

Lurray Va.
Aug. 9th 1893

Dear Friend:

Your souvenir
has arrived. I appreciate
it for the double reason
that it is a gift from you
and also a memento of the
World's Fair.

I did not succeed in get-
ting sick for the picnic.
I went and had a much
nicer time than I had
expected, although I went
to bed with a severe head-
ache as soon as I got home.
They had the picnic at

Thornetons Gap which is about two miles lower than Mary's Rock. Bob and Tom went to the top of the rock, but Bessie and I did not go, as it is very difficult to climb and I was afraid that we could never reach the top. If ever I go out that way ^{again} I am certainly going to the top of the rock. If it is a clear day you can see Washington and several other places very distinctly.

While out calling the other day I met a relative of Miss Bost at Athens. Miss Bost visited here about two summers ago. I asked one of the ladies how she liked her and she said that

Miss Porst was the only woman she ever met that she could see nothing in to admire. When asked to sing she would get up and run behind the door, insisting that the bugs were after her. She sang in the Court House at an entertainment one night and every body in the house ~~was~~ convulsed with laughter. They treated her here much in the same way that they did at Athens but she took it all as complimentary and never caught on.

Bob and Tom enjoy playing tennis very much. There are two courts here and they play nearly every evening.

They are about the best players here.

Mr. Biddings of New York preached for us last Sunday morning. I do not think I have heard a better sermon in my life. There were three conversions who will be baptized next Sunday afternoon. They have no baptistry here and so will baptise in a stream back of the Institute.

And so Mattie Greer has at last returned from her trip to Arkansas. I can't quite agree with the people there in regard to Mattie's personal attractions, but have no doubt she made a lasting impression on the people. I suppose she will

now turn out, which, of course, will be a great addition to Ather's society. I would give anything to have heard the talented Mr. Charles Logwood sing in the concert. Besides being unusually gifted in personly appearance, I am well aware that his voice is very excellent. He and Mattie Greer make a beautiful pair. Mattie must have been highly entertained with his thrilling stories. How is Nat and Eva getting along? Are they as much in

love with one another as
ever?

Athens must be very gay
now since Willie has returned.
I have heard of the spider
web party but have never
attended one. I should think
it was very interesting.

Father is very much encour-
aged over the prospects of
the school for this year.
Bob and Tom will leave
here for Richmond College
on the same day that ^{this} school
begins, which is the thirteenth
of September. We wrote to
Mrs. Horton last week
about sending Jess, but have
not heard from them yet.
I hope they will let her
come, but am afraid that
Jess had such a nice time

at Nashville that she will
will not want to go to
school anywhere next year.

Well I must close now so
as to get this off on this
evening mail.

Give my love to all the girls
and tell Jess she must be
sure to come.

Write soon.

Your true friend
Louelia Buford.