friends & I find myself hushed to get through
& do a little writing; not that it is so great an
interruption but it is almost an impossibility to
write without sending the children to walk or
putting them to sleep. It is a very difficult
matter to interest them. Notwithstanding I
have succeeded admirably well in amusing
Sis this morning by making her & Babie
Jem could not help smile to hear the conversa-
tion she carries on & the different names
(some she never heard) many charges she
gives the Nurse &c. She says she handed one
of the Ladies some Apples & they must have
given some to the Babies cereal have been
sick she has given Lobelia Oil Calomile
one is better one has high fever another
like to have died with Chicken Pox one
died from eating Ground Peas & Pickles &c
Do excuse My repeating such nonsense
but there is nothing up this way to interest
you unless I tell you something about the
children. But I could not begin to repeat half
Sis says for she is talking all the while.
She request me to say to you that She rises
much earlier in the Morning than you
do: she is getting in better habits since you
are gone & goes to bed just at dark She is much
better satisfied than when I first came home
but she speaks of you all very frequently &
would be delighted to see any of you—

Who in the world can it be who is so hasty
in the selection of Flowers It cannot be Mr W
I am sure he has no time to indulge in
sentimentalism and besides he is too frisky
to arrange a bouquet Tell Anna I cannot
imagine her heart so susceptible as to
allow him to trespass—

I have written to Josie; but not as yet re-
plied to Mr Wood's epistle You ask me how
I liked it I thought it a little impertinent
but perhaps I can write one equally as
sarcastic; at any rate I will endeavor to do

Middleground Screw Co

Rev I. L. Brookes

Dear Brother

Being up in my old neighborhood on business I drop you a line in a hurry in reply to your favor which I received before I left home— I give you a thousand thanks for your good offer for James but am sorry he cannot avail himself of the advantages proposed— In the 1st place you was under a Mistake— He is not a Licensed Min=ister but only a pious Member of the Church— and all that I can say about his entering the Ministry is that on some occasions he has said that he would rather be a Minister than any thing else— In the second place if nothing else hindered— the expense of Board &c would be More than I could undertake at present— I have a Scholarship for all my sons to be Educated at

Oglethorpe University near Milledgeville
but that I have not availed myself
of so far from the fact that it is a
Presbyterian College & I would not like
to send them there — I did not purchase
the Scholarship it was presented to me
I have been lucky of late in the way
of offers in the Education line — Bro
Wm C Wilkes of Forsyth Female
College also sent me a Circular with
great inducements for my Daughters
but they are not likely to accept
the offer — Be assured I feel as
much indebted to you as though
I had taken up with your offer
With my love and kindest regards
to all your family I close
Yours Truly
J. Toole

I send for Miss Cornelia Some pills put into quills so they could be sent in this letter. I have carefully prepared them according to the 2nd Receipe I left with you viz Calomel - Squill Digitalis and Specac - one pill will be a dose but if this can be tolerated without depressing the action of the heart too much one half of another pill may be taken in 4 hours then no more for 24 hours - they may be taken in Conjunction with the Whiskey and Saltpetre and will probably have their efficacy increased by the use of the latter at the same time - I would give the pill and continue the Saltpetre as before advised - I send you another receipe for a powerful Diuretic viz Take 1/2 gill ripe pumpkin seeds pound them and put them into a pint of Holland Gin - let it stand a day and night till the Gin is tolerably tinctured with the seeds - a small wine glass of this poured off clear of the seeds and taken three times a day before eating is a powerful diuretic -

I also send you by this mail a copy of a Medical Journal Containg "Mimy's" Case of Dropsy and though ~~and though~~ there is no similarity in the 2 Cases any further than the mere state of Dropsy yet I had a desire for you to read this Case to show the efficacy of the Saltpetre - Squills & digitalis -

As I feel deeply interested in Miss C.s case I hope some of you will write before long and say how she is - I arrived safely at home and my eyes are nearly well Thanks to God for the Blessing & thanks to Sister B - for the Milk that cured me -

When I got to Millen I was informed by Mr Mays who lives there that "Sore Eyes" of a Severe kind had been epidemic in all the lower part of Burke - this set me to thinking that after all I might have caught the disease in the Carr's which was hastened to develop by the irritation of Sparkes and dust - if so how much harm has my visit done you, especially those dear little Children Sorry enough shall I be if it turns out so

We all unite in love to you and all the family

Yours in Christian regard
J. Toole

P.S. If you think at any time my presence with your Sick Daughter can be of any service and will send for me and bear my Expenses On the Cars I will do all I can for her without any other Charge J. Toole

For dropsy

One ounce (~~tapotard~~) Salt Peter in one pint of pure whisky given ~~given~~ a teaspoonful in a table spoonful of water 3 times a day to be increased to four times per day after two days. The patient to be kept not too warm & take no purgative

another

One grain		Calomel
One	Do	Specac
One	"	Squill Root powdered
One	"	Digitalis (Foxglove)
Two	"	Gum Arabic

Incorporate the whole in a Mortar and add a few drops Syrrup or enough to form 6 pills – Two to three of these may be taken for a dose – one every 4 hours

Another Remedy for Dropsy

40 Roots Star grass
1 Handful Elecampane Root
1 ounce Chamomile Flowers
1 Do Powdered Ginger
1/2 lb New Nails

Boil the above in 2 quarts water & add 1 pint good vinegar while boiling

It should not be boiled too rapidly and after it is brought down to less than one half Set it off and before it is quite cool Strain it through a Flannel Towel - throw away the dregs and Mix 1 pint West India Molasses with the Liquid boil this again so as to leave about 1½ pints. The dose is 1 Table Spoonful 3 times a day

Woodville S. C

June 7th 1857.

Very dear Josie

Why is it sweet Sister that you have not replied to my last letter It cannot be that you have forgotten me. If I could persuade myself to think that I would write you almost every day and you would be obliged to think of me occasionally at least while you were reading them. But I cain't think that you have forgotten me and it cannot be that you are so busily engaged I hope that this will be the last time I will have to complain and that in

future you will be a good Sister
It would be impossible for me to
say how often I think of you and
a letter from you would cheer me
in my sadest moments I am sure
then you ought to write me very
frequently.

Aunt Margaret left last monday
of course much delighted at the
thought of seeing her little jewel
so soon We miss her very much
Buddy paid us a short visit on
his way to his Plantation in Ga
He went up as far as Madison with
Aunt M. Miss Lama also left the
same evening She came down for
the benefit of her health several
weeks ago and is somewhat improved though she is no thinner than
I ever saw her She enquired very
particularly after you.

Measles are
prevailing to a considerable
extent throughout the Country
We have had them on the
Plantation for several weeks and
I fear I may get them though
I have tried to keep my distance
There has been about twenty-five
cases they are all doing very well
so far though we have one very ill
at this time-James youngest

Please excuse this-when
you answer me I will write you
a nice long letter. Sister Lidia and
the little ones well a short time
since. Cousin Carrie has been
very ill — she is some-thing better
now. All unite with me in
much love to you and Brother A.
Accept a kiss and write soon to
your fond loving

Anna.

P.S. I could not have forgotten your letter last week for I did come over & count dinner with him as he insisted so strenuously on my doing so & so I did explain - explanation. I forgot your address & headache. Anna after dinner Nov 22 Dear Mrs. Lyon was very much worse. Fear she regrets we sent for Lucie until she got better so I did not get home till Thursday night. The weather is quite warm now & what it has been Lord only knows all Mamie Rose. Thank you for the letter I pray that Grace Branch & wife & child & you & the three come home very soon

My love to each & all I will write to Annie myself when work. The children send love to you all Emma is very foolish about me I am surprised to hear her say she can not learn me & yet she says she does & Mamie she says she dare not live with her she says she never was such a darling. Mamie this world as I and but she will

must that she loves Ma the best
little things to at Eufaula comes
the negroes say he would have him
eating down his throat but could not
think of that as she thought Ashes
would do. How looked quite solemn on
the occasion. Well I hope to see you all
very reconciled from the Blues if I may
so call it. Well Sarah I was
sorry enough to have you all run over
to day while I was there but as we
could not help that privilege you also
must excuse me & stay with
me like a good girl when I should
be delighted to have you all come up as
soon as you can. I have a large table
made the accommodate 20 & a few other
little things that I know any
one would like to see. I would like
very much to see you all & Bet
I will promise you a good
supper. I believe all the blood in my

Well Sis as it is Saturday I have many
I can't write. Good bye Love to each all
ones as at boiling heat. I reckon
you will think so when I tell you I
am writing & ironing at
same time I am trying a recipet for
making white soap in 3 hours I made
some very nice country soap a day or
two since but do not know how this
will end I thought as I had to have
a fire I would cook after it myself &
make my Pickles by the same fire.
Well I hope you all are quite well &
have escaped the measels. The children
are quite well. I am a little surprised
at it for such weather is enough to
make any one sick. How is it with you all
What kind of crops in your section
at this season I believe the cotton
Plantes have almost despaired though
the corn is as fine for this season

Believe Me your devoted Sister While
away soon & Rip all for Me Lydia
as fit cambs be I see Through the
Papers that the Crops in Barnwell are
unusually poor & I am afraid it is
the case in Edgefield The cold nights &
mornings is the cause of the cotton
dying in this country Mr Ayer never
tried harder in his life to make a cotton
crop & never was so discouraged before
We have no fruit except raspberries I
believe some of the neighbors have Plums
There is plenty of Blackberry Wine in
contemplation I believe the crop is
very promising the wild Grapes
But the summer is very dull without
fruit- Well Julia You must excuse
this I hope when I write again it
will not look so gloomy out & perhaps
My spirits will enliven you as it
is this cold gloomy prospects in
summer rather influence My spir

Greenville S. C. July 26th 1857

Dear Anna

Before retiring to night I drop a hasty lene in order to procure an answer at Greenwood by next Tuesday evening Should this get in the mail to go by tomorrows cars & do not miscarry it will arrive on Saturday evening & an answer leaving Monday 10, O, Clk or at night will without delay reach Greenwood on Tuesday 3 O, clk Now Anna you know what information above everything else would be most pleasing to me: namely of my dear Child could give me evidence of her having experienced upon her heart Gods work of saving grace. But your father is very faithless upon this point and will not look for such information. The next pleasing intelligence will be to hear that all are well; and the last point on which I would be gratified to recieve enlightenment is whether it rained a good shower wetting the swamp field as well as the home place on monday after I left home. I was overtaken by a very fine shower that evening which seemed to come from toward Augusta out of which I found shelter with a friend

I arrived here by last evening's Train & attended the Commencement exercises to day which were somewhat interesting. The Board of Trustees have held several meetings & will be much engaged tomorrow On Saturday morning we take the cars back to Greenwood to attend the Convention which will likely continue till Tuesday Evening. Should the Board get through & the Convention adjourn so as for me to leave by the cars on Wednesday 10 O Clk I may be expected home perhaps early on Friday to start again for meeting at Union on Saturday morning. So you see Anna preachers have but little rest. Tell all how'de and believe me

Your affectionate father Wilson L. Brooks

[ca. July 27, 1857]

Resolved that Synod at the annual Session of 1856 through the instrumentality of abolitionists appointed a Committee of fifteen to take into consideration the subject of embracing in their publication the subject of slavery & to report at this next annual Session - And whereas the Report of that committee of fifteen made at their late anniversary of 1857 & being passed with great unanimity was made a matter of special thanks given by the Society Contained the following Resolutions viz: 1st That in endeavoring to accomplish its high & holy purpose the Society should deal ever kindly & dear impartial testimony against all forms of fundamental error & practical Immoralities prevailing in any & every part of our country

2d That in the fulfillment of your commission the political aspects of Slavery lie entirely without the proper sphere of this Society & cannot be discussed in its publications; but that those moral duties which grow out of the existence of Slavery; as well as those moral duties evils and sins which it is known to promote & which are condemned in Scripture - and as must deplored by evangelical Christians wherever they are found in the Communion of this Society & ought to be discussed in a fraternal & Christian Spirit: and whereas the above Resolutions indicate an intention to of unjustifiable interference with the Institution of Slavery and also strongly intimate the exclusion of Slave holders from the table of evangelical Christians

[ca. July 22, 1857]

Owing to the progress which it was at that period [illegible] of 1856 through the instrumentality of abolitionists assembled a Committee of fifteen to take into consideration the subject of emancipation in their Commonwealth & to report at their next annual session - And whereas the Report of that committee of fifteen made at their late anniversary of 1857 & being fraught with great unanimity was made a matter of special thanks & giving by the Society contained the following Resolution viz: "That in endeavoring to accomplish its task & hold aloft the Society should deal even handedly & bear impartial testimony against all forms of fundamental error & practical immorality prevailing in any & every part of our country"

"That in the enforcement of your commission the political aspects of Slavery be entirely without the proper sphere of this Society & cannot be discussed in its publications; but that those moral duties which grow out of the existence of Slavery; as well as those moral evils and sins which it is known to present & which are condemned in Scripture and to most deplorably [illegible] by evangelical Christians wherever they are found in the province of this Society & ought to be discussed in a fraternal & Christian spirit". And whereas the above Resolutions indicate an intention to of unjustifiable interference with the Institution of Slavery and also strongly intimate the exclusion of Slaveholders from the table of evangelical Christians

Phila. 1618 Chest. St.
Feb 9th. 1858.

My dear Miss Biffie

It has been a long long time since I received your last letter but I had no time till Christmas when I expected to write so many letters and accomplish everything else that I wished to, but with the long for holidays Richie came just from home and Luther and Joe from Princeton, and Mr. Manly too, then party invitations the vexation of dressing and shopping walked very sadly into my precious time. Still I enjoyed them very much, the parties made a most delightful break upon our usual monotone.

Then since the holidays we have been expecting that Nannie would leave and have been gradually getting her off. She finally went two weeks earlier than we expected. Mr Manly has been sending me anti homesick powers as he calls them ever since she left. The preparation consists in saying, slip slam slender sappling, the other Peter piper, I have had but little time to be homesick and therefore Mr Mrs powders were not much needed. I received a nice long letter from Ella Duncan this morning, she is a very negligent correspondant have had but two letters from her since I left home. She asked me to thank Miss Lizzie for her letter meaning it as a reproach for not writing. I hear from Richie quite often, I think he is really studying, has been to see me and as usual lost his heart, on a young lady who he pronounces perfectly beautiful while we think her very homely, there is one of the Southern expressions homely instead of the dear old Southern one ugly. He is very handsome now his freckles have worn off and he has grown considerably. Luther has gone home they could not do without him longer, you may see him often as he will go on with his studies with Mr Thorpe. My music both instrumental and vocal keep me very busy, my teacher in the former branch is such a flatterer, tells me that if he had three years would make an artist of me, I mean to let him try. This letter is designed to let you see that you are not forgotten, excuse a short one I may write soon again if I have time Dont show my letter Aggie.

Greenville, S.C.
16th Jany 1858.

Rev. T. L. Brookes,

Dear Sir,

I wrote you Dec. 15th (which letter it would seem you did not receive) that I would meet your note at the Bank of Hamburg on the 12th & 15th February. I have made arrangements to do so by a loan from the bank of the State, Charleston. I believe the note is dated Augt 1st. The interest

m $3,000,00 To January 1st. is $87.60 2800.00

" Int on $2,000,00 1m. 15d. 17.42

Due 15th Feby/58 - $2102.42

If I am in error in respect

& the date, the bank will send me a statement, and I will send a draft on Charleston for the amount.
I have at present received but few responses to the University accounts which I have sent out. There is over $5000.00 of interest due, which I regard as good, and I shall urge the obligors strongly to pay up.
The Tuition for Mr. Toole will be arranged.
Yours very truly
C. H. Judson.

Waterford Georgia
January 4th 1858

My beloved Sister

I hope you will excuse a few lines in great haste I intended to write last Friday but Laura & Father stayed several days with Pa & I could not find time I am expecting Mrs Dessau this evening & as Mr Ayer is going to Town I will have an opportunity to enclose $10. to Pa & at the same time tell you that my barbour was left though I will send it the first opportunity If Pa can put the things in a Barbour & put it in the trunk I can at same time return it. Please fill it with Ground-nuts if Pa made a good crop I am anxious to plant them if not however don't send them I may procure them up here all pretty well & join in much love to each & all I hope Josie Rufus will write to her very soon & again to yourself & Nelly excuse haste & believe me your devoted Sister

Virginia

Andy wants Ma to
get him some Pomatums
for hair die

Hillsboro Dec 8th 1857

Rev. Mr Brooks

I saw your son the last time he was in here and he stated that you would not be in here until next year some time and the money you owe the Est. of Dr S. A. Connells your Medical Acct. the amount is twenty nine dollars and twenty six cents, which amount you will please forward as his Est. must be settled up as soon as possible.

Yours Respectfully

Lucien L. Rhodes

1857

L. L Rice wants

Dr Cornwell, bill paid

New York Oct. 21. 1857

Rev. Iverson L. Brookes
Vicinity of Hamburg S.C.

Dear Sir

Your fav. of the 17th inst. is at hand and I am pleased to notice the sale of 32 B/ Cotton which Yr approval & have bought that this very unusual panic & disturbance in money matters throughout the country has prevented my collecting & remitting you the proceeds as promptly as I could have desired. I have just succeeded in obtaining a further remittance from J. Carpenter which includes the balance due you from him say $219.01 for which you have enclosed my Certified check on the Bank of Republic in your favor

There still remains unpaid the small balance from Palmer of $147, but this I am daily expecting to receive as he is perfectly good but cannot get funds on N.Y. to send me. When received I will at once remit you. There is at the moment little or no stock of Cotton here. Community not much doing to establish prices.

Very truly Yours

L.M. Brigham

1852

L. H. Brigham Factor
in N.Y.

Walkerford Georgia
October 26th 1857

My Dear Pa

I presume you have learned through the girls that I arrived at Mr Dyer's a week ago after a pleasant trip - I did not encounter any difficulties - I found Mrs Dyer still very low - though she has improved in some respects - Mr Dyer is complaining though he is not confined to his room

He is the most healthy looking subject to have been sick so long I ever saw ——

The children are improving Sissy says she wishes her Grand Pa Brooks would come up here & get well — The weather is very fine just cold enough to be pleasant We have had considerable frost & I suppose the sickness in this vicinity will subside

You expressed a wish while I was with you to know how you might Grind your Chinese Sugar Cane without incurring much expense - Upon inquiry I find that either of your Carpenters can put up a Mill in two days that will suffice But it may be to late to preserve it It should be gathered as soon as the head turns down & the seed become dark If it remains too long it will take the seed out inside I understand one of the neighbors made 120 Gal of Syrup on 2 acres of Land -

I should think you would find it profitable for your servants and decidedly more profitable than buying If I were you I would plant it next year even should this attempt prove fruitless. Mr Ayer says he will send you as many seed as you wish The animals to try

Mr Ayer says if you wish the Speckled Corn Dia he will furnish you with seed He also says if you prefer that he should keep the Corn he promises till you are ready to plant he will do so or send it you -

Should you not comprehend the drawing &c You can procure a cast-iron of the same plan from Winship of Atlanta price $5-0 With my best wishes I must close Write my son & let me hear your opinion Tell the girls to write to me Good Bye

Your devoted child

S.V. Ayer

P.S Mr Ayer says the Sorghum is all a humbug -

Rev. Solomon D. Brooks,
Blandburg,
Co. Cambria
Pa.

it should nothing forward I will try to draw such a Mill as some of the neighbors have used with success

Three Cylinders

1 2 3 4 The post on which the platform rest - 5 the three perpendicular Cylinders placed touching each other the middle one extending upwards through the cap 6 & 7 The lever placed on the top of the middle Cylinder at the end of which the horse is attached -

The cylinders have cogs around the top - the middle one corresponding & persons stands one side & pushes the lever through the Clocks just beneath the cogs At figure 8 While another pushes at

on the opposite side pushes it back as
figure 9. The juice is conducted into a
tub which is placed beneath after having
been strained through a wire blanket
which is thrown over the tub It is then
put into large pots & boiled You can
easily ascertain when it becomes Syrup
by dropping a little on your thumb nail
if it spreads it is not sufficiently cooked

Well Pa I hope my description is sufficiently elaborate should it afford you as much amusement as it has Ma & Lyer I shall feel duly compensated. I hope you will overlook my blunders & excuse my miserable scribbling I find it rather difficult to write as my pen will hardly mark. I shall be glad to hear from you very soon I will write to Ma shortly

W Dyer unites with me in love to each one of the family The children send love & kisses to yourself Ma & Annie—