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Letter to parents, February 14, 1886

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Farmville, Feb. 14, 1886.

My Dear Homefolks,

I have nothing what-
ever to say about you all not writing
to me for you have all been very good
indeed. I heard in the letter I received
on my birthday that some of my sisters
were going to send me some little
present and spoke as if I would
get them with the letter but none
came. I expect they will come alright
on Monday. I spent the greater part
of my birth day in writing an essay
on the Bryan Family and the rest in
getting lessons for Monday. Miss Lee
asked all the girls who sit at my table
to come down dressed in something
fresh and bright in honor of the occasion.
Sure enough all came down to tea look-
ing unusually sweet and pretty and

my next door neighbor at the table
had placed a very pretty birthday card
indeed for me. I appreciated it all
very much. I asked Miss Gash for
a Birthday kiss and she gave me
one and when I thanked her
she said she would give me 18 if
I wanted them! I have gotten on
very well in school this past week
and every thing has gone on as
quietly and smoothly as possible.
We had a very hard rain Friday
night but Saturday it cleared off
and to-day has been one of the warmest
loveliest days I ever saw. I took
a long walk up to Buffalo Creek
which is much swollen by the recent
rains. Every thing has been so
bright it was quite a treat to be able
to get a real good sunning.)

One new girl came the other day
Her name is Miss Dupis. She
is the fattest largest girl here and
sits next me at the table. She
came from the Norfolk schools.

I went to church this morning
and heard a splendid sermon on
the subject of infant baptism.

I have so very little news to
write and the only thing that you
all feel particularly interested in
is that I am getting on well and
am well myself. I went to Mrs.
Gilliams the other day and had
a very pleasant talk with Mrs.
Gilliam. She inquired ever so
much about all her people in Synch-
burg and how much she wanted to
see them all. I am well as I
ever was in my life and am going

to try and keep so. We are to begin our
teaching in the Model School to-morrow.
The As are to go in there in groups of
three each and remain one week.

My turn will come to-morrow week.
He will then miss the lessons in the
Normal School and will have to make
up the work out of school-time, also
get notes from those who are in the
Model School when our turn is past.
It will keep us quite busy, leaving
us very little spare time.

Write soon to me for I love
so much to hear from you all
Your daughter
Pearl.