

Southern Female College.

December 6th 1863.

My Dearest Pa.

I received your letter written by Mr. Saunders and also the shoes. Having been intending to write you ever since I received them, but sickness and school duties have prevented me, I have been quite sick with a cold and had two chills since I wrote you last, but have recovered entirely. I was certainly disappointed in not seeing Mr. Saunders, I really think he could have come over to see me, I had several things I wanted to send home by him but was also disappointed in that. I guess Cousin Joe will get tired waiting for the Black pattern but I intend sending it with this letter, and perhaps she may receive it before the winter is over. I am exceedingly sorry I could not send it before. You requested me to write you how my shoes fit. one pair is rather tight for me but the other pair fits very nicely, I think I can get on with them very well. Loui Garland & Linnie Lull who are visiting here were to see me a few evenings since and I intended writing by them, but they do not expect to get home until next year and I thought it would be useless for me to write. I suppose you have seen Annie since she reached home. It's nice to hear of her and sincerely hope she will

improve very much this winter so that she can return again
early in the Spring. Dr. Lyster (the physician who
attended her here) says there was no necessity for her
leaving. I received a letter from her a short time since
she made a quick trip home.

Have you heard from Brother very recently? I cannot imagine
why he does not write to me. I have heard from him
only once since he left home and he is very punctual
in writing to me. He expects to have a concert Christmas
and I think with that exception we will have a very dull
time. How I wish I could spend it at home. I have been
invited by several of our school mates to go with them home
but I think I had rather remain here as dull and gloomy
as it is as to go among so many strangers. I wish Brother
could pay me a visit there, but I know that is impossible.
I think that the board will be raised considerably higher
next half session, every thing has increased in price
rapidly since I came. Our music teacher has to pay \$1.50. per
month, washing, lights, and fuel extra. and I am confident
Mr. Davis will increase the board. I suppose Cousin Bettie
received the letter I sent her. I think it must have been
from some one of her school mates. why dont she write to
me? she promised faithfully to do so. Has Cousin Joe's
friend (Capt. Sanford) made his appearance at Easton yet?
I think Ma wrote me words she was expecting him.
I am very sorry I could not be at home during his
stay as I am exceedingly anxious to see him.

**Broun, Bettie Lee. Bettie Lee Broun to Edwin Broun,
Petersburg, VA, December 6, 1863.**

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Handwritten letter from Bettie Lee Broun to her father Edwin Broun. Southern Female College, Petersburg, Virginia. December 6, 1863. 2 page[s]. Note: last page or pages missing. Paper is damaged and torn.

Bettie Broun writes her father, mentioning shoes and clothing, visitors, family, school costs, and Christmas.

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Have you heard from Brother very recently? I cannot imagine why he does not write to me. I have heard from him only once since he left home and he is very [?] in writing to me. We expect to have a concert Christmas and I think with that exception we will have a **very dull time**, how I wish I could spend it at home. I have been invited by several of my school mates to go with them home but I think I had rather remain here as dull and boring as it is, as to go among so many strangers. I wish Brother could pay me a visit there, but I know that is impossible. I think Pa the board will be raised considerably higher next session, everything has increased in price rapidly since I came. Our music teacher has to pay [\$150] per month, washing, lights, and [first?] extra. And I am confident Mr. Davis will increase the board. I suppose Cousin Bettie received the letter I sent her. Why don't she write to me? She promised faithfully to do so. Has Cousin Joe's friend (Capt. Landford) made his appearance at

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