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Luray Va.

Aug 23^d 1894

Dear friend-

Your letter
of the 13th was received
about a week
ago. You asked me
to answer it by the
following Sunday,
but you know that

father will not let me write very
often, although it is vacation.
He does not make me keep up the
monthly arrangement, but will not
let me write ^{often} ~~more~~ than every two weeks.

Am glad to hear that Jess has
stopped going with Clay, Chapt,
and all those small boys. I
ought to write to Jess, but I keep
putting it off ^{off} ~~at~~ I am ashamed
to write now. She wrote me soon
after Miss Marbec's death and I have
never answered her letter. Is Jess going
to school to Clements next session?
Mr. Clements seemed to have made

quite a success of his
school last year.

I see from your paper
that there is talk of
a double wedding in
Athens soon to take
place. Who are the parties?
The paper said the young
men were related and
the young ladies close
friends. I am very

anxious to know who
it can be.

And so the Cumberland
church is nearly finished
at last. It promised to
be a very neat and pretty
building when I last
saw it. Is Mr. Goffton
still preaching for them
now? I would like to
see him very much.

When you see him tell him I often
think of him on Friday nights and
wonder if he is holding a Christian
Endeavor meeting. Do you ever go to
the C. E. meetings now. There is ~~now~~
^{Endeavor} society here at all. I miss it a
great deal for although I never took
any part in the meetings I always
enjoyed listening to the others. What
has become of Nat Grafton? I haven't
heard much of him of late. I suppose
he is as much in love with Eva Jackson
as ever.

There was a fire in Luray about a
week ago, which at first promised

to be quite dangerous
for us. A brick building
being between us and
the burning house was
the only thing that saved
us. I was very much
frightened at one time
for fear that our house
would catch. Nearly
all the boarders packed
their trunks. I wanted
to see if the building

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next to us caught before
I packed, and as it
turned out, I am glad
I waited. Three build-
ings were all that
burned and they were
all unoccupied!

The run-away marriage
you saw in the papers
was one of our boarders.
She was at school here
about two years ago

and it was then that their love affairs commenced. She was not one of father's pupils, but only a summer boarder. Turay is noted for its run away marriages. I think there has been at least six or seven run away since we have been here. I do not like that way of getting married. Do not think it is right.

Father thinks he will have a full school next session. He has been sick a great deal this summer and has not done as much canvassing as he wanted to do. He thinks the boarding department will be much larger than it

was last year. I hope
we will have a large
school. Rob and Tom
expect to go back to Col
lege in Sept. I think
they are anxious to get
back to study again, though
we all dread to see them
leave.

Well, I know you are tired
of this scribble by this time
so will close.

Hoping to hear from you
soon & remain
Your true friend
Cornelia Buford