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O.S. Miss Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1900  
President J.M. Stone

I have addressed you on this matter of Mr. H. E. Ball's coming home, and I pray you that you retain him there. It will be his ruin, and my utter loss of control of him should he do so now. The discipline that he will get there will be worth more to him than all he might learn, and it better be labor under good discipline. I can't see why the nurse has ever given him a notion that he can come home, and after thinking I can see I was mistaken in thinking so. I beg you will consider this matter well, and keep him. God in his great love

has made it-possible for me  
to send him to you, and ~~He~~ will  
still make it-possible for you  
to keep him. he is a good boy  
but easily discouraged. he had  
no bad habits, except disobedience  
and that is the root of all evil. yet  
if he knows his master he will obey  
now I beg of you in the name of  
our Father to keep my boy-

Yours

Mrs J. Edizabette Ball,  
Ocean Springs  
Miss.