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Dear Forrest,
I certainly appreciated the Christmas Cards you sent me. The first one was mailed Nov. 23rd I received it - Christmas week. The other one was mailed Dec. 1st I received it - Jan. 8th.

Being a little late didn't make me appreciate them any the less.

How kind of you to take time to get nice Cards and send me, also to write me letters.

I know you are very busy with your work and going hither and thither,

I thank you so much for the piece of Belgium money as a souvenir. Nice of you to remember me in this way. I again thank you, and value them highly, and show them to my friends.

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I recieved several cards and letters Christmas
Somehow yours meant more to me than
any. I am writing my first letter
to you on my new stationery, Santa brought
me Christmas.

Hugh T. Came home Christmas
and brought his room-mate with him,
who is studying for the ministry in the
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

H.T. is in the same Seminary but in
the school of Sacred music, preparing
to be a Gospel singer.

About two weeks before
Christmas a letter came from a young
minister who graduated a year ago or more
in this same Seminary of Louisville Ky,
whose name is Law Mobley and preached
for us one Sunday last year while we
were without a Pastor. His home is in
S.C.

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and might be here a week or two.

I knew there would be others coming and going from the T. U. B. S. U. and Y. W. A. I began to wonder if I could hold out faithful for two weeks or more without getting off on the by-path somewhere.

I doubted if I could, knowing myself as I did. Therefore I asked one of my neighbors if she would let me have a room until the flurry was over. She said no. Stick to it, you will never learn any younger how to act before young preachers. wasn't that awful? Gladly let them have all the room she could spare. I did too but I want you to know I reserved the closet in my back room for myself.

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I enjoyed them all Thoroughly, They
Sang, played and talked, H.T.
played his horn, or maybe he blew
it, all seem to have a good
time I know I did, and will
never be afraid of young preachers
any more. And that will be fine.

I am glad you got to see your
brother, hope you will get to see him often.
We are having so many dark days,
have to burn lights all day to see how to
do our work. We have had several snows
and lots of rain. We have a bunch
of sailor boys 'new ones' here now. They
seem to be fine as well as many others
we have had. Many attend Church some where.

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so many fine young men in this
old world, and many of them have
been here in school and some
still here, and keep coming;

The schools seem to be well
tended, ^[considering] Everything seems to be
going along fine in Murray.

We have just finished a
Training Union Study Course in
our church, began 4th Jan. Closed
the 12th, I didn't mean to take the study
but went the first night. Several
were buying books and there
was a large crowd there, Then it
came to me I was a charter member,
I bought me a book, but didn't

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mean to even try to take the test since
I have head ache quiet-a bit lately,
but when Friday night- Came our
teacher said Surely no one will leave
and not take the test, or stay and not,
take it. I thought, I am a charter member
had took every break, passed, and had a
diploma and seals. We had 20 questions
to answer, He said we will use
the minus and plus place, You know
the minus and plus signs had left-
me, and I thought how in the
world are they made, but when they
came to me I began putting them down
as fast as my hand and pen could go.

and I think the only thing that I'll
miss will be that, put minus ^{where} _{places}

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should have been end vice-versa =
if so how terrible. Well that's that. but
here's hoping.

I am sure your heart and
hands are full in doing all things that
are yours to do, but as in other days
I'm sure with a sturdy hand, and in
a quiet and calm way.

I was ^{glad} to hear you were getting
along all right - these days, and may continue
to. I guess you remember what use
to be on Tuesday afternoons, Well time
to get ready to go this afternoon.

I don't know whether this will ever be
or not, but I am hoping that one of these days
I will be owner of a real good fountain pen,
I think of you often.

Most Sincerely Mrs. M. A. Thomas