

Hudsonville N. C.

Aug. 15th 1897

Dear Harry -

We have a
house full of summer
boarders, so you can
imagine how busy
we are. Brother has
rented the Jackson College
for school purposes
this winter. The house
is a large stone build-
ing, and we had so
much room we thought
we would take boarders

until time for ²²school to begin. He
just started two weeks ago and
have twenty-eight already. This season
village is crowded with visitors and every
summer and all the private families
take boarders. We have a beautiful
place four blocks from the P.O., with
a lovely grove. Last year they say there

were more boarders
 in ^{the} town than inhabitants.
 I enjoy having them,
 for all that come of
 them are as much travelers.

Friday evening
 The Hendersonville B.T.B.
 Club gave a Lawn
 Fete in our grove. The
 yard was lighted
 up with lanterns and
 looked beautiful. I
 was one of the waiters
 and you may be
 sure, had a nice time.

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It recalled to my mind the Lawn
party given by the C. E. society
on Athens the last year we were
there. I don't remember, though, of wait-
ing on the tables very all that
night. We had a very pleasant, as
well as profitable evening.

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A Sunday afternoon
the boys played a
game of ball with
Fairview at Fletchers
about nine miles from
here. We hired a
three seated turnout
and nine of our young
folks went out to see
the game. But much
to our regret, our
boys went down in
defeat by a score of
~~seven~~ to two in favor
of Fairview. It was

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even to nothing until the ninth
morning, when the Hendersonville boys
made two runs. We all had a
lucky time, nevertheless. Fairbairn
plays Hendersonville here next Sat.
unday, as we are hoping and
"booking" for better success this time.

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I have been invited
to several dances
since I have been
here, but have not
accepted any. I don't
think I will dance
any more. I find I can
have about as much a
fun without dancing
as I did when I danced.
So many of the church
people oppose it, &
as we are members of
the choir I think I
had better not dance.

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We are going to have a literary
party here this week. Each person
is to represent some book and act
it out as near as possible. I don't
know what book I shall represent
but think I shall take "The Woman
in White." That will be about the
easiest one to get up.

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Monday -

I started this letter yesterday, but did not have a chance to finish it. One of the old bachelors called just at that time and I had to stop.

After reading your letter over several times, I am afraid that you desire to bring our engagement to an end. If such is the case I would

much prefer that you say so now.
I would not wish any young man
to feel bound to me if he no longer
desired it. In a case as serious as
this both parties ought to be plain
for a mistake or misunderstanding
either ^{way} would be very serious. If
I have done you any injustice or

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what I have said,

I hope you will forgive me, but if I correctly interpreted your letter, I think it is due me that you speak plainly on the subject. Please answer this soon.

As ever,

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