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Our own precious darling Boy

Mother was delighted to hear from her own precious darling boy a few days ago and to know that he was improving. Mother has been so anxious about her own love, and does hope that he is over the worst of his whooping cough. She is very sorry that you have been so anxious about her and does hope that all chance of her having the fever has passed. I must say that I did not stop to look the matter all around, and consider the cost or I should have gone far more reluctantly than I did. Still I don't see how they could have gotten on without me for they said they had tried to get a trained nurse, and all of them were engaged, and I never should have forgiven myself if ^{had not gone and} Louise had died and they seemed to appreciate my going so much. I had a note from Bessie to

day she wrote that Louise was getting on nicely, and that the baby was very restless the night before she wrote, and she called in the Dr but he said he could not see any thing the matter with him, so I'm hoping that they may escape. Pat was sick so could not go over Monday as she expected nor have they succeeded in getting any one else as yet, and I don't think they will as long as the people know the fever is in the house. Papa dear had to drive about twelve or fifteen miles this hot dusty afternoon to bury a young man at Person church, & certainly did hate for him to have to go.

This is the first night of Mr Grizzard's commencement. Mr Lebrun of Courtland will make the address tomorrow night they will have music and recitations, so you see we are having big times in Boykins, and there will be three gold medals awarded to night too.

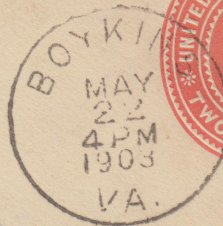
We are invited out to tea to night
to eat shad, and ice-cream, but I
don't think Papa dear will get back
in time for they will have supper at
even so as to get to the church where
the exercises will be held, and it is
now half past six, so we will miss
a good supper. I'm so glad that our
dear little Margaret is getting on right
well with the whooping cough and hope
she will soon be well. Papa dear did
not get back until half past eight
so I did not have time to dress to
go to the exercises so I'm at home
again alone. He has been away ^{every}
night this week, Miss Mary staid with
me two nights but last night, and
to night I'm alone. Papa dear was
very tired, and did not feel like
going but Mr G - wanted him to
deliver one of the medals so he thought
he would go any way. If bro
Willie come, and the rest of them are

not afraid of me we expect to go
to Wakefield Wednesday or Thursday
after the fifth Sunday so look out
for us, and try to arrange to stay
over Sunday until the train goes
out for Mother wants to see her precious
boy all she can. Be careful Mother
over love and don't expose your dear
self, and try not to have any more
chills and hurry up, and get well
of the whooping cough for Mother is
tired of her precious boy being sick
so much. We are having it so dry ^{that}
I'm very much afraid we will ^{not}
have any garden. Give our love to ^{Marian}
and all of the dear ones at home and many
bear hugs and kisses for our dashing little ^{Margaret}
garet, Papa and Mama send their hearts full
of best love and lots of kisses for their own
precious darling boy. God bless, and keep our
own dearest one safe from all sin, and
danger. Your fond, loving and devoted
Mother.

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