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Farmville Female College,

Farmville January 25th 1864

Jas P. White Esq.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 22^d reached me this day. As regard deduction, our rule, as published to the world, is, "In case of protracted sickness, one half of the charges will be deducted." While this may appear to the uninitiated, to some extent unjust, yet you will find that all schools of standing, as far as I know, find themselves compelled to adopt this rule, in order to avoid considerable loss. In compliance with this rule, from which we can not depart, Miss Willie alone, is entitled to deduction. I gave to Miss Luce, a somewhat detailed account of charges and amount received, which she has sent to you, together with our charges for next term. On the account

I gave her, I think I omitted the deduction to which Miss Willis is entitled, I send with this a recapitulation of the whole account. As regards the increase on the board, I adopted the plan that was contemplated from the outset, and which I consider to be the most practicable, and the most equitable to all parties. It consists in waiting until I could ascertain the expenditure for the whole term. And then make an increase consequent on that Expenditure for the whole term.

When you send money, please do so by means of a check. The mail is too unsafe.

We shall be exceedingly pleased if you continue your daughters with us. They are excellent and exemplary young ladies, and good students; Specially Miss Willis. Please let me know your decision soon. Give my affectionate regards to Miss Allen.

Yours very truly
A. F. Pitt