letter to the Springs I suppose grandma has told you how "low" poor Aunt Delphia is we wrote to grandma requesting "The Americans" to be sent. if an opportunity occurs I will send them, the flowers all look very well my oleander has grown very much but I am sorry to tell you yours is dead the little white Tea Rose you put in my box is growing very [ ] - I went to see Mrs. Davis and she gave a good many [stems] She requested me to ask you if you wish her to send wool to Miss Margaret for your flanel she says it must be spun in warm weather if you wish it she will send it - please write to me

yours Mary T. -

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.43 *"Hillsborough"* — Home of Humphrey Hill, our ancestor, whose daughter married Joseph Temple. Still owned by a Temple descendant.
> 2. P.44 *"Hollywood"* — A property adjoining "the Meadow," owned by H.W. Latane. He gave Hollywood to his daughter Ann when she married T.W. Lewis, my g. grandparents.

LETTER 17 · PP. 46–49

Wayland Sept. 7, 1846

Millers Tav. Va Credit Box 44
Sept. 7, 1846
Loretto Essex Co. Virginia
Miss Lucy L. Temple
New Post (crossed out)
Care of Road (crossed out)
Richard Baylor Esq.

My dear Sister

I thought, that, perhaps I should hear from you before writing myself, not that I thought this was due; but from your telling me you thought you should let me hear from you very shortly. I hope this will find you all well, and realizing all the anticipations formed before you set off from home.

Mamma's last letter to you conveyed the sorrowful intellijence of uncle [Waring's] death. It was a heavy stroke to the poor girls but in less a week from the time they heard of it, they were called to mourn the death of little Tom. He was taken sick last wednesday and died on Friday evening with a congestive form of fever. Two deaths occurring so shortly in our family, as you may suppose has cast a gloom over our neighbourhood. A more hard death than either of these occured at Hollywood the night after little Tom's. Rachel a girl there whom you no doubt remember, had had as every one thought a slight

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atttack of ague & fever not supposed to make her lay by. On Friday night she was taken with puking, and died very suddenly. I trust such calls to be ready also will not be unheeded by us.

The girls (Ann & Susan) are still at the Meadow (where Tom died and where Catesby has been quite sick but better now) but expect shortly to go to James' to stay. I hope they will be over persuaded from doing this as Juliet [ ] children have been sick, and many of the negroes are sick. The servants at [Mattapony] have been well.

Brother Arthur and family (except Mary & John - the former here the latter to school today) went from here this morning. They came up on Saturday morning. We all went to the Meadow Saturday evening, where I read the burial service, and some of the company to the grave. I could but hope & think that the services on such an occasion might be blest? to some of the many young persons who were present.

Yesterday the Bible class met here. Some of the Members besides brother and family came in the forenoon. Aunt M. Latane also, and we had a service in the forenoon.

Joe Lewis you have heard has been quite sick & has recovered in a great measure. The rest of the friends are well I believe Aunt M. Latane has been quite sick

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but as I mentioned her being here you may know she has recovered in a great measure. She looks very thin. Lucy Robinson has grown very much, and I think improved in her appearance. She will return to Richmond. Brother is even talking this morning of Mary's going too. I suspect it would do her much good if she could.

You are beginning to be impatient I expect to hear particularly from Mamma & the children. Mamma I think has improved. Lizzy has a bile which has been very painful but is now discharging very freely, and we hope she will soon be well of it. She is very patient. Mary is quite well. They both call me uncle Henry. Sometimes, Mary is quite familiar - will sit in my lap, and again is as shy as a rabbit. I do not know what to make of her. She is something uncommon, I think.

I suppose before you receive this you will have visited Boston. It would be pity for you to return home without going there after getting so near, and not to go to Nahant if you go to Boston. If you go to Cambridge you may know the building that I roomed in by asking any one in the college yard which building is called Massachusetts. It is with the library which it fronts, the oldest building on the ground. I hope you may get into the library. If you go after getting there (as I suppose you might when I wrote the above) do not fail to get sight of the Episcopal church. It was built I have

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understood before the Revolution.

Did you get me the number of the Democratic Review with the portrait of Stephens? Can I get you to do me another like favour. To get for me, of J.C. Riker Bookseller & Publisher "The Preacher's Manual". He sent me a prospectus of the work. It does not say in what part of N. York he is but this you can see from a directory. I should prefer the cheapest form. Love from all of us to all of you. Very truly

H.W.L. Temple

Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)

1. P.47 *"Aunt M. Latane"* — Probably Mary Berkeley Latane, wife of his uncle T.L. Latane of Langley.
2. P.47 *"Joe Lewis"* — 1st cousin of M.W.L.T., son of Warner and Ann Susannah Lewis.

3. P.48 *the visit to Boston, "Massachusetts"* — My husband went to Harvard College and Harvard Law School; he says there is still a building called Massachusetts. Aunt Lucy was probably on her way back from Newport, R.I. — Richard Baylor was very wealthy and summered at Newport, and they took L.L.T. with them. There used to be letters to her at Wayland addressed c/o Richard Baylor, Newport, R.I.

Richmond Jan. 29th 1847

Miss Lucy Latane Temple
Care of Richard Baylor Esq.
Loretto [ ]
Essex Cty

My dear Aunt

I received your letter a few days after it was written and I was very thankful to you for it especially as it was the first I received after leaving home and indeed it is the only one and I think right hardly of it as I have now been here four weeks and not one line have I gotten from home since I left it except yours and you had not seen any one from there since you saw me. I SHOULD have thought that some ONE of them might have found time in four weeks to write ONE letter, I would have answered your letter before this but I had to write home last Saturday and I did not have time to write any more since. I thought too as I had written to Grandma the Saturday before you had rather hear from me this week. You said in your letter you were anxious to hear how my cold was it is much better if not entirely well and I think I feel better now than I ever have done since I came here, I have been trying to follow your's and Papa's advice which was to diet myself. I do not eat any meat and very little butter. I have not commenced drinking water for breakfast yet awhile and I can't say

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when I will do so I do not like to make any promise about it as I fear I may break it I take a great deal of exercise now besides the exercise of RUNNING not walking up stairs as I sleep in the third or rather the fourth story and the schoolrooms are over the basement you may be sure I take a plenty.

Tell grandma I have been expecting to receive a letter from her ever since I came back here. if you could be in the room that I am writing in and see and hear all that is going on in here you would wonder how I could write at all for two of the young ladies are in a great [ ] jumping over the benches and I am in great danger of being "jumped over" My Self You will think it rather strange to hear of YOUNG LADIES ROMPING as the two do not seem to go together at all but it is nevertheless true.

There are thirty three young ladies here now and two more expected daily so I think we will have quite a houseful after awhile I have not heard or seen any thing from Cousin Frances Waring since I came back except through Miss Lizzy Lee. Cousin Lucy and myself went to see her a few saturdays ago and she said that Cousin Frances was going over to

Essex in a few days, she said that Cousin Adelaide was much better but that she had been very sick.

Mary Page has been very sick all this week but has been better for the last two or three days give my love

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to Miss Walker and tell her that I am much obliged to her for her information concerning Grandma's health in her letter to Polly she commenced writing to her but I do not think she ever finished it as she was taken sick I have written a long composition today on a day of rain and as today has been an unusually bright one I could not write a very long one. I wrote one the other day to hand in to Mr. Lee [Forbes]. (I told you how strict he was) and because it was not divided into paragraphs he compared it to a "show of onions" and because it was not ENTIRELY ORIGINAL he gave me two for it and I must say I felt right much provoked for he spoke of it before all of the class, but I did not say any thing but I thought it unjust, some of the girls got quite angry about the way he did about those compositions for he gave all of the class very low marks for such as if they had been corrected by any other teacher we would have gotten five for them, I hope you will not think from this that I got angry for I did not do so by any means. give my love to Grandma and tell her I hope she will write to me before very long give my love also to Cousin Lucy and the girls Cousin Lucy joins me in love to you and ALL do write to me soon My dear Aunt, I will get the book you desired me to and I will take time to read it.

Believe me ever your sincerely
attached niece Mary L. Temple

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.52 *Mary L. Temple* — Daughter of Arthur Temple.

LETTER 19 · PP. 53–55

Feb 13th 1847

Miss Lucy L. Temple
Loretto Post Office
Essex Cty
Virginia

My dear Aunt

Although it seems to me to have been a very short time since I wrote to you My anxiety to hear from Grandma is so great that I must write again, Cousin Isabella Lewis was in Richmond this day week and she told me that Cousin John Lewis thought her better she came over here Friday and went back on Monday she left every one of her children at home, Mrs. Sheppard and herself came to see Cousin Lucy and myself Saturday morning and asked us to go and see them in the evening we did so and spent a very pleasant afternoon as we were going to Mrs. S's that evening. We saw uncle Warner on the other side of the street and several other gentlemen with him or I think I would have crossed over and spoken to him, and he came (or that is I suppose it was him) to see us Sunday evening while we were at church, I regretted very much indeed not seeing him.

I got the book that you wished me to from Nash and Woodhouse and have read it I think it very interesting and instructing too it is by the same author as "Conquest and Self-conquests" did you ever know colds

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as prevelant as they are at this time I never did in My life, one day last week [several] of the young ladies were sick with colds - but since, the indisposition of one of them has turned out to be the measles and as they did not dream of it being any thing but cold I expect we are all pretty well innoculated with it, I had a dreadful cold at the time and Mrs. Mead thought for one or two days that I had them too and she made me be very careful of not taking cold again; the physician who was called in to see the girl who had the measles said it was the mildest kind he had ever seen, so I hope if I do have it I may have it lightly but the worst thing I dread about it is that it will [be] so long before I can use my eyes to study.

I can not describe to you how very anxious I have been to hear from Grandma ever since I got your letter; I had no idea that she was so sick, but I hope that she is now much better and will now soon be able to write to me, the same day that I received yours I received two other letters one from Papa and the other from Cousin Nannie Lewis and both telling me of Grandma's sickness.

Give my love to Miss Walker and tell her that Mrs. Henry [Irvine] is dead she died last Wednesday and one of her children is dead also, I expect that Miss W. knows them for Mrs. I. was Mary Page's aunt her mother's sister Give much love to Grandma and Cousin Lucy from me and to

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the girls also do write to me as soon as you get this and let me hear from Grandma

and believe me to be as ever your affectionate niece

Mary L. Temple

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
>
> 1. P.53 *"Cousin Isabella" Lewis* — Third wife of Warner Lewis. He has been referred to as Uncle Warner because his first wife (my ancestress) was Ann Susannah Latane, sister of Mary Latane Temple. But since Warner Lewis was 1st cousin to [Mary Latane Temple], this wife was 'Cousin.'
> 2. P.53 *"Cousin John Lewis"* — Son of Warner Lewis by his 1st wife. He was a doctor.
> 3. P.54 *"Cousin Nannie Lewis"* — The only one I can find in my two Lewis genealogy books might be Ann Ursula Latane, who married Thomas Waring Lewis. I never heard her spoken of as Nannie, but she was called Nancy. She was a niece of M.L. Temple, born 1826 — about the right time.

Richmond March 27th 1847

My dear Grandma

I have been waiting for some time to hear that you were well enough to answer my letter and as Aunt Lucy said in her last letter that you were so much better I will take this time to write. I would have written to you to you long before this but I have not had the time I have been very busy since I was sick trying to make up for the time that I have lost it was sometime before I could get quickly to my studies, but I hope that I am fairly settled now and that I will have no other interruptions until July, only think it is ONLY FOUR months more before I will go home it seems a very short time when I think of it I cannot describe to you my feelings when I think of going home to STAY, one can never appreciate the blessings and comforts of home untill they are seperated from them, When the sun shines so brightly, I think so much of you and hope it will soon make you well enough to go home, I think so much about you all and want to be in the country so much but not withstanding My great desire to go home and be with you all, I know that it is so much better for me to be here, and I feel very happy here I now feel a purer more genuine happiness that I ever did before, I wrote to Mr. McGuire last week, I received a letter from Papa the other day and he said I ought not to think of being CONFIRMED any where else besides home, he said he was

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truly gratified at receiving My letter, Mrs. Mead is so very kind in talking to us and advising us, Cousin Lucy and one other of the boarders expect to be confirmed tomorrow, There are ONLY SIX persons to be confirmed at St. Pauls Sunday, and THREE out of the six belong to OTHER PARISHES Oh bishop Johns did speak so feelingly about the smallness of the number he spoke of the number to be confirmed at this season he said that he had confirmed ONE in one church TWO in another and SIX in the third and said that among those who PROFESSED to be Christians few could be distinguished by their walk, It was such an excellent ADDRESS, I wish so much that you could be here to enjoy the religious privileges that we have here, There are to lectures at Church every evening next week, and I shall think a great deal of you and Aunt Lucy particularly next Sunday when Cousin Lucy will openly profess herself a follower of Christ Jesus. I feel very sorry that Cousin Lucy will have none of her relations present with her except Myself, I love her better now than I ever did I sometimes am afraid that I love her too much, but I think she is such a lovely character that I cannot help loving her devotedly. Give My love to Aunt Lucy and tell her I am very much obliged to her for her letter and will answer it next time

please let me know when you leave Kinlock that I may not direct My letters wrong, Cousin Betty Berkeley left here

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Tuesday, she got Cousin Lucy a very pretty gingham [ ] and I thought it so pretty and that it should be such a useful dress that I got me one like it I send you a piece like it to see if you think its pretty it was [30 cts] per yard, I got ten yards, Cousin Lucy desires Me to leave room in this for her to put a post script so I must conclude by sending my love to Cousin Lucy and all, Polly Page sends her love to her "Mother Mary" as She calls her and wishes to know if she has ever received her letter and now Dear Grandma I must say "Good Bye"

your ever affectionate grandchild M.L.T.

When I commenced this letter I observed to Cousin Lucy that I was going to write you a very nice letter but I am certain that I never wrote such a one in my life, but there has been so much noise in the room, and I hope you will excuse all mistakes. M.L.T.

My dear aunt, I have for sometime been wishing to write to you with much pleasure therefore do I accept cousin Mary's offer of putting a postscript to this letter. I must tell you how truly thankful I felt, when I heard that you had recovered from your last severe attack, and I sincerely hope that you may soon be well enough to return home.

You have doubtless my dear aunt, heard all this through

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cousin Mary's letters, of the happy state of my mind at this time and as it is a subject which now lies nearest my heart it is with feelings of joy that [ ] of description, [and I seize] this opportunity of [conversing candidly] with you on this subject.

I have for a long long time whenever I thought on the subject of confirmation had very serious feelings but never untill just in the last few months, have I thought on it so deeply, so earnestly as I now do and I [sincerely trust] that through divine grace, I have been led more fully to understand its blessed truths; to look upward for help and cast all my cares on Him who [shall ever] support me, in my hours of need. I trust He has heard my prayers and that His divine aid will sustain me to trample under feet, this world and what it calls happiness and to dedicate myself entirely to His blessed service in which alone we can find the joy and peace [ ] I go forward with a sense of very great [ ] but knowing at the same time that He has said "He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast away." I hope that you will not disapprove of my intentions, to be confirmed here thinking it want of affection, for my pastor and home for I can assure you it is for otherwise, for would you

know what I have suffered on this point you would not blame me, for many reasons I would greatly prefer being confirmed at home, but I cannot feel that it would be

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right for me to delay it as long I might have to do should I neglect this opportunity, with cousin Mary it is different, and her feelings are readily understood as she shall leave school in July and will then be at home untill the Bishop goes there, while I expect to be at school 18 months, and perhaps longer.

I could say more but as my paper and time are both leaving me I say farewell begging my dear aunt, that you will pray for me that, I may receive grace and strength to press onward to the "[mark] of the [page] of the high calling in Christ Jesus."

Do write soon to your sincerely attached niece

Lucy R. Lewis

Much love to the two cousins Lucy and all the children

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.57 *"Aunt Lucy"* — Probably Lucy Latane Waring, as she mentions Kinloch. Her daughter married Richard Baylor, who built Kinloch — an estate of 5,000 acres, the house five miles in from the road. It was finally sold after standing vacant for 20 years or more; the house burned to the ground in 1947.
> 2. P.60 *"Lucy R. Lewis"* — Can't find her in any book.

LETTER 21 · PP. 61–63

July 18th 1848

Millers Tavern
July 21 [18]48
Miss Lucy L. Temple
Care of Richard Baylor Esq.
[ ] P. O.
Essex County
Virginia

My dear Aunt,

I have been anxiously expecting a letter from you ever since I wrote and more especially as I heard that Cousin Lucy was more unwell and also that Harriette had been very sick. I am afraid that if Cousin L. continues more unwell, that you will not like to leave her so soon as the 4th Sunday, I have not been in the upper neighborhood since you left I saw MOST of the FRIENDS at Church last Sunday they were all well, I have not seen the Misses Berkeley at all until last sunday since they returned, they expect to leave Langlee this week I believe. Hearing yesterday evening that Cousin Juliette Walker and Frances White were to be baptized at the service this morning [and] that they wished Evert to be present [ ] we went down and saw it done Cousin Volney with them, Mr. Robert [Henly] performed the ceremony, We met with most all of our relations from the neighborhood of Walkerton, Aunt [ ] was there and

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inquired very particularly after you, she and indeed all of the friends appeared very much pleased as surprised to see us, Cousin Frances seemed very much pleased, and I do believe was walking without her STICK.

Anna is a great deal better but as Cousin Tom Latane thought she had the typhoid fever and all were so much afraid of it her since I did not expect that I could do her any good I did not got to see her, Cousin Joe has left the Court House Aunt Mary sent her carriage down for him last week and he does not expect to return They had quite a large party at Liberty Hall the Fourth, and I have heard that the "Oration" was VERY FINE, and that the "Orator" acquitted himself ADMIRABLY. I was very anxious to go but Sister Betsy wanted to go to [Burierton] [and] as I could not [go] up there I could not go any where but staid at home [and] taught school I was almost entirely alone on the EVENING OF THAT DAY Mama Sister B Nannie and Janet went up to Westwood in the morning and brother John to Liberty Hall, there was a protracted meeting going on at Providence

at that time and in the evening Papa's sister Martha and [Watson] went, leaving Evert Lucy and Myself alone.

Uncle Henry and Susan were down here one day last week, and much to my surprise Uncle Henry mention[ed] that Dr. Brooke had come to Mr. Lancaster's to live I saw him at Church last Sunday with the Family from [Faucetts], Tis

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said that Misses Fay and Humphrey will not return to Midway there is NO CHANCE of Miss Humphrey's returning, all here are well, Janet is one of the most interesting and the "SMARTEST" things I ever saw, she talks a great deal and can speak several words quite plainly John does not TRY a single word - the servants at Westwood have the measles and I expect that [ ] feels as if her hands were [ ] Jane Carlton is very sick with billious fever she thinks.

My love to Cousin Lucy and the girls I must conclude to have my letter ready to send by the boys to Millers

Lucy sends her love in haste yours

M.L.T.

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
>
> 1. P.62 *"Cousin Tom Latane"* — A 1st cousin of Lucy L. Temple. He was a doctor.
> 2. P.62 *"Cousin Joe" Lewis* — 1st cousin of L.L.T. He was a lawyer.
> 3. P.62 *"Aunt Mary" Latane* — Mother-in-law of Joe Lewis. He married his 1st cousin Lucy Latane, who was the last Latane to own "Langley." Her father was Thos. Lewis Latane.
> 4. P.62 *"Burlington" / "Faucetts"* — Burlington is Bruington; Faucetts was the post office for "Wayland."

LETTER 22 · PP. 64–67

JULY 24TH 1848

Millers Tavern
July 24, [18]48
Miss Lucy L. Temple
Loretto P.O.
Care of Essex
Richard Baylor Esq.

Dear Sister

Mr. McGuire handed me your letter yesterday which looked as if had been used as a protection against flies, - it was well specked - he told me it had been so long in his pocket that he had returned it to you, - but you requested him to keep it till he came down. -

I have this morning paid more particular attention to the first part of it, which I perceived on opening, to be about matters of business. - I have not seen or heard from John Lewis since he left Wayland for King William, a day or so after the services at St. Paul's, which he attended - the arrangements you propose, will be entirely satisfactory to me, - I do not recollect the $5. to Mr. McGuire tho have no doubt, a word of explanation may make it all plain. - I have applied to Mr. Cauthorn for my acct. but he is too much engaged to attend to such things now & even if he has charged the articles to me, the amt. you name must be refunded to Henry. - I went to Walkerton

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last Saturday, and had a long and full settlement of accts. - Benjamin Turner handed me yours, and requested me to take charge of it with other papers which he had prepared with care and accuracy - as you are expecting to return from Mr. Baylors before very long, I concluded 'twould be unnecessary to send them, tho will do it if you so wish.

Benjamin has talked somewhat of retiring from merchandising, but now that William has joined him in business and expects to be married, - I suppose there is an almost certainty of his being fixed for a time - I have heard nothing determinate about the affair, but presume William calculates on being married this fall. - Mrs. R speaking of giving up housekeeping, maintains she thought William would like to take the house at Westwood. - Mr. Pendleton, (her father) is I fear ill to day, from his son's not being at school; when I last heard from him, (on Saturday,) his fever it was feared, was getting the ascendancy so unprepared as he is, for another world - While at Walkerton, I wrote Mrs. Lewis, Anna was in Henry's judgment, so far recovered as to be able to go over to [ ] William if he wanted her services - You spoke of the dread you felt of the fall, - we shall I trust, escape

the scourge of Cholera this season, as it is yet far away, and may not reach us before frost, - but bilious fever seems to be setting in - Evert asked to go

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to Smyrna yesterday, and upon his return said his mother was taken sick during the day, and was carried home in Cousin T. Walker's carriage - Uncle W. Lewis was not at Church yesterday because of Joe's being sick & having taken calemel during the morning -

You perhaps have not heard of Volney & Juliet Walker having been baptized by the famous Hughgart: - cousin Temple's little daughter Lucy also - & F. White too - he made them confess NOBLY: - we went to the mill near this, and saw those from Volney's baptism; a daughter of Sally Dix's (Miss Mills) with them: the others in the evening.

Should we keep well, (and nothing turn up to prevent) I will try to carry Mary to Mr. Baylor's between this & the first Sunday in next month; - I should be very much pleased if cousin Lucy brings you down as you seemed to hope she might, - I hope they may keep well: - by the by, we are expecting hooping cough, & the measles has made its appearance among the servants at Westwood, and may get here: indeed I wish it could go through our family; - Mrs. Jane Walker has very recently recovered from it; - after, (tis said) making arrangements to die, if she should be taken: - I saw her at THE BAPTISM

Mr. Baylor I suppose is just beginning to enjoy the early fruits which are coming in; - our [ ] peaches are getting eatable, and some varieties of pears - or has he time to enjoy things of such minor consequence when the

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wheat machines are whizzing when ever he turns; and Yankee Captains are swarming the river in search of freight: - Henry nor I have gotten out any wheat - the quality tho seems to be very fine - Henry went to Tappahannock Saty evening and has not gotten back this morning: - he has been diligent endeavoring to turn to the very best account the impressions left after the visitation of Bp. Meade: - he has given the people of that place line upon line - there has been and I hope still is, a hopeful state of things among them - both old and young - I have heard of but one conversion a Miss McCarty - Mr. Carraway so kindly remained after all others left and preached for them - I hope the Lord may point at the judgment to jewels gathered in in consequence of his faithfulness - another visit from him will be gladly looked forward to - Remember me very kindly to the household especially to cousin Lucy I often think of her & wished I could be with her - Dear Mr. Gray

Very affectionately

SJT [Susan Jones Temple]

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.65 *"Westwood"* — Home of Arthur Temple.

LETTER 23 · PP. 68–71

Bolling's Island July 27, 1851

To Rev H W L Temple.

Dear Sir,

Your last kind letter was received with much pleasure and be assured I fully appreciate the kindness that induced you to devote a portion of your invaluable time to me. Accept my thanks for the kind words addressed to me, though I needed not the slight rebuke were contained therein, for already had my heart condemned me for having spoken slightingly, and to strangers, of those with whom I am placed; yet I can not but lament the weakness and indecision of my own heart, which leave me to be so easily influenced by those around me. In regard to my present situation I will venture a few words of explanation. Some kind friend recommended me to Mr. Bolling, and after several letters had passed between us I engaged to teach in his family, to begin on the first of May; a few days after the settlement of this affair I received a letter from Mrs. Winn offering me the situation of which you spoke, and urging me if possible to come on directly without even answering her letter, I was very much pleased with this communication and had it arrived a little sooner, the absence of that stiffness and formality customary in business letters would have induced me to accept the offer in preference to the one of Mr. B. With much persuasion however my

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cousin consented to go and after writing to Mrs. Winn we set out together and reached our place of destination in safety. My cousin seems to be very well pleased and I hope she GIVES SATISFACTION. I endeavored to ascertain to whom I am indebted for my introduction to Mrs. Winn, but every attempt has hitherto failed; whoever the "lady" may be she has my earnest thanks for this act of disinterestedness. I had left home before the letter which you enclosed arrived, and mother neglecting or forgetting to forward it I have not yet received it. -

On last Monday week we had the pleasure of listening once more to a sermon from Bishop Johns, he spoke in his usual affecting and eloquent style, to a large and attentive audience. It is just two years since we saw him in Essex Co. he is so much changed, I should not have known him; I suppose his duties in Wiliamsburg are much more arduous and fatiguing than they were in Richmond. - In my last I spoke of taking a letter from the pastor of St. Pauls, that I might be able to put myself under the more immediate care of the Rev Mr Whittle, do you not think this will be the better way? if not or if there is anything else to prevent, please let me know. I think this is the most beautiful country I

ever saw, we certainly have the elements of scenery, mountains in the distance, lowlands nearer and the sparkling crystal waters of a hundred babbling streams, giving an air of

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beauty and freshness to the whole country; The golden harvest of this year has waved its last and the sickle of the reaper has done its work, a heavy task it was too, Mr. Bolling has raised at the lowest calculation 7000 bushels of wheat, and his fields of corn and tobacco are immense and very luxuriant, his plantation is on the James river and consequently not very healthy, they spend the greater part of the summer at the springs or among the mountains. I was very much delighted to hear that the ladies of St. Pauls succeeded so well in raising funds for the improvement of the Church, I had no idea there were enough members to render such a thing possible, no doubt what was lacking in members was made up in zeal and devotion. I am quite anxious to hear from some of my acquaintances in Essex, I have had no news from them in a long time, except through you, and in your last letter you did not mention a single name, consequently I was not much wiser on this subject. Give my love to Mrs Temple and Miss Lucy I hope they are well, notwithstanding the oppressive heat of the weather. Present my regards to Miss Mary Temple, though you never speak of her I shall not forget her and the pleasant hours I spent in her society. I hope you will not think I spoke of Mr. Bolling from a wish to find fault or from an idea that I was any better, nothing could have been farther from my design, yet I did wrong in saying

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anything. Please forget, and write soon and very much obliged with gratitude

Yours

Susan H.

LETTER 24 · PP. 72–74

Wayland Aug 5. 1853

HWL Temple Essex Va
Aug 5.
Miss Lucy L. Temple
Care of Loretto
R. Baylor Esqr Essex

Dear Sister

I received your letter last week and was pleased to hear that cousin Lucy and the infant were doing so well. we have been quite well here generally except Mary's child (Robin), who has been quite sick enough so for me to send for T. Latane to see it. I was afraid that the house [Easter] is staying was so much in need of a new cover, that it had been very wet and that it might produce sickness there; but was pleased to find yesterday that it was dry. I think we had the most tremendous rain day before yesterday I ever knew. It began about 5 p.m. & continued almost uninterruptedly until after bed time. Aunt M. Latane & Cousin Isabella Lewis had sent Mrs. Wright word that they would be that day with her. She invited us very particularly to go over, & we did so. We were all about to set off home in the evening when the rain set in. Of course we were all kept there. It was pretty much as it was at Lewis Level. I had to go through the rain to the house in the yard.

Cousin Betty Berkeley was one of the company. I wish

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you could have met with Mrs. [Selden] Wright. She expressed a wish to see you that she might ascertain whether you know her mother. She says she has frequently heard her mother speak of a Miss Lucy Temple. She (Mother) was a Miss Brook of Virginia. Her Father lived at one time in Richmond. The mother (now dead) was related to Mrs. McGuire. The ladies were [testing] the relationship. Mrs. Wright together with the old lady expect to spend the day here tomorrow, and will leave on Tuesday for Boston.

I mentioned cousin Betty [Landon] was in the neighbourhood. I expect to go shortly to the Meadow where she expects to spend the day and bring her here this evening. I hope to have a meeting of the B[ible] Class here tomorrow evening. We have been pretty regular until last Saturday when the weather prevented.

Miss Betty [Rodley] left on Wednesday in the stage She left her love for you & a book which you had lent her. She and some of the other young people got the tables to [wrapping] before she left. The family at the Meadow were well when heard from as also at Harwood Of them I see and hear very little I was at Linwood yesterday evening The

house seemed quite big. Martha has been over to air it & attend to the beds & will go again when the weather becomes more settled again. Mrs.

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Jones has another son Mary Ann Wright a daughter, and so has Mrs. Blackburn.

Susan sends her love & so does Polly. John is not by & Luly is asleep. Give mine to all at Kinlock T. Lewis & his party left on Saturday in the boat.

Yours truly

HWL Temple

Prince William, Aug 10 th 1853

My dear Aunt

You will be a little surprised I expect to see me date from this place but after I wrote to you, ALL of our arrangements were ENTIRELY ALTERED. We went up to Fredericksburg the evening of the day that I wrote, and our intention when we reached that place, was to hire a hack there and go straight to Lees, but soon after we got to the hotel, a hack drove up with Miss Frances Noel, Mrs. [ ] Wright, Mr. Leland Noel, and his Lady. They were on their [way] to Washington, and Miss Frances and Mr. Noel prevailed on Cousin Tom to change his route [&] go with them, (he had been persuaded by all of the friends in the neighborhood of F. to come by the way of Alexandria as being so much less fatiguing than the other. Of course I had no objection to going if he thought it best, so on we went to Acquia creek where we got on board a splendid boat, "The Baltimore" nearly new & by far handsomest boat that I ever saw, The scenery along the banks was MOST BEAUTIFUL. I don't know when I enjoyed any thing so much, about an hour before dinner I felt very sick and went down intending to be down but when I got in the dining room, (I had been up in the saloon & on the deck) I met with Miss Howard and I took my seat by her and remained with her until dinner, I did not go to dinner, but had a fine view of Mount Vernon we

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passed while most of the passengers were taking dinner after awhile I went up again we were just passing Fort Washington I did not have as perfect a view of that as I would have wished, We reached Washington by three o'clock and by that time I felt perfectly WELL We dressed & all went to the Capitol, where of course I was perfectly charmed, the paintings there are SO beautiful. Then we walked around and saw a great deal that was beautiful in the shrubbery Flowers & by this time it was getting quite late & Mrs. Noel Cousin N, Nannie & Mr. Noel got in an omnibus and the rest of us walked back to the Hotel we staid at the "National Hotel" & I am DONE with the fashionable hotels, the next morning we set off early and went to the Patent office and saw oh so much that I couldn't take what I did see we staid there about two hours & a half I reckon Then we took hacks There was quite a party of us by this time two gentlemen & a Lady from Miss. and one from New Orleans acquaintances of Mr. Noel, one was a Mr. Pope from Miss: he had been in Washington some time & was personally acquainted with the President, he went with us to the "White House" which we found pulled all to pieces undergoing thorough repairs We were carried in a VERY PLAIN room, and after awhile I saw a very plain but genteel

looking old gentlemen enter the room and to my amazement I was presented to the president [Franklin Pierce] It was an honor that I

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did not care for but I was well pleased with his appearance manners etc, in about three minutes we took our departure all of the party present were Democrats & of course were charmed with THEIR President from there we went to Corcorans, you have heard of the wealthy banker that has furnished his parlor so splendidly with paintings and it is opened twice in the week for any one who may wish to see them, the "Greek Slave" is there too in a recess, the most beautiful work of Art I have ever seen, but I COULD NOT look at & admire it while the gentlemen were present though they did before us - and then went out for US to see it Then we passed through the garden in the Green House & saw such a collection of beautiful plants & Flowers, from there we proceeded to the Equestrian Statue of Jackson which was duly admired & commented on, then to the Washington Monument we saw there most of the blocks which have been sent to the Monument, they are not placed on the outside as I had imagined but on the inside where they can be more plainly seen from the spiral stairway I was very much mortified to hear a workman (or Superintendent he seemed to be) say that the most indifferent block that had ever been received was sent from Virginia he said that it had been placed so high however that scarcely anyone would notice it from there we went to the Smithsonian Institute were very much pleased though tired enough Cousin N did not

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walk as much as we did & of course was not as much tired that night we went to Alexandria & the next day came on here, All seemed much pleased to see us, & they are so kind I hope Cousin N will improve while here, we will stay here until the first of next week & then for the Springs not one word have either of us heard from home since leaving, this is a beautiful country but I do not like it any better than the lower The young gentlemen here are constantly.....

(I do not have the concluding pages, unfortunately - CA)

LETTER 26 · PP. 79–80

November 9th 1857

Miss Lucy L. Temple
Meadow

My dear Lucy

Many thanks to you for your kind letter I received by Harry you cannot think how much I was gratified at your writing. We all asked anxiously for you during the [meeting] and I was prepared [ ] for Jane and Arthur felt so sure you would all come at that time. I am sorry to tell you Cousin Waring is not so well and I fear the cold weather will not agree so well with her, she had some cough and complained of being chilled and drowsy she complained a good deal last week but has been better the four or five days past Cousin Latane has been on a visit to cousin John & she went with Payne [ ] and did not expect to stay long. Our meeting I think [ ] one Mr. [F] lectured at Mr. McGuire's friday evening [ ] and thought it very good, he preached on Saturday and lectured at Mr. [Row s] saturday evening and sunday Mr. Edward McGuire preached more indifferently than I ever heard him. Poor Martha Garnett is declining very fast; and they are all very uneasy about Fenton Hunter she has been spitting blood lately but I hope it will not prove serious. Lucy's children are well and improving very much but you must come up as soon as you can we are all anxiously looking for cousin

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Temple and yourself. There is to be a meeting in Port Royal sunday week and of course cousin Temple and yourself come if you can go to it. I should like to be with you all at that time. I feel very gloomy and have no cheering news to tell you I fear brighter hours are not me. I must beg an interest in your prayers my dear cousin for me, and those that are dearest to me.

Give a great deal of love to cousin Temple for me and tell her I long to see her They are all well at Mr [ ] but feeling a great deal for Elizabeth I believe, tho the last time I saw her her spirits were very good Mrs Gatewood and Mrs Bangham are down there Cousin Margaret sent a pair of gloves for cousin Temple which I shall send down if Ellen should go I have had them for some time but expected you all up and would not send them Ellen and Margaret are both with me and send much love to you all Ellen has [every] expectation of going down to the meeting. My love to all at the Meadow and all at Langlee and hoping to see you very soon I am ever your fond relation

[E] Waring

[And] much love for Henry
and Arthur

Richmond April 7th [18]58

Thank you, Thank you, dear friend for your kind little letter - you would have been amused I know, if you only could have seen me, when I received it - we had all been out - Mother & I spending the day - Mag & Maria taking a walk - when Mrs. Winston & Miss Bettie called. - They left the letter with little Frank August he could only tell "a Lady gave it to him" I was so glad to recognise your hand - & yet where were you ? & where was my jar, and who could have brought it? were questions that rapidly arose in my mind - but they did not perplex me long, for I was soon content with the fact that I was really & most substantially remembered - in a little while Mag came in and was able to unravel all the mysteries - having met the party on their way from here - I saw the Ladies at Lecture last Evening - Mrs Winston is looking very well - Miss Bettie, ditto, a Miss Berkeley was with them - I heard Miss B introduce her to Miss Fanny Lee - I suppose she took it for granted I knew her.

I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Fauntleroy's sickness - hope she is right well before this - if you please let me hear how she is when you write again - and I do believe if you knew how much pleasure it gives me to hear from you - you would write oftener.

I thank you heartily for your kind invitation to

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visit you and so does my Mother, but it really seems we are almost necessary home fixtures. - Mother keeps herself pretty busy - has been unusually well all the winter, - and when not at church or on some errand of business or positive duty - keeps her same old chair in the same corner - and I believe I have been stationed by her so long and so closely - that I feel quite as old, and really nothing like so hopeful & I may add so FAITH-FULL - she & the girls are out this afternoon & I can assure you they would have their own love messages if they were here - how glad we should have all been to have had you with us during our Lent Season our privileges were indeed great - indeed we of St. James - with one consent - are ever ready to acknowledge the great privilege of having one of the best pastors in all the world - it is a most common thing to hear his praise sounded - by any & every body - who ever hears him - especially those who have the benefit of his society. he is looking thin & sallow - but never complains. Mrs. Peterkin has been quite sick for several days - she is greatly altered since her deep bereavement - Though we all Think she has borne up bravely - I suppose you know The Sunday School Rooom attached to the new Church building - called 'Grace Church' is finished - and really promises well - Mr Baker The pastor - is a hearty stirring little man - and has almost all the elements of

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a first rate preacher - he has been laboring most faithfully for the last two weeks in Fredricksburg - you have no doubt heard of the deeply interesting state of affairs in the Church in that place Mr. Baker gave us some very gratifying particulars at our Concert Missionary meeting last Monday Evening - Tuesday Evening we attended the Bible Convention at Centenary - by the way I'll send you the notice of it in our morning paper - This morning Miss Bettie sent us the precious jar & the butter is so nice, please accept by best Thanks, and write to me and let me know how you will like the jar sent - please remember me to all friends - & Thank Mrs. Temple for taking care of my interest so kindly.

Please tell Lucy - I am looking for news anxiously from all at Langlee - are you planning for convention This spring if you are & should come through Richmond be sure & let us see you let me hear how Mr. Arthur T & his are geting on -- I must stop & maybe you'll think it time

God bless you

Yours very

truly

M.A.A.

Thursday October 8th 1859

I have this moment read your letter my dear cousin telling us of Lucy's safety, and the joyful mother of a daughter. I feel so relieved, and enter into all your feelings particularly her's and HER MOTHERS, I think I could but give vent to them by writing to convey them. As Aunt Molly wrote MY MOTHER when I was born, "give Lucy a truly maternal kiss for me" give Lucy one for me tho not maternal of sincere affection, and my heart felt congratulations that she has been brought in safety through her hours of danger and suffering, I have thought of her a great deal, and wished every day I could hear. The Girls had gone to walk, met the Boy with the papers, and came back hoping to hear from Lucy - They have showed the greatest anxiety very much. Tell cousin A and Jane I give them my love and [ ], and I hope their little grand-daughter may be a blessing and comfort to them when old age comes on and like their own children be early brought into the fold of the good shepherd. I should have written before but thought if I did not I would, and Mr B dislikes so much to see me writing, and I can't do any thing by stealth. Robert left us at 2 o'clock Monday morning poor fellow I was taken with a vomiting Sunday just after they went to Church, and had to be on the bed all day. I could not account for it. I threw up nothing but phlegm as far as I could judge. I felt as well as

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usual, and I did not eat any thing to cause it. Mr B went to the carriage to go, he said he felt unwiling to leave me all alone. He thought it was very providential, but I think Kitty could have done all that was necessary. I have ridden out every day since, and feel much as usual. I may be a little weaker. We had cousin Lucy Cooke with us last week from Tuesday till Thursday evening. That day Mrs Laurence, Jane and Wm spent with us taking her back in the evening. She was sad, but evidently tried to be cheerful, and make herself agreeable. Lucy Robb, sister E, and cousin E, came up the same day Tuesday, Lucy R stayed with us till Sat: and the same morning Mrs. Gibb came but only spent the morning - Lucy Cooke did not come till the evening. I went to Elmwood last Wed: and the next day/yesterday Mrs G and Miss Jane spent the morning here - Mr B was so afraid I would take cold, so opposed to my going I had almost determined just to call, but could not, and just after I was quietly laid in the carriage Miss Jane H walked in, said she was going to meet with me, and to meet HERE she said laying an emphasis on HERE She took a seat right by & sat there till I left. Mrs. Hunter and Miss Martha were there too. I had a delightful time, did not talk much, but in a low quiet way with Miss J about old times. She and Miss M were to stay a day or two, Miss M. had headache yesterday could not come. I have

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spit a little very little blood today the first time since last fall, if Mr B should find it out he will ascribe [it] to my visit to Elmwood. I laid down all the time, was warmly covered up and Mrs G had a fire made as soon as I got there. He says Elmwood is to be my death he knows. The parsonage has been sold for $2000, and that given for [occupacia], decided at a meeting of the Vestry yesterday. Mr B very much opposed to it, too little for the [Par] too much for O he thinks, all the rest were in favor of it. Mr and Mrs McG left yesterday for Richmond, called at our gate little before 3 in the evening for a Bouquet to take to Mrs. Claiborne. The took the [cars] at 7 this morning. I am afraid Mrs McG will take cold. Her Mother has her children. Many changes are going on around us - Poor Dr B will soon have to leave for Dr. G to move to his place I can't hear where he will go - I am glad to hear you think of going to the Convention: I know you will enjoy it - Mr B expects to go, but I don't think the girls will go with him, tho they would like it. Mrs G and Martha Jr are going Charles is to be their escort. I must stop now, it is getting dark hope to finish to-morrow - . I have felt unusually weak today, but have taken my ride, eaten my dinner, and now will try to finish this. We have Maj. GW his brother John, and [ ] with us to-day, Mr B went with Robert W to call on the Maj one day this week, met him on his way

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to Dr. Gibbs, he told Mr B he was coming to-day to see him. They went on as they intended to finish the day with Mr Pitts Found him much better, he rides out, sat awhile at table but ate nothing but part of a [ ], and drank a [some] tea. He told Mr B, ministers and private Christians had been to see him and talked with him but cousin A he prefered to all, talked more like a Christian. Poor man I fear his state is a very hopeless one. Our teacher has not come yet, he has had typhoid fever and is too weak to enter on his duties, so his father wrote Mr B. I hear from Sister L every week, Ann E is about the same Jane B is looking much better, and her appetite is very good. Mr Laurence & Jane were to go to Richmond Tuesday, cousin Lucy with them on her way to Petersburg. She is at a great loss what to do as Mrs Hawthorn has broken up her house or rather it has been sold. Poor cousin L I feel sincerely sorry for her. While I think of it I will ask you to give me directions for making indellible inks. I got a box at Loretto, and when it came the phial was broken and all the ink gone. I went next day to get more, but there was none so I thought I would make some. I have just gotten a sett of shirts for Mr B for the Convention and I wish to mark them before he uses them. Robert promises to come today but I am afraid he is not coming. We have quite an ailing house hold among the servants now, Cynthia,

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[Winey] very poorly John not well going about Linden sick, Nancy nor Emily well, but keeping up. Robert looked bilious and complained of headache, and wanted me [to] give him blue pill before he left home, and he was feeling better, but I thought he looked badly. Mr B has several cases of [ ] on the [farms], none really ill. The neighborhood is generally healthy I believe. A [ ] man died of typhoid fever near Carenden's the other day. I went to see about him, heard Dr G did not wish any but the nurses to go to his house. I feel the most longing desire these bright beautiful days to go to see Uncle H, Wish now I might have gone in days of comparative health. Miss J and I had a long talk [about] all my Latane kin, said Aunt T and Ma want to tell her about Uncle H, she seems to have love and the highest respect for all the family. Said she thought when we get to another world it would not seem stranger to us than this now things were so changed. I have not told her yet. How delighted all were with their visit, said all treated them with so much real warm hearted care and kindness - I told her to write you how gratified I was and say that now it [seemed] I might depart in peace as one of my strongest desires had been gratified for them to visit you all, hopes once begun it will end but with life. If we only knew what true happiness was how different we would [act] What is all earth can give for

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kindly affectionate intercourse with our relations and friends - all else is empty and unsatisfying. Mrs. G brought me a book from Miss Martha The Mission of the Comforter by Hare I like it very much. She said to ask me for some tracts for [her] School. I gave her such as I had I wish you would tell me of some that I may get them, mine were not very suitable I must stop now and finish to-morrow if I can Sat I feel better this morning tho my cough kept me awake till 11 last night - I fear Mr Bay is at the door so I must say good-bye - Much love for ALL ALL.

No one knows I am writing

Yr affectionate cousin
LB
[Lucy Baylor]

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.85 *"Elmwood"* — Home of the Garnetts — a beautiful old place, still owned by a Garnett. At one time a school, and Lucy L. Temple went there. Mr. James Garnett had a girls' school at his home. It is next to Kinloch.
> 2. P.89 *"Lucy Baylor"* — A daughter of Lucy Latane Waring of Edenetta — a niece of Mary Latane Temple.

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[Spring Farm Sept. 30, 1861]

Mrs. D[ ]

My dear friend,

I have been looking for you all the week, & hoping every morning, that you would be here sometime during the day, you PROMISED, when you left, to come, in a FEW days, my poor Child seems very anxious to have another conversation with you, and frequently asks me, when I think you will come, he told me, that you gave him much comfort, and assistance, by the short conversation you had with him, for some days he was greatly distressed & seemed to find great difficulty, within himself, but thank God, he has at last experienced a change of heart, & feels, that his Sins are pardoned through Christ, I think he wishes to receive the Sacrament, & desires to have a talk with you, I am persuaded, that you may do much good, more in this Family, by FREQUENT visits. I believe there is A GOOD in this affliction. Come as soon as you can conveniently, I would be pleased to see any of your Family, who might find it convenient to come with you,

In great haste I remain truly yours.

[M M Jeffries]

Spring Farm Sept. 30th 1861

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Jan 8th 1862 left Wayland for Kinlock expecting to meet Lucy Robinson at the [Lion]. not finding her there, drove on to overtake her. Come all the way not knowing whether she was before or behind. got to Kinlock about 4 in the afternoon had a [ ] then lovely [visit] found [Miss] Amy much, much changed in appearance, but her FAITH if possible more FIRM & her peace of mind delightful to witness! Weather changed at night with rain.

9 rainy till late, cleared off

10 rainy morning. joyful surprise at night, Robert got home.

11th a bright morning, a number of visitors. While at dinner Lucy Robinson Nannie Berkeley and Tom arrived.

12 a bright Sabbath morning. did not have Lucy to go to church, from trip! her life is such a struggle, & such a lesson to every one! What is all that earth can give! can find with

the blessed assurance of "[ ] in heaven", which sin enjoys so fully. God grant that I may but [partake] of this blessed news!

13 Robert left early. E. [Wareham] & Dr. Bagnham have come & staid an hour or two!

Jan.14 ground covered with snow, & still falling till 10 oclock - cloudy all day, very cold poor Lucy very weak, sat up latter part of the day.

15 Mist & rain freezing as it fell all day! Most

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beautiful sleet but that the sun did not shine to make it more [ ]. broke away at night [began] to [turn].

16 Most bright & beautiful morning awoke early entirely relieved of a bad headache which had sent me to bed the night before. Lucy did not rise yesterday, kept her bed till after dinner today, sat up but an hour or two. [Her][poor children are so unconscious of her situation! very bright all day Lucy Robinson still here. William [Latane's] birth day! Oh how many years the Lord of true [vineyard] has spared him & yet he had born [ ] [finit] [And from] that he may yet respond to [enjoy] the long sufferings of the crucified Lord.

Jan 22 it has been raining for 8 days it was so warm two days since (20th) that we had a severe thunderstorm. The thermometer stood at 66 on the north side of the house. This morning the houses were covered with snow & it has been snowing off & on all day. poor Lucy [ ] more comfortable with [ ] - [more] appetite. [heard from] the papers of Mrs. Taylor's brother [poor man] after all his "grand & fine time" in this life [to be] totally unprepared for the life to come. how awful

24 Have not seen the sun since Monday (the 20) it is now snowing, but it may be the Lord will over rule this [winter] for our preservation as it must be unfavorable [to the poor units] of the Burnside Fleet which has gone

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South.

Saturday, 25 the sun came out on one of the most briliant [ ] I ever saw. mild & [ ] all day. Dr. B. to dinner & stayed all night.

26 Sabbath a bright & beautiful day did not go to church preferred staying with dear Lucy, her time seems so short! enjoyed [ ] Dr. B to dinner.

27 Mr. Mc[Guire] here spend [ ] Monday. very cloudy all day.

[M M Jeffries]

June 14th 1862

I am afraid my dear Cousin you have not received the last letter I SENT BY MAIL A SHEET OF FOOLSCAP, but shall try to send this thro cousin Jane, or the Hunters VIA Mr Wrights I was so glad to see yr hand writing yesterday, & the Brilliante came safely. Aunt Ann, Lizzie & I had just returned from another shopping expedition to Port Royal, we succeeded in getting 4 black dresses & 2 white ones, 3 pairs of gloves & [fans] & 1 [one] COARSE belt; making a right large bill, and a small bundle; but the goods were more reasonable than I expected. The Brilliante you sent is so neat & pretty I intend making Kate a dress of it & am very much obliged to you for it. We all want to see you so much, your letters are great treats for it seems to assure me though we seem so separated you are thinking of us. Sister got a letter from Robert, we do not know how it came, but he is well, though not satisfied & that is so unusual with him. We hear constantly from the company thro Mr James Hunter, Mrs. Garrett & the Fred Hill family have sent up twice a week to Mr Hunters, the servant Richmond & Papa & Mr. [ ] are to join and send to Mr. Hunters for the letters & papers from the company & any other friends; The newspapers are scarcities here yet. I have felt so anxious to hear from the battles near Richmond; it was

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reported and seemed to be confirmed that Mr George Lewis had lost a son, they were so anxious & distressed, but we heard yesterday it IS NOT TRUE. Sister, M, L, Kate, Henry & I spent an hour with Aunt Lucia Wednesday morning & the rest of the day at Glencairn, I was so glad to go there, & they were so glad to have us, Aunt Eliza is looking badly; but her cough is not very troublesome; Aunt Ellen was VERY EXCITABLE; Cousin Sanson & Rose were there, the visit did me good, the place was looking very sweet, it reminded me of Mamma, she always admired the arrangements there; but they and we were anxious, & troubled by the dangers and changes which threatened those we loved & [cherished], while Ma has the unchanging joys, laid up for those who love God; I have often a feeling of loneliness & longing for some one to go to; but except for this guiding of the children I would not have Ma back, and I believe we will be blessed for her sake. Papa had improved very much but something threw him back, he had fever two nights and is looking badly now. Aunt Ann is about the same sends much love to you, says she wants to see you very much. The girls (Han & Helen & Kate) have been working SAMPLERS for the last week. I wanted them to learn the masking stitch. Kate has easily learned the stitch she has not made the letters yet. I have been doctoring & nursing the bird KATE; she has been looking badly for a week, but this

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morning Fanny waked me telling me she was DEAD; poor little thing! she was as thin as possible; Kate, Alice & I buried her this morning in a sort of arbor; Harry does not seem to miss her at all, he & Beauregard are deafening me with their rival songs; STONEWALL & J. JOHNSTON are in another cage by themselves, & Louis is setting.

On my dear cousin Lucy! I heard this morning a rumor that our company had been in an engagement & Cousin William HAD FALLEN, I did not believe it; as it was a cool morning & I heard the report from Elmwood we walked over and there heard it confirmed with other particulars but still only thro doubtful sources; but it seemed we were to learn the TRUTH, a man came from the Bowling Green & Dr. Bagnham too came, TELLING US IT WAS ALL TOO TRUE; you have all heard it yesterday evening from a dispatch sent by Capt. Lewis; I hope you are with Aunt Sukey, the blow seems too severe for human reason to stand, may God enable you all to bear it; it is so hard to realize, and it seems so [inscrutable] one so noble & full of all the virtues that adorn a man, with the gentleness of woman can be a victim of this unholy war; I know nothing can be said, for words cannot reach such deep sorrow, but every one (I do not mean Aunt Ann or Kate) has been in tears ever since we heard the report confirmed; we loved him dearly and feel as all who knew

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him must, that we have sustained a great loss. I fear the effect on Aunt Sukey & the invalids, I hope cousin Henry & [Peachy] are too far recovered to be thrown back by the startling intelligence. I wish so much we [ ] yourselves for our sakes. Love to all our relations. I heard from Robert, got a letter from him Sunday he was well, & in better spirits, but it was dated Tuesday.

Good bye

Ever yours
Nannie

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.96 *"William had fallen"* — Must be William Latane of "the Burial of Latane," as he died in 1862. My grandfather, Warner Lewis of Wayland, was with his uncle Wm. Latane when he was killed. Grandpa was with Jeb Stuart although he was only 15 when the war started.
> 2. P.96 *"Aunt Sukey"* — Was Wm. Latane's mother. Her name was Susannah.
> 3. P.96 *"Capt. Waring Lewis"* — Son of Warner Lewis of Lewis Level. He was also with Wm. Latane and Jeb Stuart.

4. P.97 *"Henry"* — (Henry Waring Latane, Jr., and Peachy, his brother — both brothers of Capt. Wm. Latane.) Peachy is a family name; the Peachys were an old Virginia family.

Saturday Night. Oct 31st 1863.

I have intended my dear cousin Lucy, every day for a week to write you the news which astonished us so much, the arrival of a NEPHEW for the Kinlock household! I received three letters Thursday week, one from Dr. Morrison Sister, & Carrie, all telling of the unexpected appearance between 2 & 3 oclock Wednesday, 21st October of a son, sister sent me a LOCK of dark hair about 3/4 of an inch long, & C Mary the first sugar bag the little fellow ever used; sister said he had dark hair, eyes, large nose & tiny mouth; I will enclose you sister's letter & would enclose the hair but I am so much afraid of losing it. We have heard once since from Carrie, who wrote Sister was better, & the baby strengthening, he is named "Edwin Armstead" Mary wondered at Sisters not calling him Richard, but you will see what she says; I hope we feel thankful Sister has been so mercifully dealt with & is among such kind loving friends. Uncle Linden laughed not when he heard of the babys birth; I am so anxious to see Mother & child; & so glad it was a SON. I wish so much we could be with you when Bp Johns is down but it cannot be accomplished, Robert told Mrs. McGuire of cousin Henry's getting the [BJ] & told him if he could be got up the country, he would send him to the Bowling Green, perhaps he may make some arrangements with him.

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Aunt Eliza & cousin Susy Robb spent the day with us more than a week ago, it was delightful to have them, Aunt Eliza looked so natural in the rocking chair in the chamber, she has been suffering with rheumatism & neuralgia, & was looking badly. Aunt Ellen was at Cedar Mt, Aunt Lucia has been dangerously ill coughing Gray has a [slow] fever - very high & Aunt Lucia so nervous, Dr. Garnett confesses he does not know what to do with either, but both are better now, cousin Mary is going about the house. Mrs. Dr. Garnett, Miss Martha Sanders have helped to nurse there. Aunt Ann, Mary, Lizzie & I got down to Edenetta AT LAST Thursday, I dropt Kate & Harry at Woodbourne, we had a delightful day after silencing the upbraidings of our delinquencies, by freely confessing our sense of their justice, we were most affectionately treated, Cousin Ella sent over to Glencairn to let them know of our being at Edenetta, we received the reply. Aunt Eliza has a pain in her shoulders & cousin Lucy was in bed with sore throat. Aunt Ellen at Cedar Mt. Cousin Sanson & Rose rode up on horse back, he looks wretchedly, but was not complaining. Yesterday evening Mary Lizzie & I rode to Woodbourne, we found a houseful, Mr Holliday Miss [Edenowin] arrived Monday, I was so sorry to hear such bad accents from Mr. White. Miss [Edenowin] expected to leave with Mr. Holliday today; but the rain prevented them I expect.

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poor Cousin William was OFF, I am glad he hasn't to go far from home, but his present duties must be very disagreeable. Old Col William Garnett arrived at Elmwood Friday week, with Mrs Darby & Nannie Williamson, ([Merce's] sister) we went to see them Monday Col, G looks very old, but is cheerful, Mrs Darby is very pleasant; the beautiful Mary Garnett & her sister Fenton came over with Clarence & are staying at Dr Garnett's, they came over about 10 days ago; No one has been [to] call on them; Miss [Lesley Humes] & Miss Betsy Pendleton are at Dr. G's too; the Fred Hill family & some from Elmwood dined at Dr G's Tuesday & they were invited to [Font] Hill Wednesday I heard poor Mary Garnett's health must be exceedingly delicate she has had a hemorrhage & several faintings since she arrived; but they went out FOX hunting Thursday; Robert has been very busy, he is delivering his wheat & a Mr Wilson from Portsmouth has been staying here for 2 weeks, & Mr Evans about a week before, so he has not paid his devoirs. I wish Mary & Fenton would come to Elmwood I want to [get to] know them, I intended inviting you as soon as John Latane left us, I wish so much you had come up with him, the weather was so delightful, & I felt sorry for him, but his spirits I thought were quite good; I earnestly hope this cruel demonical strife will not last longer than this fall, Lizzie has gotten a very nice [haressack]

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from a blockader & all helped to make one of the nicest fruit cakes I ever saw which left only some for some very nice marmalade & bread, it was a pleasure to see how much pleasure each [one] seemed [to] feel in aiding, & the pride in the success; cousin John [found] it on the table in passage when he left Wednesday evening we persuaded him to stay Tuesday. I love to see Robert & himself together; he is growing so much like cousin William Robert said he reminded him of him frequently; there is so much character & purity about him. I was really grieved to hear of Phil Lewis' death; I hope it was his gain; but I know the blow fell heavily on Uncle Warner, & cousin Isabella. We heard it was not certain he was dead, but I fear it is. Henry Waring went back Tuesday, Aunt Susie did not know of it, at her own request; she did not want to take leave of him. I was glad to hear cousin Mary went with you on your CIRCUIT, I wish you could persuade her to come up here; I wish so much you could have succeded about the housekeeper; I am expecting to hear when to send for Miss Winn, or perhaps to see her at the door, she is SO trifling it is right annoying; I am afraid her health is too delicate for the confinement of teaching. I expect Col Garnett, Mrs Darby, Nannie B, & the Elmwood family to dine here next week if Col G, does not get in a hurry to go home, which will be [news] with Mrs Darby in S Carolina. Maggie is

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still here, you would scarcely know her, & she seems to have some idea of talking. Aunt Ann is as USUAL, she walked over a good deal when the weather was pleasant; & it benefits her I think; I hope she will hear directly from her children before long; an English lady an old acquaintance of Mary Garnett's spent several days at Elmwood on her way to Wayland and offered to do anything she could, he did not see her, but she promises Mrs G, to go to see cousin A Eliza [felt] she could tell her things she might be afraid to write & she would tell or write to Aunt Ann when she got back. I should think Miss Hetty had "played out" in K William; but her beauty and wit supply her with willing victims. I sincerely hope WE NOR MINE will come under the power of her fascination here again. We all so wish to see you & I would like SO much, more than I can tell to go down to see all my relations but I do not think it is possible. I wish Aunt Mary would try the trip up the county & I should be very glad to see Cousin Robert; but I do not think we deserve so much honor. All are asleep around me. Harriet left her love & a most ardent desire to see you before she laid down. Mary left her here. Aunt Ann always desires hers be sent you. my love for all at Wayland Harcourt Meadow Langlee and Mansfield & of course A LARGE share for yourself. I have been quite busy....

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
>
> 1. P.100 *"Fonthill"* — Home of R.M.T. Hunter, roommate of John Temple. Near Kinloch — the Garnetts and Hunters are related.
> 2. P.100 *"John Latane"* — Brother of Capt. Wm. Latane. Lt. John Latane, C.S.A., died in Old Capitol Prison of wounds received in battle.
> 3. P.101 *"Phil Lewis"* — Phillip Winston Lewis, C.S.A., killed in a cavalry charge at Manassas — also with Jeb Stuart. A son of Warner Lewis of Lewis Level by his 3rd wife; Uncle Warner and Cousin Isabella were his parents.
> 4. P.102 *"Mansfield"* — Home of Thomas Waring Lewis and his wife Ann Ursula Latane, my g. grandparents — both 1st cousins of H.W.L. Temple.

Nov 3. [1865]

Nov 3. [1865] Yesterday was a lost day to me. It was a rainy day and I was unwell. I do not know whether I had staid out in the air too much the day before as we came up the Mississippi from N Orleans, on which I had indulged rather too freely in the good things which are supplied us or both. However this be, I was quite unwell, & had to keep [to] my room & my berth almost constantly. You will think, [that] my situation was such as to make me very unhappy. Thank God not so. I was disposed to sleep, which relieves me usually, when not well. And when awake could say "in the multitude of my thoughts within me, they could only delight my soul."

We are now going up Red River, which you must see on yr map empties into the Miss. There are several falls in this river. We have not long passed the worst. Over these you know the river passes rapidly & certain means have to be employed to [ascend] them. Two very large ropes are carried from the steamer, & made fast on shore - one of them is intended to draw the craft forward, the other to prevent the tendency to the opposite shore. They are then wound up by a capstan, as called - which is turned by the machinery of the boat. We were a long time getting over these last; for a great deal of coal & skillful management was required & executed by a person who neither swore, nor lost his temper. There are two little boys on board about the age of my little William.

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As you may suppose, I am attracted to these. There are quite a number of ladies They occupy a saloon in the kinder part of the boat, and it is in that, I am writing. The boat shakes so, it is not very easy writing. I have just come from the upper deck where I saw some persons with mules on land, & passed a boat downward bound. The salutations of these boats as they passed each other is by a howl made by [letting] the steam through a tube, ending like a horn. They intend it I suppose for a blast like that from a horn. It is most unearthly in its sound.

But the passengers of the steamer are very interesting, & [imposing group]. They are frequently [passing]; for this is a great country above and a vast amount of produce - the war notwithstanding - is brought down. Cotton tho. is the great staple, and [ ] loaded to the water's edge [with this] article, but in miserable condition. The bales often are secured with [ ] instead of sacking as formerly.

Nov. 4. Today is very bright & beautiful and the air is clear & bracing. I trust it will contribute to health. I am again in the room with the ladies though I do not know one of

them. But that does not disturb me at all, & I feel very sure I do not disturb them. They are a great company.

I hope you may be useful to Mrs McGuire, I'm sure you

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will if there be any way in which you can. I want you to try & exercise yr memory so as, in time to be able to recollect things, which now you would perhaps, but fail to do - such as my towels. I have done pretty well without them; but would have been very glad of them. Exercise is the way to improve the memory, and I will tell you of one other thing which I hope will do you good, & that is, to know thoroughly what you study. I believe you will duly apply yourself. While doing this, give your mind to the subject. And may God bless you in preparing yourself forever fulness.

I hope you will visit friends in Tappahannock & give my love to them. [How I] to know how you get on at [sacraments]. I hope Mr. McG has [or that Mr. [ ] has and as to service at St. Paul's [ ] and I [ ] to know that Mr McG had been there or that uncle Arthur has held services. I [learn] this without the good Lord.

The boat which we are on, I am informed was in the war - a gun boat, & having served in that capacity, has been by private enterprize converted to her present use - a good change we would say. I have now been on her since about 4 o'clock Tuesday evening with the little interval which I mentioned - when I stept ashore - and have become so well used to her that it is almost a feeling of attachment. We were from Sat evening 3 o'clock 21st to

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Monday 30th [ ] the ship on which we came from [N.Y. to N.O.] it seems as if we may be nearly as long on this [ ] [ ] or [ ] & I will [ ] particularly [ ] It may be that I may do good on board tomorrow; & after [ ].

Nov 5. Today is again the [Sabbath] the third since I left home. It is a bright & beautiful day [upon the frost while after sunrise] [ ] pleasant service it was, a [ ] I am pleased to see the outward observance at least of Lord's day. No card playing, nor drinking, that I have seen. Thank God for it. I have made the very pleasant acquaintance of a lady on board which adds not a little to the agreeableness of the trip. I hope to have another service this evening. Just had it. Good bye my daughter.

[Yr] Father

[probably to Mary from HWL Temple]

Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)

1. P.105 *the letter from H.W.L.T. to Mary Temple* — She went to boarding school in Tappahannock, called Miss Grasty's. He mentions studying.

Clear Lake Sevier Co. Ark / December 7, 1865

Dear Polly,

You see, I am here still, but I trust, it is of the Lord, and I would acquiesce in His blessed will; knowing assuredly, that, what He ordains is best, tho: we may not see. This belief, supports & comforts me in absence of all information from home. I am still without a line from any one, and although should be greatly pleased to hear, will not be uneasy. I wrote that, I expected to leave for home about this time, and so intended to do. A young man from Washington - the same who drove me here when I first came, has been employed to drive me now to Shreveport. We set off this morning with a fine pack of mules - thinking they would be more reliable than horses - and a good strong buggy, had proceded some two miles, when we came to the conclusion 'twould be better to turn back, & wait for the road to dry & settle - so heavy were they after several days rain we have had here. As the week is so far advanced, to avoid travelling on Sunday or being detained on the road that day I think it best now, to remain satisfied until Monday of next week. Not so my driver. He is a restless fellow, unable to fix his mind on any thing for five minutes. He tries to read one thing & another, but fails of being interested in any. What a misfortune this is, and how does it show the great

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importance of being able to find within one's self the satisfaction which is generally found in extraneous things. Some persons and they are those whose minds have been properly trained, & whose principles properly cultivated & fixed - who are happy under all circumstances - others again, can only be satisfied by drawing upon resources external to themselves, and uncertain as to their supply. These cannot be relied on.

DEC: 8 The recent rains may cause the river (Red) to rise sufficiently for boats to come within a short distance of this place. If so, I should greatly prefer taking one to going by land. I should regret exceedingly for any thing to happen to the buggy & mules. The buggy is a very nice one with good leather top & other appurtenances, and as it will be of little value to the estate, I want the Administrator to sell it. Young Mr. M Lendon will purchase it, or expects to do so, and playfully charged me to be careful in the use of it. Thompson thinks this is a sign of his intended marriage. I hope it may be, if judicious as it would have the effect of settling him. He is not so now - talks of removing to some other country, which I hope he may not do, as neighbours are few now, and good ones fewer still. Trust he may not leave the party. I have before mentioned him & his father. Indeed he is the young man

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cousin Robert Wright met with. I dined with them one day this week, and for dinner was a very large wild turkey, which I enjoyed much. This country abounds in game of almost every kind. Bob, the man who rides a mule, & attends to the stock, and spends some of his time in shooting, came in yesterday morning with nine ducks, killed at one shot. They were of what are called duck & mallard - six drakes & 3 ducks. The plumage of the former was very beautiful. I spoke for the scalps & portion of the wings for you & Luly & Anne but they had been thrown away. Oh! the waste of everything here. It seems a fixed habit. There is no idea of economy in the use of any thing. Would to God, I could impress upon all, not only the importance but the duty of taking care of what a kind Providence has given to be used without being abused, as is done, when wasted. I rode yesterday evening, & found in a house some two miles off, & in a remote part of the plantation corn of the crop of last year if not year before left, while the new crop is being most lavishly used. I spoke of it in the absence of Thompson - he had to leave home again on business of the estate - and it is being brought to be used instead of new. In this way & many others, I hope to be useful. I wish much, I could know of you, in respect to your school - how you are doing - well, I hope, and improving the time. I do not doubt as to your desire to do this,

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& your effort to do it; but I must again tell you of the great importance of thoroughly comprehending what you learn. This is done in great measure, by going to your studies, not as a difficult task, but to be mastered by a good will and unremitted attention - not letting the thoughts wander on something else, and the energies of the mind thus dissipated, as we say. For lack of this concentration of the mind, much is lost in study. Going through many books, & not thoroughly comprehending them is very unprofitable. I pray you avoid it. And may your good desire to improve, and effort to do so be abundantly successful.

My kind regards to Mr McGuire & all his family. I trust his school has gone into successful operation. God, I believe will bless him & his, according to his promise to the righteous.

I hope you find time to visit the friends in Tap: It will not only gratify them but benefit yourself. The weather has clouded up today, showing it was wise to turn back, yesterday. I will wait patiently for Providence while I [greatly] desire to be returning to loved ones at home. Would that it were so, I might prosecute my homeward journey without interruption. But, I feel loath to return without having done any thing for aunt Mary Ann;

for if nothing be done now, great loss may accrue, from its being supposed quiet profession is given. There

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is a portrait before me, and to the life, of old Mr. John Jones, which used to hang in the parlour at Doct. Minors. I have felt toward it as an old acquaintance - remembered it, as soon as I laid eyes on it.

DEC 9. Had a pleasant ride this morning and a 2nd this evening on Clear Lake. The weather has been very fine today & I hope the roads improving. There is a gentleman here tonight who will take this to Washington to be sent to Little Rock by first opportunity. Let me add for brother who I hope is getting on well with the hands, that they had better continue with him until I return even should I be unable to return before the first of next year. May God bless all. Yr affectionate Father

[probably to Mary from HWL TEMPLE]

Yr affectionate Father

Feb 14th 1866

(none - opens directly into body, addressed as "my dearest cousin")

I take advantage of the reestablishment of the mails to write my first letter sent by it to you, my dearest cousin what might not have happened to us both since our last interchange of thoughts? Through most uncertain and unreliable sources, I have heard occasionaly from you, that cousin Henry had returned so much pleased with the west he wishes to move out there, that you have had much trouble with the servants & I feared you had had a heart trying time; but to one whose faith is so strong, I hope the peace that flows from it may have kept your heart. This day - Ash Wednesday, and its associations, bring you near to me in thought. I wish I could be with you in person, I could quickly tell you more than any paper will hold, so much has passed I know would interest you. In the first place we can not have services today. Mr. McGuire is sick, so we are all at home. Robert has been sick for a month he was looking badly & complaining & he went to James River on business & from there to Norfolk to [Bagnie] Lamstall's marriage to Mr. Taylor; he was invited to sit as groomsman; he was away rather more than a week, & had regular chills, fevers almost every day, with a cough; he took Dr. Morrison who was going about the house & occasionaly out of doors with him, as far as City Point to go to see his relations in Petersburg. Sister Edwin & his brother Channing were

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here & sister determined to MOVE while he was gone, Dr. M's mind has of course weakened, as everybody's is after such a long illness, he was very FORGETFUL & NERVOUS; he thought the trip would restore him. Sister, Mrs M Edwin, Harriet & Helen went over with all that remained here of his goods & Alice as nurse, Cynthia was married & left sometime since. Mary Mr Brooke Kate & Harry & I formed our household, we got notes from Leesville almost every day, but did not see them until the following Friday, they all came back to meet Robert & Dr M, who were expected Saturday, of course we missed them very much, Edwin is so grown and one of the most observant, interesting children I ever saw; he talks very plainly & expresses himself so well; but we read aloud, Mary Kate & I staid in the chamber Mr. B & Harry upstairs & a small round table accommodates us; Mary was invited to act as brides maid & was extremely anxious to go but the want of FUNDS prevented; The Leesville party returned delighted, everything so comfortable & nice, Dr. M had been so thoughtful in providing the LITTLE conveniences required & the house so much better than they expected Sister was the sweetest hostess & Edwin showed off to advantage with [ ] to [teaze] him. Robert & Dr M returned Dr M

better, Robert's chills were stopped but he looked dreadfully, Sister & Dr. M expected to go HOME Monday but the weather prevented, they

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returned Wednesday & Mary with them; Robert rode out & his chills returned, so I sent for Dr. Garnett who stopped his chills & is giving him wine, he has improved very much, but is afraid to ride except on bright days our little family is as COZY as possible. Volney returned Monday week, & Sister is there with Dr & Mrs M & Edwin who she says seems to feel the situation & tries to entertain, & succeeds as well she is not at all lonely. Dr M has 33 wood cutters, 20 of whom are white men, MARYE'S & Mr. Locke's sons & others; Dr M cannot attend to business yet but his

(No concluding pages, CA)

LETTER 35 · PP. 115–116

Lewis' Level Nov 27th [18]66

Dear Warner,

Your welcomed letter came safely to hand a few days since. I expected a reply by brother Waring Though your excuse for not doing so was sufficient to convince me That you were quite busy, ,W, told me that you had had the watch repaired all to having a dial put on, I am sorry That you could not suceed in having That fixed as it is The very Thing I wanted done, Though it makes but little difference if the pieces will remain That I glued on, I suppose it works very well; as the jeweler complimented it so it must have some very good working qualities, I am not willing That it should be sent to New York The Times are so uncertain That I am affraid I should never see it again, am very much obliged to you for your trouble hope it may be in my power some future day to return The favour,

I attended a wedding a few days since at Mr. Baylors or rather, Kinlock, cousin Mary married her cousin a Mr. Wm. B. Baylor The homelyest fellow I ever saw in my life not excepting any even orderly, (Mr. A. Cauthorne). They were married on Friday the 23rd Nov, at seven in The morning Took The boat and went straight to Baltimore The bride looked quite sweet & interresting, but The groom just The reverse so far as sweetness concerned.

Miss Julia is going to follow her (cousin Marie's) good

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example in a few days rumor reports the 4th Dec. which is not far off, I hope They may have a happy time, as This is fine weather for the occasion,

I am sleepy & must now close we are all well both at Lewis' Level & Mannsfield send a great deal of love

WRITE VERY SOON to yours truly

Catesby L. Lewis,

Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)

1. P.115 *"Warner"* — Dr. Warner Lewis of "Wayland," while a student at the U. of Va.
2. P.115 *"brother Waring"* — Lewis — Capt., C.S.A., also with Jeb Stuart. A son of Warner Lewis of Lewis Level.
3. P.116 *Catesby L. Lewis* — Son of Warner Lewis of Lewis Level. He married Aunt Loulie Temple. He was half-uncle of grandpa Lewis; Cousin Isabella was his mother.

Cedar Hill April 20th [18]68

Dear Mary

From the date outside of your letter I imagined I was very prompt in answering it, but on looking inside, I found it was written the 31st of March, outside was the 8th of April, how do you account for that [ma cherie] Did you ever know Spring to be as long coming. I begin to despair of her arrival Yesterday was a very disagreeable day We went to church at the Meadow Mr. Stringfellow preaches for us in the office there once a month. He still has hopes of being able to preach at Taylorsville. I suppose you have heard something of that difficulty. The Baptists are almost as anxious to have him as we are, but Mr Gibson (the rector of Fork Church) will not give his consent to it, although no one from this neighborhood is able to attend Fork on account of the distances, but I won't weary you with our theological differences. I suppose you have seen enough about that in the "[Tyng]" cafes I have a friend from D.C. staying with me. I enjoy her society very much, I haven't seen her before for years but in our early childhood we tended to be inseparable: she is a very sweet girl, also very pretty. We came back home Saturday morning from across the river in Carolina where we had spent a day or two very pleasantly: We stayed Wednesday evening at the

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Meadow, had ice cream & cake beside the "flow of reason & the feast of soul" The next evening we all went to Glamorgan in a cart with two mules in tandem. That evening we were very "gay & festive" didn't retire till two o'clock: played games & sang words to "Vive l'amour". did you ever try that amusement? some of the impromptu verses were very good. Next day Ma & Mrs Morris came down from the Meadow to spend the day. in the evening we all returned. the old folks riding, the younger fry as pedestrians, it is ONLY three miles, but we enjoyed it [tingely], it is a very romantic walk through the woods, we passed by a mill too, went all over it, were weighed; then went to a Spring where there is ice cold water bubbling forth: the fountain of "[Hippocrene]" was nothing to it! We were in such a romantic mood that each imagined herself "[ ]" [ ] you remember in "[ ]" When we reached the Meadow the stars were fast blossoming in the "meadows & heavens". " The forget=me=nots of the angels" as Longfellow poet really remarked. Bettie and I expect to go to Richmond in a day or two, she wishes to see the Spring fashions, I also have some curiosity on that subject, we propose paying a [ ] visit to the city Should you want the latest "tip" you should best write me at once. I think I have set you this time a worthy example of how [ ] which you will do well to emulate. With love to you Aunt

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and to Lillie when you see her. I remain your sincere friend.

P.S. I heard from Cousin Em yesterday. her brothers have just returned from a visit to them & says she hopes their visit will make Uncle John well from that. I suppose he is improving. I look forward with pleasure to revisiting the "old village" and will endeavor to accept your kind invitation on condition you will come back home with me. That I think will be a charming plan! Don't you? I shall expect to receive an answer in the affirmative.

[E.T.] Garnett
(followed by, after the P.S.:) As ever Yours E.

June 3rd 1869

My dear Cousin Lucy

I was truly distressed when I received your letter to think how long it had been since I had written to you and, I have no good reason for it, but the dislike of writing & my having to write to Kate Richard and Harry aborts all my writing energy. I often wish you could be with us & particularly now, Robert returned Monday bringing Jennie, LUCY, & Nannie Lamstall, you can easily imagine our delight at having Lucy, she is one of the sweetest looking babies I ever saw, large deep blue eyes, fair skin, a beautiful little mouth, very thin lips & brown hair with a [cunning] light in it, she laughs & cries so sweetly. Robert is looking as well as I ever saw him & has stopped all medicine, he met cousin Henry & cousin Tom Lewis' daughters on the cars & was much gratified at their wishing to be introduced to Jennie. I am so sorry to hear of Aunt Latane's situation I had heard of cousin Tom's loss & feel truly sorry for his children, if he is like the generality of persons, her place will not remain vacant long. I expect you have heard the news that startled us so much, that Mary Garnett had married a Mr Lewis, a widower with one child, the Warings Pink & Mary went up on Wednesday to the Council, all returned Tuesday but Mary who went to Balt. expecting to return on Wednesday, Aunt Lisa who was with

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her returned, having witnessed the ceremony, but I hear that is a mistake, she was married in church & returned & told Aunt Lisa & CRYED very much: poor Mrs. Maria Garnett swooned away upon hearing it & has been very poorly ever since, but I hope it may result in good to her, as perhaps Mary will let her keep the children. I am so sorry for the marriage on account of the CHURCHES for Mary was interesting herself so much in fixing them, she has given a carpet & chairs & had [ ] white washed & cleaned & aided in getting hangings for the pulpit & desk, & has given a dozen or more prayer books to [ ] & she was doing a great deal for the lower church too. We now have Dr Goodrich in the neighborhood & I think if the people are willing to entertain him he will be very willing to remain, he offers to preach for 6 months without any salary, but will not live at [Occupacia]; he preached for us last Sunday, he is staying now at Edenetta I believe; he is very pleasant in private, but not an interesting preacher. Aunt Ellen told me at church she enjoyed the Council even more than she anticipated she staid with cousin Janet Pollock; Harry Kate & Richard will soon be at home now, and the family will [be] as large as usual; it is so hard to realize they are no longer children; Kate is delighted with the Randolphs &

says though so anxious to return home, she will be sorry to leave her pleasant acquaintances. Harry

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& Richard seem as anxious to return as if they had just left home, Harry is taller than Richard now, I think & is considered the handsomest of the family. Mary you know has two sons Richard & Alexander Lamstall, she & Willy have been living near Norfolk but they suffered with chills so have moved INTO Norfolk again, Mary is very much broken some think, others that she is looking very well. Dr Morrison, poor man has had some pecuniary difficulty & I believe he wishes to sell Leesville & if so, those poor children in no short time will have no means at all. I would give anything to take them for my own; but I ernestly pray that God will [overrule] for their eternal good. Aunt Lucia has been sick & I hear is looking very badly, she has several of cousin Mary's children staying with her. Pat & Henry are so far very much pleased at Sandy Point & I hope it may continue as it is a great comfort to Robert to have Henry there. You heard of cousin William Brooke's visiting cousin Lucy [PROBABLY]; he stopped some time since finding it was not agreable; Lucy Garnett returned with Robert, very much delighted with Norfolk of course; but anxious to attend to her house duties again I am glad to hear. Harriet Helen & I have had a very quiet, but VERY pleasant time together all the winter & spring they of course are on the "[apres vous]" for a trip all the time, but very content without it. This place has [been] more beautiful

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this spring than I ever saw it & it was in nice order. Robert took much interest in having it fixed; the green house flowers are looking very well. Jennie brought a great many Geranium cuttings from Norfolk. Now I must close no one knows I am writing & all are out or would send messages. Lucy sends you a kiss.

Ever truly yours
Nannie

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.120 *"Aunt Latane"* — Probably Mrs. Thomas Lewis Latane of Langley — referred to as Aunt Latane. Mary Latane Temple is still referred to as "Aunt Temple" in the Lewis family.
> 2. P.121 *Harry, Kate and Richard* — Probably Baylors. Richard Baylor of Kinloch had two sons, Harry and Richard. Harry Baylor inherited Edenetta, and we used to stop by to see him frequently on our way to and from Wayland. He died in 1929, a very old gentleman. My father would leave "Wayland" after an early breakfast and reach Edenetta around 9:30; we would have family prayers with the Baylors. Edenetta was about 15 miles from Tappahannock, on the Fredericksburg side.

3. P.122 *"Harry handsomest of the family"* — He was handsome.

March 25th 1876

My dear Lucy

It has been a long long time since I wrote you but it has not been because I have been unmindful of you particularly since you have all been in so much trouble about church matters I do not think one day has passed that I have not remembered you all at the Throne of Grace and prayed that what seems to us so dark and inexplicable may be [overruled] for good James was the last member of the church I should have thought who would have been carried away by such a man as Cummings and it seems to me now that he is not much under his control but to have established an independent church of his own; from all I know of his piety and worth I cannot doubt his motives but I think he will live to regret the step he has taken It must have been a great trial to you all to part with such a good faithful Pastor as [Dr Newton] I saw by the Southern Churchman that Mr [Robert] Gibson had been called to Tappahanock I hope he may accept if he is anything like his Father he will be a blessing to you all he preached for Dr. Murdough last summer and we were all delighted with him

I suppose you are still living with Warner and Mary and I know have a quiet happy home just what you and I need at our time of life The little child if you are as fond of children as I am is a constant source of pleasure.

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Matthew you know is married again and I still live with him his wife is a nice manager very domestic and as kind and thoughtful about my comfort as she can be

I had a most trying time with poor Margaret at first we thought it only softening of the brain but it was insanity I went on to New York for her and found her far worse than I was at all prepared for the Bishop did not know nor does he now know the full extent of it she always kept quiet in his presence and he would not allow any restraint to be put on her and she would go out and take long walks by herself the wonder to me is that she was not killed on the crowded streets She was quite willing to come home with me and I thought it better to come by a steamer to Richmond as she was so accustomed to crossing the ocean but I had a great deal of trouble and anxiety for at that time I could not manage her but I shall be thankful that I had the privilege of taking care of her to the last by kindness and tenderness I soon learned to control her and toward the last she became much more quiet she did not appear to suffer any pain but grew weaker and weaker until it pleased God to take her from Darkness to Light I had hoped that before she died there might be some gleam of reason but there was none she had ever been to me like my own Sister

I hear from you all through Isabel Gray who keeps up a correspondence with Nannie how is Nancy Lewis' health

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Ellen Robb was so much gratified at Tom and [Nannie's] visit I hope to go down in June to see Ellen and Willie Ann if I am able but I have had ague and fever since August off and on and it has debilitated me very much I seldom even get to church and have to be very careful not to take cold

Agnes Venable has been spending the winter with her mother They are going to Danville Paul's brother has given him employment there and as Agnes expected to be confined she concluded not to go until the [Spring] Jane is so [ ] and when her daughter [ ] confined that I went down to be with her Jane did not know she was sick until it was all over she had a very easy time but the poor little baby is deformed the legs are drawn up and one seems to have a double knee joint I do not think it will ever walk it is very small and she is so unfortunate with her children I hope if it is the will of God it may be taken before it is old enough to know its misfortune

you must give much love to cousin Sukey Henry and his wife Tom and Nancy and their children Harriet Andrew your brother Henry's children and James if he will accept it from an Episcopalian I hope dear Lucy you will write and tell me about all my dear kindred I have ten grand children some of them very pretty I teach John's oldest child Kate and take great pleasure in it

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I have much to be thankful for May God bless you all and may you and I meet before long in our Father's Home

Yours most affectionately
Janet R. Pollock

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.124 *"James" Latane* — Son of H.W. Latane of the Meadow. He was an Episcopal minister who left the church in protest over the new prayerbook — he joined the Reformed Episcopal Church and became a Bishop. His brothers, sister, nieces and nephews went with him, and after his death all went back to St. Paul's. He was first cousin of H.W.L.T.
> 2. P.124 *"Dr. Newton"* — Followed H.W.L.T. as rector of St. Paul's.
> 3. P.124 *"Warner and Mary" Lewis* — My grandparents.

Hoxie [Arkansas] 8/20/[18]82

My dear Sister,

It is strange that I wait so long, when your letters give me so much pleasure, but in the week I hardly know when I am to be seated long enough to write a letter Joe got a letter from Wm this morning, in which he said Willie had gotten the final no from Miss Bettie, and that he had since met Miss Betsy Todd Walker and seemed to be pleased with her. I somehow fail to sympathize with him in his misfortune, if it may so be called, because he had a sufficient forewarning all the time. And too, Wm would do well to wait two or three years to see what success attends him; he might ask how it was with me, but I don't think it is a parallel case.

Georgie came home last Monday and I feel more settled and better satisfied. Some men seem to enjoy the absence of their wives, but it is not so with me. I have had a great deal of trouble with the mill in the last two or three months, but have given it to a man by the thousand now & hope to do a good deal better. I do think a sawmill is a great deal of trouble. By the by, I saved some seed of a fine watermelon to send to Cz Warner, but the fowls got to them. I am in hope that we will be with you next summer, have certainly wanted to [do] this and would have done so but for the mill. Sister, I believe Georgie is as particular with Gertrude as you used to be

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with Lucy when she was her age. Gertrude says a few words quite distinctly What was the trouble with Mr. McGuire & his congregation? I took a fancy to him and would like to see him do well. What is [Claggall] doing now and how are they getting along? Write me a long letter about you all & every body that I feel an interest in. Joe gets a letter from home about twice a week. He hasn't found a situation yet, would like so much for him to get something more pleasing than working at a sawmill, although he has had quite an easy task. I expect $45.00 a month is more than a great many in [are] making [ ] love to all [G says she will answer your letter soon. [ ] Lucy Nannie & Latane,

With much love for all

I am yours [ ]

TLL Temple

Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)

1. P.128 *"Cz Warner"* — Dr. Warner Lewis of Wayland — T.L.L.T.'s second cousin as well as brother-in-law.
2. P.128 *"we will be with you next summer"* — Uncle Tom came back to "Wayland" many summers when his children were small, and Aunt Nannie Lewis said the children hated it. Uncle Tom came back every summer by himself, or with Uncle Willie, for as long as I can remember. He left the children behind after his wife died.
3. P.129 *"Lucy, Nannie and Latane" Lewis* — My two aunts and my father.

April [ ] 1885

I wonder indeed my dear Mary if my letter will find [ ] after so long an absence, but it has been very simply to my great distress [ ] the [ ] a silly excuse you doubtly think [as] you are other [wise] [ ] I had [ ] Mr. [ ] should be as ungrateful for I can assure you I both enjoyed your sweet letters & appreciated them too. I find each day I dislike writing more & more there is so [little] variety in my life that I feel one letter a year would be enough. This is surely a lonely, dreary life No Churches any where nothing with a religious bearing atall, not even a [clean shirt] on Sunday morning. I mean among the [inmates] of this house & even the work often goes on the same. This has been one of their busiest seasons the little lambs all come in this month & they work with them night & day. Mr. Lewis has been herding for several weeks past & you don't know how lonely I get. You never see any but Men's faces. I wish I could never see another Texas Man's face while I am here. [They] are the roughest [commonest] people you ever saw. With Minnie to help, my duties are not hard. I get through very easily & have plenty of spare time. One of my greatest troubles is the scarcity of water it is simply terrible the well is so far from the house that it takes a man to bring it, & another great objection to this place is the fare it is beans

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& fried meat all the time. No garden atall. I hope we will have some place for tomatoes I have some beautiful plants but a sheep man's [land is] entirely his sheeps. This part of Texas is a hard country I can tell you, tho it is not all so. You don't necesarily have a hard time here. Your life would be easier here than in Va. housekeeping here is not as irksome here as there. My washing & ironing is all done with Tuesday night, & there is nothing more to worry over the rest of the week. we have a right good washing too. I [always] help Minnie about it I wish so much Mary you could see Katie now. She is the sweetest & smartest little thing I ever saw can I say anything she [has started & is cutting] her teeth without the slightest trouble. She has four upper ones & two lower & is now cutting two jaw teeth her diet is almost exclusively oat meal occasionally when [I can] get a little corn meal she will eat it indeed it is a rare treat to us all when I have meal I make the biscuit for the dogs & chickens & we eat the corn bread. We have 46 [fancy] chickens have only 1/2 [dozen hens]. I have been trying to get some ever since I have been here but there is never a time to go for them.

Well I am at the end of my paper How are the children getting on at school. I suppose Nannie too has started & I know you must be lonely without them. I hope indeed Mary you all may not give out coming to Texas & hope we

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may get to visit each other Well it is getting late so must close [with a] heart full of [love] for [each &] all of you I am your attached sister

Ellen

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.130 *"Mr. Lewis"* — Probably Henry Waring Latane Lewis, my grandfather's brother. He was in the Home Guard during the Civil War and shot Colonel Ulrich Dahlgren, who was raiding in King and Queen. Henry was only 15 at the time, but the Yankees put a price on his head and he had to flee out West. He died out West about 1938 or '39. I never knew him. I don't know his wife's name, but he did have a daughter, Kate.

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May 21st, 1912

Southern Pine Lumber Company.
Manufacturers of
Yellow Pine Lumber
Texarkana, Arkansas

My Dearest Sister

I was very glad to receive your letter - also a card from Lucy yesterday - Why don't you go with Cousin Warner to Richmond on the 28th? it would be a nice trip for you I will be glad to pay your expenses. [ ] and make up your mind to go - Edward Bagby (Cousin Frances' Son) who had been at Ft. Smith but has lately accepted a call to Baltimore took supper with us a few nights ago and told us that Warner [and Ivin] had been chosen by the faculty to take positions in a hospital in Buffalo, which I was glad to [learn] as this will be both pleasant & beneficial to them - No doubt you will hate to see him go - I am looking forward with pleasure to having "[Jeremiah]" with us soon - his school [starts] June 13th -I hope that Warner will decide to locate at Wayland & practice his profession. We are at last having some beautiful weather - and it was never more badly needed in this Country - I hope that you will decide to take the trip - With much love - I am,

Devotedly
Willie

> *Notes — from Lucy Temple Lewis Fish's explanatory notes to these letters (1992)*
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> 1. P.133 *"Warner"* — My grandfather, who was a doctor. But he never left Wayland.