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### Letter to parents, May 9, 1886

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State Normal School

May 9, 1886

Farmville, Va.

My Dear Homefolks,

I wrote to you on last Friday because I wanted you to get a Sunday letter. I do not see why it is my letter which I write every week does not get to you before Tuesday. I never fail to write, and always get it in the box early Monday morning. I was very busy indeed all day Saturday writing out the story of Drarmond. We are just leaving it in our literature and the last thing to be done is to tell the story. It is so long, I thought I would never get through but at last it is done. Nothing has

happened to write you about.

Miss Lindsey who we all thought was better, has been out of her head for three days, and is not expected to live. Three doctors have been called in, and they are very much afraid the rheumatism will attack her brain or heart. She is in the room just underneath us so we have to be unusually quiet and thoughtful all the time of noise.

We had a delightful rain here yesterday, in consequence of which my flowers look exceedingly well.

If you do not think it is too soon to be thinking about my finale courtnie, I will tell you what some of the others in my class have already gotten or expect to get. One has a cream albatross

and most prefer white. Miss Mapp  
dress, one who is to read, will be sent  
from Baltimore. My dress will be  
exceedingly plain, if it suits you  
all, I know Pap will like it to be  
so. Several are going to send to  
Lynchburg for white albatross.  
I do not want a particle of lace  
about mine. I want it made some  
new, pretty way for I will have  
to stand before all, that is, if I  
succeed in my final examination  
I would like to see a fashion  
plate or so with the dresses Pap  
has a particular liking for marked  
I will be so very busy the last  
week practising and studying  
that I will have very little time  
to even think of outward personal  
adornment. I would like to hear  
from you all on the subject as soon  
as possible for in three weeks all



will be over. I simply mentioned the subject, so as to give some of my views, for you of course want to know what I would like.

They expect the Commencement to be in the new Town Hall.

I put on my white blouse this evening and went on the porch to hear Miss Bush read. It was muchly admired by all. I am delighted with it.

Write real soon to me for I want so much to hear from you. Love to each and all

Affectionately  
Jean.