

Bretton



Prince George Hotel
Fifth Avenue & 28th Street

Charlotte N.C.

Sept. 4th 1919

Dear Son

I was at this hotel last week hoping that you would arrive in N.Y. & give the great pleasure of giving you a personal welcome to the Old U.S. The reports in July indicated that your Division would very likely arrive the last week in Aug. So having business in N.Y. I selected that week in job. & transacted it. I left there on Friday & stopped in Washington for other duties & then stopped at Canaan for 3 days with John & Marion. I am just from there & on my way to fill Sunday appointments in Sulphur. Mrs. & Sister were quite well & enjoying each other. Sister will be on hand to welcome you to Canaan. I think the prospects

on the plantation are very good,
& just has much work in progress
& projected for the future - But
you will see for yourself, I hope,
before many days are past -
If it is possible for you to reach
the coast before the 25th, Little Keith
will be there & I too by the 28th.
I think - You see I am assuming
that you will be in N.Y. when this
note gets there. During October
I will be at General Convention in
Detroit - As Little Keith & I have
no home until Bath Hill is
built, she will spend that
month with Henry in Swanton
- John G. in Frankfort Ky. where
he has a church -
Let us know at once your
movements and how we can
reach you by letter or
telegram -

This is a most affectionate

welcome to you - I will be
so grateful & thankful when
I hear that you are safe
back home once more -

With much love

Affectionately Your father
Theodore D Bralton

In reply refer to
G-1/1577.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
WASHINGTON.

JAN 13 1922

Bishop Theodore D. Bratton,
Bishop of Mississippi,
Jackson, Miss.

My dear Bishop:

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 21, 1921, with reference to the recommendation for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant Randolph Bratton, your son.

In reply, I desire to state that I have had the records of the American Expeditionary Forces examined and find that the original of the recommendation you inclose was acted on in December 1918, by the Board of Awards at General Headquarters, and was disapproved for the reason that the act cited did not quite fulfill the requirements for the award of this decoration.

There is now no decoration prescribed by law for acts of gallantry, which although not quite up to the standard prescribed for the Distinguished Service Cross, are yet deserving of recognition.

I have, however, caused a study of this subject to be made for presentation to Congress, with a view of having legislation passed which will remedy this defect, and it is my belief that in due time it will receive favorable consideration.

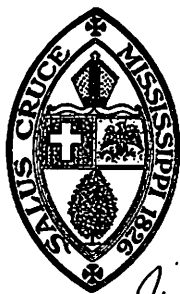
I wish to assure you of my high appreciation both of the patriotic services of yourself and of the gallantry of your son.

Very truly yours,



JOHN J. PERSHING,
General of the Armies,
Chief of Staff.

Dec 5-1936
Dear Son. I have long been
trying to find this for you, & had
concluded that I must have
sent it to you a few minutes
since I saw across it, & at once
forward it to you. It contains
the original as well as copies -
Love for each of the dear ones -
affly
D. D. Bratton



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Gautier Miss
Aug 18 / 1937

My Very Dear Eula.

You have been constantly in heart & mind during the days, & my own experience enables me to enter into your thoughts & emotions; - into the lost feeling as you realize more & more keenly that half of yourself is gone beyond your call & your touch. I know that the Loving Holy Comforter will sustain you & give you courage to face the duties of the days as they come - We must arrange that you & the children make your home together, and for this John Bratton and I are planning. I learn also that Mr. Peyton & Randolph's business friends are pushing their application for the Widow's Pension, & if this succeeds the task of proper provision for you will be made much more assured. John Gass, who was dearest to Randolph, has deposited \$100.00 to my credit for you as you need. & I am most grateful to him as I know you will be. Some time, when you can get to it, write him a note to "Rev. John Gass, 830 Park Ave, New York, N. Y."

It may be that you need all of this now, & if so let me hear & I will send the balance at once; otherwise I will hold it upon your call. I enclose for you - When you are "good & ready to write", let me hear what you are thinking so that I may be of all the help possible to you -

We have at Fairhaven, Wm's family (except Theodore, at work in Houston, Tex.) Isabel & her son, and Currier & John Gass. The boys are having great fishing & swimming in the waters in front of the sides of us -

I want you to thank Louise Allison (I think it was she) for her letter & the newspapers - I hope to write to her, but just now my correspondence is far greater than I can compass -

All join me in much love for you & the dear children & give my love to your dear mother -

Affectionately

Theodore D. Bratton

LAKEVIEW HOUSE

JACKSON'S POINT
LAKE SIMCOE

"The Popular Summer Resort"

Jackson's Point, Ont. Aug 17 1922

Dear Ella:-

The sad news of Randolph's tragic death has just reached me here in this far away place where we have been having a little vacation from the heat and turmoil of New York, and I am hastening this line to you to assure you how sincerely my heart goes out to you. Nothing here I ever had anything effect me as this news has it depresses me so completely, for I have always had the most tender place in my heart for Randolph. Back in the old days when we were growing up together he and I were very intimate and close to one another. His personality was one of the

LAKEVIEW HOUSE

JACKSON'S POINT
LAKE SIMCOE

"The Popular Summer Resort"

Jackson's Point, Ont. 19.

For boys! We were a victim and a prey
 At the war for us, as you know better than
 the rest of us, than those who were killed on the
 battle-fields; and I am afraid in my own mind
 nothing but the deepest sympathy and under-
 standing for him. Now if we will ever know
 how much he suffered or how bravelly he fought
 to death in saving those lost turning stones -

For myself my sympathies are with the greater
 and if it will help you to know of the sorrow
 pressing at me with Lord your husband as a
 brother, then we are in fullest measure -

Of there is anything I can do to help along

in the same direction I will be glad to do it

LAKEVIEW HOUSE

JACKSON'S POINT
LAKE SIMCOE

"The Popular Summer Resort"

Jackson's Point, Ont. 19.....

We know and we assured that if it is in my
power to do it, I shall most gladly undertake
it.

May God bless you and keep you and
give you the grace and the wisdom. feeling
grace and keep is my most earnest wish
and prayer.

Sincerely yours,
John Brown.

I saw of him while he
was in Birmingham and I
regret that I couldn't have
known him better. I have
thought of you and those
lovely children so much.

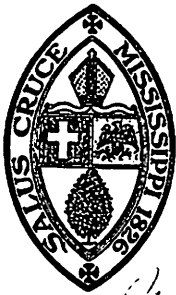
I wish you were near enough
to me to see something
of you. If any of you
ever come this way we
could so have for you
— come to see us.

Birmingham, B.C.
October 4, 1907

My dear Eula,

Our house warming
has saddened by the news
of Randolph's illness and
we were shocked and dis-
tressed to hear of his
passing. He was indeed
a lovable person and
a brave and honorable
man. I enjoyed the little

We have hardly been at home
at all since the first of January
but we hope we are settled for a
while now - and can enjoy here
at home - and seeing our friends
We wish you would forget me. We
hope you won't forget to hear from
me and the children.
With much love to you and
all in which I wish you
first sincerely
I remain
your friend
Thank you so much for sending
the clippings. I am so glad to
have them.



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Aug 31 / 1937

My Very Dear Aunt.

Your letter came as we were breaking camp on the coast. Little Mother, with William & his family came back to Jackson on Saturday, taking a route through Louisiana made necessary by the roads under construction between here & the Coast. I went to Bent State Sanatorium for the Tuberculous for services & personal ministrations to the bed ridden on Sunday. - We spent Sunday & Monday & drove his family to Keene's today.

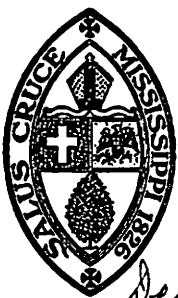
You cannot grieve yourself in any way for what has happened, - nor feel any pain for Mrs. Randolph. The thing is over & gone to hell, and his love never fails, - his mercy is as the "great deep" - I can enter fully into your feeling of loneliness & isolation, - for the separation of his mother's death and the success of the voyage. I will write you - I will be with you - I will be with you - I will be with you, to write you the love in the heart which the child has lost - & for bearing with you now and "hereafter" -

John wrote me, an interesting letter, & after mentioning
the situation - & the way it stands - hoping that he would be able
to help you to make your own decision - I am sorry that I
was interrupted by the Post Office in Raleigh for more info if I address.
Rather strange, as I have always used only Raleigh N.C. in writing
to him, & the Telephone Director is in every Post Office - The returned
letter came when you did - I sent it to John, but the time was
sorry delay had been occasioned -

No doubt you have begun to think of the future, - and I would like you to share your thoughts with me, so that I may working toward the end that you have in mind. I realize that my years past me in the class of the Old, - & time is a very real factor. So write me as soon as you have surmounted the problem, as well as your cur-

We were late in getting your check to you this month, because of the confusion of packing things away & moving ourselves, &c. which I am sorry - It may be that the date of payment coincides with some other - until I see a rearrange my place -

You will recall that we thought Karel's health would be improved by hospital treatment, & that we had arranged to send you a check for \$100.00 for the travel required in his transportation of Karel. Therefore the readjustment of my time to his needs is not in the least lessened in which we find no release. Please give my affectionate regards to all the family. Little Mother & I are in love with you & much love for you & the dear children. -



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*Sevance Tenn.
Sept 15/1937*

Dear Eula -

I found your letter at home, & also one from Joe Bratton. Monday as I spent the evening & then left on the night train for Chattanooga for a meeting on yesterday. This day at its close came on here - John with me as I plan to rent a house so as to have a place for you & the children, which I heartily rejoice to know. You know that I will be sending you not less than \$20.00 each month, & more if I can. I have also \$50.00 which is yours from John's sale - which you are to write for when it is needed, either all at one time or in any way you want. I will be at home probably on Monday next for 2 days about - John tells me he will send you a stated amount each month - & that you may be able to get part time work, which will be a great help in giving you some interest outside of the home, as well helping with expense account - I am writing rather hastily between duties, so that you may know what my understanding is, & be able the better to keep me posted - I am thinking of you constantly with understanding & sympathy. With much love for you & each of your dear ones.

*Affectionately
Theodore D. Bratton*

Dear Eula:-

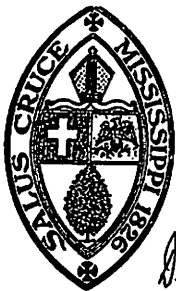
I was glad to hear from you that Randolph is better. I am sending a \$10.00 money order for \$10.00 which I hope will help some in an emergency. Father will be in Pensacola, Tenn. - Apr. 2-6 - and could be reached there. If you need either of us & if I can relieve Father of an extra trip, please call me.

Keep me posted as to Randolph's condition - & with love from all -

*Sincerely yours -
William*

401 BOYD PLACE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Apr. 1 - 1937.



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Sept 21/1937

Dear Eula.

I am here for this one day, and fortunately at this particular time when I can send the document the Doctor wants. I leave tonight, after a very busy day clearing my desk & attending to Church business. This is a mere note to send our love to you & the dear children. I do hope you are settled in the house & that the compensation will be granted which our friends believe, as we do, should be accorded by the U.S. - I am thinking of you very, very often -

Affectionately Yours Father

Theodore D Bratton

RT. REV. THEODORE D. BRATTON, D.D., LL. D.
1541 WEST CAPITOL STREET

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Nov 3 1941

My very Dear Lula

I was so glad to have all the news of the family from dear Isabel - I to have such a fine report of Randolph - I am anxious to live long enough to see all the children through the High School & as far along as possible toward their readiness for self support - Each attack that comes our way brings a little fear that I may not be able to carry on - But the Lord has been wonderfully good & each time has given me another year or life - I am just now getting over one of them - We are all in very good shape now - the young folk especially so - I think I wrote you that Isabel is married again - to Sam Edmundson from Kansas who has been employed by the Sun-Clair Oil Co. here in Jackson - They have an apartment in easy reach of us & seem to quite happy & content -

Cots of love for you & the dear children.

Affectionately

Theodore D. Bratton

RT. REV. THEODORE D. BRATTON, D.D., LL.D.
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My Dear Gula.

Happy & Blessed New Year to you, Randolph & the dear girls - And thank dear Isabel for her delightful letter - She is a real letter writer & has the gift of telling what her readers most want to hear - I have in mind a lot of messages to my friends, old & young, & to my kin - I think of them every afternoon. So you & the girls begin with Miss Kate & go down the line with a message by loving greeting from me -

With a whole lot for you each one

This is my first letter in
1943 as you see from
the above I had to change date

Affectionately

Theodore D. Bratton

Jan / 1947

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Dec 15 / 1943

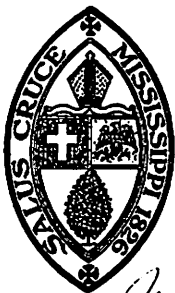
My Beloved Gula & Girls

I want a little hand in your Christmas - Thank Isabel for Randolph's address - I am sending him a message - My boys are every where - good news so far - I keep them all in heart prayers -

A blessed Christmas tide for each of you.

Affectionately

Much love from us for you
T.D. Bratton



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You cannot justly reproach yourself in any way for what has happened, nor feel any fear for dear Randolph. The loving Father knows it all, and His love never fails. - His Mercy is as the "great deep". I can enter fully into your feeling of loneliness & desolation, - for the memory of his Mother's death and the succeeding months are still vivid to me - You will have strength from the Holy Spirit to carry on, to live day by day in the cares which the children bring & for bearing which you now need "the strength of two".

John wrote me, immediately he returned home, a letter very full and satisfactory. I answered it at once hoping that we might together begin to help you to make plans for the future. Unfortunately my letter was returned by the Post Office in Raleigh for more specific address. Rather strange as I have always used only Raleigh N.C. in writing to him, & the telephone directory is in every Post Office. - The returned letter came when you died - I sent it to John, but the unnecessary delay had been occasioned.

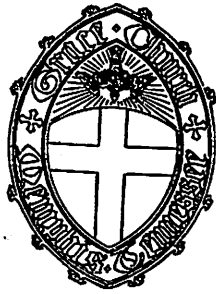
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You will recall that we thought Randolph would be recovered by Hospital treatment, & that I had arranged to send you a check check month for the time required for ^{his} resumption of work. - Therefore the readjustment of my plans to meet as far as I can the new condition in which we find ourselves. - Please give my affectionate greetings to your dear Mother. - Little Mother & Isabel join me in much love for you & the dear children. - Give my love to each of the Ellisons & thank them again for all their kindness.

Affectionately Yours Truly
Theodore D. Bratton

Grace



Church

~~Rev. Chas. C. Wright, D. D. Editor~~

Bance and Lauderdale Sts.

Memphis, Tenn.

Dec. 20 - 1932

Dear Randolph; -

I have thought a lot about you and Eula since we arrived here Dec. 1st - Don't even know whether you knew we had moved - but we are delighted to be so much ~~home~~ nearer home & in so much nearer touch with most of the members of the family. We are close enough, now, to see something of you and John & I hope we can arrange it may be this summer. We have been spending our August vacation at Gantier and the next in Colorado or New Mexico, either of which were reached in 1 1/2 days - But now that we have cut loose from the West, we may be exploring in various directions - and what I would like to do would be to come your way this summer.

We heard from Katherine who is in Jackson for Christmas, the other day, that Sibly had had a fall & had broken her hip -

Grandmother was - but there seems to be danger that she may -

Unfortunately I did not get the low-down on your address before Kit left & we have a feeling that you may not be in Wimsboro - ~~that~~ so I am sending this to Mr. and Mrs. - And have made a check to Mr. or Mrs. so that you or Eula can use it to get a Christmas present for the children from my & me - We are so much out of touch with what their desires might be that we would rather leave this with you -

With the best Christmas wishes and our love for you all -

Devotely your brother -

William -

DUKE HOSPITAL
DURHAM NORTH CAROLINA

1-26-36-

Dearest Kid;

Hope you all are O.K.
Havint any news are they have
not made a real examination
yet - It's 1:00 o'clock now and
they will probably do it this
afternoon - but am writing
now so you will get it to-
morrow -

It's very nice here - I'm
in a ward with six beds - but
it is divided by glass partitions,
which you can't see through, so
it's all right -

Had a good nights sleep -
and am really feeling better -
; Please kiss the kids and keep
em too - Much love
Dad -
Hendry -

Please send the two books back
to the library P.

My dear Susan,
This little note
reaches you in a few days
after a check-in with
the meadow-meadow
for your little children &
from the package that
reaches you by the time
my love & a prayer in my
heart, bringing the three
over. Sincerely
Your mother

Honorable Discharge from The United States Army

The within Discharge
recorded this 10 day of August
1937 In Book Veterans Page B.
W. W. Lewis



W. W. LEWIS,
Clerk of Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions
for Fairfield County, S. C.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That * Randolph Bratten, ^{Born May 18, 1895} #5778
* 1st Lt. U.S. Army. Last rank Co. F. 28th Infantry

THE UNITED STATES ARMY, as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL

SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the military service of the

UNITED STATES by reason of: Exp. term serv. H. D. Act 106 7/3/18

Said Randolph Bratten was born
in Spartanburg, ^{5/18/1895} in the State of S. Carolina

When enlisted he was 21 1/2 years of age and by occupation a Farmer

He had Brown eyes, Brown hair, Ruddy complexion, and
was 6 feet 1 inches in height.

Given under my hand at Camp Gordon, Ga. this
26th day of Sept., one thousand nine hundred and nineteen

CLERK OF COURT
W. W. LEWIS
FAIRFIELD COUNTY S. C.

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Major B. Bratten
Major B. Bratten
Commanding.

CLERK'S OFFICE

Form No. 525, A. G. O.
Oct. 9-18.

* Insert name, Christian name first; e. g., "John Doe."

† Insert Army serial number, grade, company and regiment or arm or corps or department; e. g., "1,620,302"; "Corporal, Company A, 1st Infantry"; "Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps"; "Sergeant, First Class, Medical Department."

‡ If discharged prior to expiration of service, give number, date, and source of order or full description of authority therefor.

Name: Randolph Bratton Grade: Sergeant
Enlisted, or Inducted, Apr. 17, 1917, at Columbia, S. C.
Serving in First enlistment period at date of discharge.
Prior service: * None

Noncommissioned officer: Co. E. 1st Reg. 73/17, 1st. 8/1/18.

Marksmanship, gunner qualification or rating: 1st. Rifleman 5/1/19.

Horsemanship: Not mentioned

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: A. E. F. in France & Germany 6/14/17 to 9/13/19.

Montdidier-Mazancourt 6/14-6/13/18. Aisne-Marne 7/18-7/26/18. St. Michel 9/2-9/16/18. Meuse-Argonne 9/26-11/11/18.

Decorations, medals, badges, citations: Cited by Gen. Pershing 7/21/19 for Gallantry in action 10/11/18.
Cited in G. O. 29 Hq. 1st Div. 12/4/18.
Cited in G. O. 94 Hq. 1st Div. 12/13/18.

Knowledge of any vocation: Farming

Wounds received in service: Shrapnel wound in back, 7/30/18.

Physical condition when discharged: Good

Typhoid prophylaxis completed 5/4/17

Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed 7/25/17

Married or single: Single

Character: Excellent

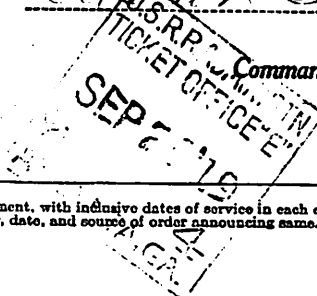
Remarks: No adverse orders A. O. 107. True travel pay to
Winnboro, S. C.

Co. F, 28th Inf. from enr. to 9/13/19.

Signature of soldier: Randolph Bratton.

16/1/13

W. B. Gray
Captain Infantry
Commanding Detachment



Jackson Miss Feb 28/94
 I was surprised & glad to
 get your Valentine. I'm writing
 from Wm's box - & by the way
 these days have elapsed before
 telling you so - Mary & I go before
 the next day, but no water - I liked
 could have squeezed in a card some
 time - We had a fine dinner & then
 a very good one for a night's visit
 on Thursday p.m. - They were on their
 way to join their kind friends near New-
 York. The Bellingtons had where they spent
 the winter - The husband is graduated at
 Randolph College, & was sent back to Bellington
 where they are in a way in a way in a way
 for the assignment. Did I ever tell you
 that our dear brother is now in Thomas
 who was the son of St. John's. Who is now
 early in his ministry. He is in a way in a way
 & will be in the very near future. His brother
 is a student at the married of the College
 Thomas's daughter. We are having a
 spring. All of us are well. Marion very
 well in the church. Red Cross, W.D.
 I married Daisy Belle is a son of St. John's
 so that is a fine thing. Feb 21 - Her husband is
 a very fine soldier (Fitzhugh) & a fine
 son of the Wood Miss) Mr. Fitzhugh. His father
 & mother are very people. The mother is a most
 clean & organized. Love for each other
 Affly
 T. D. Brantton

Jackson May 12 1944
I have been partly lazy & partly busy, but too busy that could stand scolding - However you are, each one all the time in heart & mind. I am wondering where Randall is? - I can't keep the log, neither could we exactly lay so many of our boys. Check up help when we have had several conferences (Chapel) during past 3 weeks - & there have been 40 visits from friends who have been very dear to me for yrs. 30 to 68 yrs past. The last one of my Silvanee family who also has been one of my clergy for 38 yrs - He is 86 - 6 yrs older than me - but an interesting & during all these yrs - He lives by himself on our coast & still has holy communion every Sunday as a retired Priest - We eat all well. I hope to ordain as Deacon one of my dear friends & say Reden for 38 years, but in the Bishop appointing the day, lots of love for each other in their order after I. D. Stratton

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To John and Randolph Bratton:-

Dear Sons,

I had expected to make a digest of our findings at once and send back to you, but press of business has delayed me.

First let me call your attention to omissions which should be added to your Budget. (1) Taxes, (2) Church Dues. These two duties to State and God must be first charges and I hope you will make them and notify me so that I may add them to my figures. This requires a change in art. of Plantation Budget on the inclosure.

First. As I view it you have an exceedingly difficult problem to work out, requiring an increase in your annual earning capacity far above former years. To this end, organization of the crop department on the one hand, under Randolph, and of the machinery, repairs and live stock, under John, should be pushed for all they are worth. The most careful and vigorous oversight of both are necessary.

Randolph should give all his time to a study of the greatest economy in the planting and rearing of the crops, in overseeing the croppers and pushing them forward to the best that is in them. A seed patch, both for corn and other crops, should be a speciality to be worked by the wage hands from which seed each year can be selected. The Farmer's Bulletins will be of great value and can be had from Clemson College, or through your congressman. The suggestions can be adapted to your conditions. To his department would belong the general barn food for the live stock, hay, grains, etc. Also clearing of land.

John should, beside his shop and machinery department, have the live stock, increasing his herd and pigs and looking forward to the earliest revenue possible from them; Planning the shelter for them, and the patches for pushing their growth, with the proper succession of crops adapted to the soil, should belong to his department, while Randolph with his wage hands looks to the culture. The care of pastures is important.

In both cases you ought to have the proper bulletins and study them. The biggest question of all is the expense account and the advice of the Experiment Stations will have to be very carefully adapted to your conditions.-for these stations are often extravagant. A good crop is important, but the cost of the crop is even more important to success.

Second. The Budget. I assume that Randolph and Lewis will keep the books. These should show your Liabilities, -(a) the remote ones, i.e. the Purchase Price and The Farm Loan Bank Loan should be kept separate. For the present, the Interest on the Farm Loan is the only item to appear on your Books from the Remote Liabilities. Put that on your account together with the Liabilities of the Year and the Plantation Budget, so that it may never be lost sight of. There follows the Budget in detail. It is most important to watch each item so that the expense of each may be kept down.

Third. I suggest that all checks be written by Lewis or Randolph, and that in your evening conferences you decide on what is to be done, and checks to be written, keeping a memorandum, so that you will not be taking snap judgement, nor running up bills without careful

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thought. Select one or two to write checks.

Fourth. I assume that your partnership will continue. If you find that you must dissolve, then the adjustment of a right dissolution must be a matter of careful agreement in which somebody outside must be your umpire. You must remember that under conditions of debt, your shares are really worthless, and my equity is equally so. There is a share of \$6000 and there is approximately \$18000 of debt standing against it, the value of the share is lost until the obligation is wiped out. So if Randolph should draw out, it could be at the loss of his share and with a large debt besides which he should justly assume, just how much to be determined by conference. So I hope you will, together, work out the salvation of Cannon and yourselves. Your honor demands it and your interests no less.

Fifth. I hope you will remember that I have voluntarily decided over the inheritance that I have for my old age and for Mother and the girls. Justice to them demands that you do your best. If, having done your best, failure comes, then I will have nothing to say. But duty to them demands that I say something now, while the future is before us. No that we have in your hands, without any security. And this is willingly done by me. No determined to accomplish a stupendous task. Your own dear Mother and I sacrificed everything for you and the other children, and Little Mother has been just as loyal and ready to sacrifice everything, as she showed in joining with me in the deed to you of Cannon. I ask only that you will do as your parents have done.

I hope all will move smoothly and well with you. Write to me as regularly as you can and let me know how everything goes. Randolph, as the single man, ought to keep me

With love for you all,

Devotedly your father,

Robert B. Jones

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