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P. I.

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Missie Bettie's Sunday Fan letter.

Southern Female College  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1862.

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I have been here, and that has been  
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left Miss Annie Joynes and her  
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**Broun, Bettie Lee. Bettie Lee Broun to Edwin Broun, Petersburg, VA,  
November 6, 1862.**

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Letter from Bettie Lee Broun to her father Edwin Broun. Southern Female College, Petersburg, Virginia, September 8, 1862.

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[SIDEWAYS WRITING] [Gennie Betra?] sends her love.

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**Notes:**

[?] = illegible.

1. **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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