

therefore has lost his policy. He complains of hard times
 & no work - When you get back he may get a job
 at some of your teeth. The new dentist, Messrs, is
 getting all his Baptist patronage and that makes him
 grow no little. Lula Pinner's disease is getting on
 badly but has been improving steadily since her return
 from Richmond. Ab Walker & family are all well
 & happy. Mrs Betts who lives in the Redmond House
 is still trucking in the market and I suppose is doing
 well. We have now arrived to the end of that road & will
 take a drink of water from the Redmond well, cool &
 clear & resume our visiting. Mrs Burton is cozy & jolly
 as ever and all of them keep quite well but Mr W. R.
 Cooper her next neighbor has been very sick of late
 & has been in the house nearly a month, but is out again.
 Emma Gordon has been sick 2 weeks since her re-
 turn but is reported well now. Mr Gordon & George
 Blackwell who were in the Tobacco business together
 have dissolved co partnership and Mr G will continue
 the business at same place. The next house is undergoing
 repairs for Mrs Cates of Person County who will come
 down to live. The Rowlands are as usual I believe -
 He takes as big a quid of tobacco as ever & spits as
 often. George Miller is making a success as town col-
 lector & his wife is still teaching music. She has two or
 three pupils who were at the Seminary. I never see Mrs
 W. W. Miller now a days & like Kate I guess she keeps
 pretty closely at home. Dr Can is lively, frisky & noisy
 as ever. You may have seen in the Reporter that he has
 sold his stock of drugs to Vaughan & Ab Jerny - His friends
 were greatly surprised at this - He talks somewhat of
 selling all his property here & moving to N. York state rather

Hudson river and knowing the Dr or L Dr, I would not be
surprised to hear of any strange thing he might do. Mrs
Can & the boys keep well and the boys ride around with
the Dr as usual and often to the annoyance of his patients.
Bob Lyon & family are well - Mr L was at L.S. such a
morning as this. Her Canary is the finest singer in town.
There is a Mrs Smith Jo about 3 weeks old at the next
house and mother & child are doing well though she
has been quite sick. Mr Jost is a happy father. I see
Mr Hammond semi-occasionally and he reports his
family well. Mrs G drops in to ask after Miss Annie.
Mrs Day is well & was here to spend the afternoon last
week. She is distressed that Mollie is married & gone to
Mrs Hopkins' to board rather than stay with her. Mr
Pope promised Mrs H he wd bring his wife there & so
it is. Poor Jim Day gives up to drink much as ever and
2 weeks ago the police picked him up off the pavement
in front of Merchants Bank & took him home. This is a
very sad case. Grandpa & Grandma Zach seem more
deeply interested in your case than any other of your friends.
I say over & over again but they enquire particularly after you.
They keep tolerably well but complain much. I have
been trying to get them both to go to the Retreat for treat-
ment. It might do some good if you would write them to come.
The jail we wont visit, as I am not interested in the ~~other~~ inmates.
Mrs Wicksburg is very much better & gives me impudence any
time. I frequently ask if she has written home. If not I tell
her I'll have it to do or her mother will be uneasy. Mrs
Lery & Schuman are both well & their families. Mrs Sch
man has recently bought a piano & came up for Cats
to go "over sea" to try it. Mrs Lery cant be out one and
also talks of buying a piano but dont want the same make as

her neighbors. The Fancells next door are talking of moving away from that house but when they will go I know not. Mrs Burgess is not in good health, but is usually up and at work. Since Col Wilkerson opened a bakery she does not sell as much bread as before. Mrs Banon is still with her. Old Col Dalby and his son Eddie still occupy the rear end of the prize house and although the old man grunts much yet he is looking spry. He may make eyes at Cate as she goes to & comes from school, but if he does he has not yet told his love. He often asks after you and may be sighing for your return. Mrs Smith the milliner is having a new room put to her house, which I know was needed. How so many have lived in that house I cannot tell. She took after Mrs Sipe Poley with me since my return and I am therefore more interested than ever in her good health. She will leave tomorrow for the north to buy her spring stock. Mrs Ed Lyon is quite well in fact, is looking better than I have seen her for some time. She doesn't attend Church now and only goes out after tea to see grandpa Jack. Dr Durham has been sick but is out again. Mrs Durham & the boys are all up. You will be glad to know they are having a new porch built to their house. All the vines slatted have been torn away and there is an appearance of breathing room about the house. Old Sister Hoppins has a goodly supply of boarders and I suppose is therefore happy. Mrs Wm Halliburton continues to grow fat and keeps in good health. Since the Choir has moved to the gallery I don't get a chance to see the lady Halliburtons. Miss Jancy is now at Winston visiting a Miss Watkins & expects to spend the year in Western N.C. visiting relations. She will doubtless have a more pleasant time than at home. Pride Lyon & wife have settled down to be "old folks at home" & I see very little of them. Mrs Dr Battle has a few boarders, but I guess

She has a hard time. Dr Battle is still in the Asylum and while he is improving he is not yet weaned entirely from the Opium habit which was the immediate cause of his insanity. Report says Mrs Battle will have to give up her home, and she is trying to get the one Lee Perry lives in with some prospect of success - If so, what will the Perrys do & where will they go? That's the question. Mr Prescher Durham & family are well - Mr D. Spoke very kindly of bro Phillips at the funeral and we feel kindly towards him, especially since he gave \$5. Towards the \$500. we made up for sister Phillips. Mr. he voluntarily came to Dr Lockhart and offered the \$5. which was accepted. Mrs Spence Watts has been ill this winter but is well again. The Howentons & Regus are all well but as the mud & snow are deep out that way we will not go out any further that way. Where to go next in our visitations I hardly know and I fear time will find me to get all around town this time. On McManis & Co you have some friends we will ask after if we don't stop long - a few pop calls will suffice. Mrs C. G. Farthing & household are well - Mr Angier & wife, Miss Mollie & Mrs & family are all well so far as I know. McCabe & mother have been under the weather somewhat but he is better now - I feared his severe cold wd turn to Pneumonia but it didn't - Sister Phillips, daughter & niece left yesterday with her brother for Greenville N.C. where she will remain for a while and may return here later. I feel very sorry for them but we have made them comfortable for a year or two at least, until the Conference can take up their case and look after them - SR Perry & wife are well - Her health is better than for years - Mrs Dr Thomas is out again after her long spell of illness.