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 Pa & the girls to write to me. And you my dear
 Ma, must write very often - and give me all the
 news in old Northumberland. Please excuse
 mistakes, and let no one see this in any phase. I gave
 my love to all. With so much love
 Good bye dear Ma,
 Your affectionate
 Lillie

"Southern Female College"
 "Peterborough N.H." 18th 1862

My dear Ma,
 It is very late at night and I feel quite
 sleepy - yet I cannot let Uncle William leave without
 carrying a letter to you my dear Ma, and the mails
 being very irregular. (I do not think you hear from
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 two weeks ago expecting to send it by a servant
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 were very irregular. I hope you may receive
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you. Col Downing was in Richmond during Christmas
and learned that he brought a letter and small
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captured Capt Lamson while on a furlough at
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has been very bad here - but I believe it is getting better.
We have all been vaccinated and mine took very
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well. Well Ma, I have at last returned home.

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everything I saw. The parlors are furnished elegantly -
but when I did not remain long on account of
her Brother Tom having the scarlet fever and
I was afraid of bringing it here, and giving it to

some of the girls. I really wish you knew them they
certainly are splendid people. Now you must certainly
send Pa to see me this spring for I am home
sick now. If you can you had better get me one
or two summer dresses and send me - I write you
it early - we may try and get them - as I know
we can't get them here, and also a napakirt - They
(napakirts) are selling here from 10 to 15 dollars.

Uncle & Ma say the servants are leaving very fast.
I hope none of Pa's have left. Mrs Davis has come
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look like at Cousin - Be - what has become
of Mr Sanford? remember me to - when see him
also in Chevy - do tell them - as good teacher

**Broun, Bettie Lee. Bettie Lee Broun to Harriet C. Johnson
Broun, Petersburg, VA, December 10, 1862.**

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Handwritten letter from Bettie Lee Broun to her mother Harriet C. Johnson Broun. Southern Female College, Petersburg, Virginia. [December] 10, 1862. Month inferred. Original letter in poor condition with holes and tears. 4 pages on two sheets of paper. References the Battle of Fredericksburg and a smallpox outbreak in Petersburg, Virginia.

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[PAGE TORN] Affectionately Bettie.

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