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Farmville Female College,

Farmville, Va., May 6th 1864

Dear Lacie,

As brother speaks of going to Farmville to-morrow I thought I would write to you, I am entirely out of stamps now, is one reason I write no oftener, and times are so exceedingly dulls another. I do not feel much inclined to write to-day I am so very tired.

I was engaged in a regular house-cleaning yesterday, and consequently feel wearied to-day.

Uncle Jack is having the flower borders fixed to-day after a fashion, but a very crooked one it has been put off so long I am afraid the blooming will be delayed some time.

The board of examination for invalids met in Palmyra this week and sent brother on this time, I reckon he will tell you all about it. Cousin Gallic sent me word yesterday, she had a new cousin for me but did not say whether male or female.

I do not know what to advise you ~~what~~ to do
about having your hat altered, You remember
Annie Bensons I know you can not get it done
for any small amount, with trimmings, I have
nothing to send you; besides white hats are
now the most fashionable. I think you might
make one after you get home, it would be well
for you to get some nice trimmings if you could.
I have no money to send you, that sent through
Davidson was the last chance I know anything
about. You have never written whether you
ever paid Mr. Peet for that box, or Dr
Shackston either. I wrote you long ago, ^{when we had money} to know
what you wanted for the commencement you
have never sent one word in reply.

Gillie and I was here yesterday evening
I asked after Phil. Brown, and heard that
he was one of the nicest kind of fellows.
Gillie says she does not know a nicer one
and that he is very pious, his parents for-
merly lived in Columbia and some of his
near relations reside there still; he is a
brother of Dr. Brown of Cartersville. he is

now living in Richmond at the American
Hotel. I have told you so often about spelling so
badly I hardly think it worth while to mention
it again but let you alone to persist in
that abominable habit; but cannot keep
from giving you a few which I remember just
now, such as: chickings, privit & besides a host
of others equally absurd and ridiculous.
I think I will look over the two received
yesterday and mark the words misspelt for
you to correct. I found your tucking comb
yesterday it was behind the mantle piece
I did not understand what you meant by
pointed nets. Besure to send all your things
that you think you will not need during the
session by brother, I do not think there is any
box on the place. I guess you will be sur-
prised to see the number of words I have marked
thirty-seven in both I believe. Besure to send
my band box and Bruns-bonnet, if you have
no use for it, by brother. Ma is making
some cakes for you this evening. We could
send more things but the horse will not pull a
heavy load. Write soon Wilkie White

I believe I will write a little on the next page for Cousin

Dear Cousin, I thought I would not
slight you entirely, so concluded to write you
a page of mere nothing in the absence of
everything else. I have no doubt you will
be delighted to see brother, that is, if he
carries you anything to eat and to wear
I went to the S. S. last Sunday, but found
only two ^{persons} besides those from here. Your
little boy died last week of Diphtheria.
Are we not having delightful weather now?
highly favorable for fighting. I heard something
like cannon this morning, and heard others
say the same sound has been heard all day I
tremble to hear the result; there is so much
staked on this springs campaign I know it
will be a hard one. Brother has been called
at last, I sincerely hope he will not have
long to serve and that we shall have a speedy
peace and this "CrUEL War," a final end.
I wish you all could come home very
soon, but I suppose it will not be very
long before you will have that privilege.
You must excuse this short letter as this is
my last sheet of paper. Write soon. Yours &c
Willie