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My dear friend,

You may think this a day that every true American should take as a day of national rejoicing and all duties and ~~some~~ every day work should be laid aside. Yet some few are not so situated to do that and I for one am numbered with those few. I have been quite busy this morning - but business now has slackened so much I may find time to finish my letter to you ere it takes another start.

Have we not had it - very warm Georgetown College reports Tuesday last the hottest day for forty years.