

Lurray Vx.
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Dear friend:

I am almost
ashamed to write to you
after having waited so
long. For the past month
I have been so busy prac-
ticing for our entertain-
ment which came off
the night of the 1st of
Dec., that I have not
had time for anything.
Ever since then I have

been real sick and
am just getting well.

Our entertainment
came off real well.

The chapel and hall
were crowded to their
utmost capacity. I
sang my solo and duet
without breaking down.
I was at little frighten-
ed in the duet but not
at all so in the solo.

The calisthenics was
splendid and everybody
seemed to enjoy it so
much. They have never
had any calisthenics
here before and it took

well. The little children
had wands and we
had dumb bells. I was
one of the leaders in
my division and Bessie
one in her's. A gentle-
man from Baltimore
said that the enter-
tainment would draw
crowds in Baltimore
for a whole week. You
have no idea how much
work it takes to get up
one of these entertainments.
I enclose you a progra-
m and also a cutting
from one of the papers.
We have had quite

a small-fox scare here
There are twenty cases
in Shenandoah about
eighteen miles from
me. The whole school
has been vaccinated
and it was that which
made me so sick. I
can hardly use my arm
at all. Nearly all the
girls are sick. They
spoke of quarantining
the town and all the
boarders are very much

frightened for fear they
will not be able to get
home Xmas. However, as
the scare has somewhat
subsided and the doctors
say there is no danger
of its getting here, I do
not think it will be
done. I hope it will not
come here as vaccination
has never taken on me
before and doubt whether
it will this time and
I would be almost sure

to have the small-pox.

We received Rob's and Tom's reports for the first month and they are splendid. Tom led the Latin and French classes, Rob came second in French and third in Latin. Tom came second in Greek and Rob fourth. I think they are doing well to stand so high in such large class composed almost entirely of grown men. The boys came in their room the other night about one o'clock intending to play

a truck on them. Just as they were in the act of slipping the cord over their feet, Tom awoke and of course they ran.

Tom says he expects they will get him yet. I am afraid they will not get home Xmas as it is reported that they are going to give only four days holiday at R. C. I hope they will give longer as I want to see them so badly.

I am going to have an examination in Geometry next Tuesday.

I do not expect to get
a high mark on it
as I am not at all good
on Geometry and besides
have a very strict teacher
I have studied harder
this year than I have
ever done before. The girls
are all such hard
students that you
have to study well
to keep up with them.

Father had a letter
from Mr. Major about

a month ago. He seems
to be very much pleased
with his situation, though
he wrote very sadly about
Miss. Marbec. It must
have been a great blow
to him to lose his wife
so soon after his marriage.
He told us all about
the hard times they
had classifying & married
at the N. A. C. It
must have been very
amusing. I would like

To have been there to
see it.

Jessie has at last
answered my letter.
She is having a glorious
time at school. Says
she got a hundred in
Geometry on the month's
report and that her
average was higher
than Jim Ed's. She
says she and Charley
Loggwood have up a big
cane and go riding
every evening. and so
Charlie did not die after
all with his convulsions.
Mother had a letter

from aunt Rosa (Mrs.
Perkins) in which she
said she saw you at
Decatur as she was
on her way to Memphis
about a month ago. I do
not suppose you recognized
her as she was in Athens
only a month and went
out very little.

I see from the Democrat
that Anna Oliver is
visiting Jess. I suppose
Anna is ~~the~~ very lively
as she was the life of
the A. F. C. when we
were there.

We hear from brother often

He is doing well at Kenton
and has a large school
all his own. We want
him to spend Xmas
with us, but I do not
know whether he will be
able to leave ~~his~~ or not.

Well, I suppose you
are tired reading this.
Give my love to all
the girls. With kindest
regards, I remain
Your true friend
Cornelia Bradford.