

Wake Forest College, May 17 - 1888.

My dear Charles,

I am all alone, this Thursday night - And I believe I had rather write to you, than do any thing else.

We all had quite a treat last night. Dr. Kerfoot of the Louisville Sem. ^(Fountain "et jefferson") returned with Prof. Taylor and gave us a very interesting lecture, or talk about the Seminary. He said he felt so much interest in the work here, that he could not refuse Prof. Taylor's kind invitation to come here with him. He complimented us all here (the College work) very much - thought we were doing

a great work. Our Students were
sure to make a good impression
abroad, It was always necessary to, in
order to do this that their dress
should be right; fit well &c. and
when our Students left, they
praised that they had been
under the care of a first-rate
Taylor (tailor). Of course he did
not express this awkwardly, as
I have done, but he polished it off
nicely - & was much applauded -

He certainly complimented
our friend Robertson. He said
that Dr. Drougas regarded him
as the best Greek scholar, he
had ever had during his thirty-
years experience in teaching. They
appreciated him so much that
they felt - they could not part
with him, so he had been elected
assistant Prof. of Greek in their

institution. He added that Mr
Robertson certainly proved that he
had been right. Royally trained
him - enthusiastic approval then.

And he had no doubt that
many other Manly young men
would be trained here.

It is a shame to murder such
an interesting talk, as I am doing, but
I want to give you a little idea of it.

He thinks that Dr. Broadus is
the finest teacher he ever knew of,
in speaking of the Seminary work,
what Dr Broadus cared for, was the
main theme. Soon after he (perfectly)
ended the ministry, he went to
the Seminary, ^{at Lexington it was then in S. C.} but Dr Broadus was
sick, & spent of the time in poor
health - so that he did not have
much benefit from his instruction,
and after preaching thirteen years
he returned & went over his course

again - & thinks it was of great advantage
to him - Herfoot preached in Baltimore
five years, when he first began - Bessie
says, for Dr Ellis Church - after that
he went to Brooklyn and remained
there a few years - While there he
was injured by the fall of a platform,
and for some time had to use
crutches - It was after all this, that
he returned to the Seminary - He
had the best kind of attention while he
spoke & I, for one was sorry when he stopped.

This evening I met Martha
Ryall & I think I saw in the pile
with - tho' I did not look at him closely,
Miles - said - "I had a letter from
Charlie this morning, Mrs Brewer,
I told her that was all right; and
asked her if she was not going to
answer it - she said "Oh yes - I hope
you will answer from Pat before you
return if you have time - but I want you
to do just all you can for them ex-
-amining - I am very anxious about
them -"

Poor Sue has been sick in bed two
days - she is having a right hand time just
now; & I'm sorry for her - Two of her
brothers are sick also, which adds to
the trouble - She is a little better tonight.

Monday morning - May 21.

The morning's freight-brought
your letter all right, and when I
returned from breakfast, there
it was on the mantel to welcome
me. Pa was so eager as I, to read
it, so I set right down and read
it to him. Since then, (it is now
(11.30) I have read it three times.
I took it over to Sue first, who
is getting a little better, I think
she really enjoyed it. After
getting back to my room I
called in Sammie, who was
passing and read it to him, &
then I went to H's room and
read it to her & the Dr. And
I would not mind the least
bit in the world sending it again,
several times. Richard will
probably get it before night &
it will not accomplish all its
duty until Cissy has seen it.

I am sorry you have
been under the weather. Hat

thinks indigestion is the cause of
your sleeplessness. I suggested that
a good walk, that would tire you
somewhat, in the afternoon, late,
would aid you in sleeping, and
I think the Dr. thought so too.

I rather think, every thing
considered, that you had as
well come directly home, when
you leave Baltimore. You need
rest, without doubt. ~~As~~ you
say, visiting will not insure that.

I do hope you will be able to
keep up, so that you can prepare
well for your examinations. I
don't think your "May Annual"
will interfere very much with
your work. You must have
some relaxation, and I expect
this practice will be as much in ac-
cordance with your tastes, as any thing
you could find, and it ~~is~~ prove a real

recreation. Sammie does not believe in any such foolishness as your city-etiquette, that you cannot speak to each other outside of your practice - he thinks it would prove rather inconvenient & embarrassing.

Sam enough, Richard has your letter, already - As he took it - he said, Prof. Michael told him he heard that you were on your way home. He said he told him that he did not think it could be so, as a letter came from you this morning -

I think your entertainment in Mrs. Cox's parlors must have been quite *recherche*. And after all the fine programme, only think, you tumbled into honey - How - now, if it was new to them, I expect they enjoyed & enjoyed it. A little foolishness, now & then,

"Is relished by the best of men" - I intended to tell you in my last letter how Lucy Ellen - Hattie's Cook - Murdered this same pie - and Hattie rather holds you responsible - She says you taught it to Orrin Sanders & she thinks Ellen learned it from him - She has a fancy, when she sings almost any pie, to vary it in all possible ways - just so she can keep track of the original tune - And we, here, have full benefit of her musical talent in this direction by her way of rendering "Tumbled into honey."

And just think of your playing two strains of Black Hawk waltz, twenty minutes; for two Baltimore ladies to waltz by - I expect they wanted to waltz; and thus appreciated your honest effort to furnish the music -

The more I think of it, the more anxious I am for you to

continue your studies until you
 get your degree. It seems, to me,
 all important. To this end, Keep
clear of all love & matrimonial
entanglements. If I could only
 make you see it, as I do. All
 those future arrangements should
 wait until after you get your
 degree, get clear of debt, and
have even something of the
world. If you can keep clear
 of Cupid & his darts & his arts. I
 do not see why you should not
 reap the benefit of travel, after your
 course of studies. I am glad that
 you have seen those ladies, who
 boarded with you - & hope they have
 given you some new ideas. So
 Keep Clear, boy, Keep Clear.

Monday night. The colored
 people had a general picnic here
 today. A good many came from
 Raleigh. Among them a colored
 Military Company. "The ~~And~~ City
 Blues." I think they style

Themselves & the band. The
band that all colored folks es=
=timated so highly. But alas! the
rain has been falling most of
the day, so their pleasure
has been greatly marred. I thought
they marched very nicely when
they first came. The Company
marched up, accompanied by
a crowd of stragglers, with no
music but the drum, until
they had passed the Campus
and were near the Post Office,
when the band struck up lively.
The Company halted. nearly
opposite our house & went
through some of their movements,
(I thought I'd tackle that word
manoeuvres, but was rather afraid
to try to spell it), the band playing
all the time. We enjoyed the
music. John Powers said the

war was going by, for he saw
the guns. If it had not been
for the rain, I expect we would
have heard more of the music
but that was the last of it. When
they returned from the Church
they had only the drum, and
a feeble little fife.

You ought to have seen the
Marshalls in their dancing
flunts, their sashes which they
hoped would be so striking to
the fair(?) eye, all limbs with
the rain. But they galloped
back & forth, all the same, &
I am sure were happy. I do
not believe there is a happier
race of people on this terra firma
than our negroes.

Minda & Lena Allen sat near
me in Church yesterday, and
wanted to know when I had heard

from you, when you were coming
home &c. They both expressed quite
an anxiety. to see you & would be
so glad when you came. Pretty
soon Mrs W. C. Allen and her
other daughters came in also, &
sat on the same bench with them,
but a little farther from me.
When I started out, I looked towards
them, thinking I would bow, but
they were looking in another
direction, as there was no bow
that time. I heard in a very reliable
way, that Lena is not permitted to
have company at her Grand Pa's,
but when she spends a night
with Cousin Minka, she has
company then. Mr. Jas. S. Purdy
is still very feeble and his friends
are very anxious about him. I think I
wrote you that he had had an at-
-tack of Kidney Colic some few
weeks ago & has not been real well
since. If he were to be attacked with
another, I don't say disease now, at all serious, the
Dr. thinks it would be very dangerous.

Wm. H. S. Sunday. I don't think
I will forget to do that.

You must tell me, in your
next letter, whether you will get
Friday night or Saturday
morning. Since I have begun to
look for you the last of next
week, I believe I'm growing
impatient. Still I know that
John would be so glad to have
you stop over one day with her.
It will be delicious with her
family, and I expect will be very
quick. So if you can stop over
with her Friday night, and still
get home Saturday night, and
feel like it; I don't suppose I
ought to object. But do just as
you prefer. Don't forget your Quinine
and if you still are sleepless - suppose
you try going to bed, sleepless sleepless
good by & may God enable you
to prepare well & feel well for these
examinations. Go off now.

Tuesday morning - just - from break 2
 - fast and still raining. Pat was
 the last one at my table to breakfast
 this morning. I asked him if he
 had heard from you yet. He said
 no, I told him you were not well
 and very busy preparing for ex.
 He said he thought you were busy
 was the reason why he had not
 heard. If you do find time I
 think I would write him a short
 letter, for I think he really ap-
 preciates them. I believe that Pat
 is a noble hearted fellow after all.
 And perhaps you can exert a good
 influence over him.

If nothing happens, I want to
 send you your money in a letter
 next Monday, so that you can
 get it Tuesday. I told Pa yes
 - today that I wanted him to
 bring it to me Saturday night,
 so that there would be no delay
 Sunday. He said, very well, would