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My dear Pa:

I received your letter a few days ago with inexpressible joy. I have not received a line from you before since I have been here and that has been five weeks since I have been here, but you said you had not heard from me. I cannot account for it, except you do not get the mails very regularly.

I was agreeably surprised this evening by the arrival of Uncle William & Cousin Sallie. You may imagine I was almost wild with delight. I was very sad before they came but it is somewhat cheered my drooping spirit to behold some of...

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my dear friends. I do wish you had come on with them. Why didn't Mr. Kelley come on? Uncle William told me the Yankees had captured cousin Edwin Edwards but they have paroled him ere this. I was quite sorry to hear it; and I also heard that Bennie Atwill took three Yankee prisoners, "three cheers for him"!!!. I guess Aunt [Jane?] feels quite proud of her boy. You spoke of so many servants leaving. I heard two of hers [Bettie's?] had gone. I have received a letter from Brother since I have been here. He was then very well. You asked me if I had seen any of his new acquaintances. Yes, the day after you left - Miss Annie [Joyner] and her brothers came round to see me and I have seen here several times...

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...since. I think her a very nice lady as much as I know of her. Alice Lyell & I intend calling on her next Saturday. I received my shoes by Cousin Sallie and they fit very well. You asked what I was studying viz Mental Philosophy, Latin Grammar, & Reader Algebra & French. I have [just?] as many studies as I intend to take. We are going to have a "soiree" tomorrow night (Fryday) [sic] and I do not intend playing. I got an excuse from our Music teacher (by the way he is nice old gentleman) as I had not prepared a piece.

Tell Ma not-to-forget to send the things I wrote for. Did you receive the letter I sent by Mr. Melbourne. [General] Longstreet's division will be here in a few days. So I have heard. I guess then Mr. Davis will be over...

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...joyed as his sons belong to that division. How I would like peep in at you all tonight. Indeed it would be joy beyond description; how are [?] & Eddie? I suppose he has learned to talk before this. I must close as it's very late. Excuse imperfections as the gas is very dim its written very badly and would not sent it but I haven't time to rewrite it. My best love to all and tell ma to write. You write also. Goodbye.

Your Affectionate Child Bettie

P.S.

After trying on my shoes the second time I find they do not fit me very well and I only got one pair & Peter promised to make two pair for me. I wish would see about them, and also send me leather shoe strings. As I did not get any and [?] also. Don't forget. I can't wear my shoes without [?].

 $\hbox{[SIDEWAYS WRITING] [Gennie Betra?] sends her love.} \\$ 

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## Notes:

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 Southern Female College: 220 S.Sycamore St. [Petersburg, VA], occupying several gray buildings of brick and frame construction, was granted a charter in 1863, a year after its founding by William Thomas Davis, and was first called Southern Female College. The land it occupies was part of the settlement of Ravenscroft.

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