

University of Virginia
Oct. 15th 1860 -

Dear Ma,

I have been waiting for the past week for a letter from home but upto the present time I have been disappointed, and not intending to treat you in the same way, I again attempt the task of writing although I am afraid my letter will in a measure be uninteresting and dull.

I have had the ague & fever for the last week, and as it is the first time that I ever had to my recollection, I find that chills and the succeeding fever don't prove a very agreeable companion. I am looking,

quite badly, that is, my acquaintances inform me that such is the fact. Yet I am glad that it is only the chills & fevers and nothing worse, as I would not like to have either the Typhoid & Intermittent Fevers, at all events, away from home.

I had to stand an examination on Latin which I am glad to say I passed with honor to myself, and my teachers of the last two sessions. My name headed the list. Ask Cousin May, if she don't begin to feel her heart beat faster as the 1st of November draws nearer & nearer. I guess she does. Tell her that I've heard from Mother since I have been through one of his lectures, and that he is enjoying pretty good health.

So she need not be alarmed from his being so weak at the Camp Ground - You must not forget to send that cloth, made at home, next Christmas when you send me my box, as I intend to have it made up and wear it. As it is quite cold I guess I will stop - Love to all - Tell Rosie that I'll send, when my old Speech Book that I promised him, soon - Again love to all.

Your affectionate Son -
W. Brown.

P.S.

Ask Pa to subscribe to the Semi-Trusty Whig for me and have it sent him. W. Brown

**Broun, William. William Broun to Harriet C. Johnson
Broun, Charlottesville, VA, October 15, 1860.**

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So she need not be alarmed from his being so weak at the camp ground. You must not forget to send that cloth made at home near Christmas when you send me my book as I intend to have it made up and wear it. As it is quite late I guess I will stop. Love to all. Tell Rossie that I'll send her my old speech book that I promised her soon. Again love to all.

Your affectionate son, Wm. Broun.

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Notes:

1. **Ague Fever:** a fit of fever or shivering or shaking chills, accompanied by malaise, pains in the bones and joints, etc.; chill.