

Huntsville, Ala.
To E.G. Caldwell
Bingham School
Mebaneville / Mebanesville, N.C.
Home, Wednesday
Apr.' 21st, 1875.

Dear Cousin Ed;
I have long expected
a letter from you in answer
to mine I wrote nearly two months
ago, but it seems you have not
written. Have you forgotten your
poor "ugly" cousin; or have you
been too busy with your studies
to devote any of your precious
"time" to letter writing; if that
be the cause I'll not scold;
but if your negligence is attributed

to forgetfulness you deserve

a good scolding.- I had a letter from cousin Walter a few weeks ago; 'twas just as full of mischief as it could be. I wish you could see it; he made J'ville out as being "nothing." Ought he to speak of that gay little "city" in that way? It seems that he is very fond of its quietude from the length of time he has been there. Don't you reckon you and I know what the attraction is for him?

I also had a letter from Aunt Mary; and she said Aunt Kate was going to Tenn. in a few weeks. She is very anxious to see Col. G.- and Mr. C.-. Wouldn't you like to see them meet her at the Depot with the

"Fayetteville Brass Band"? Every
"young man" in town will
"call on" her the night she gets
there; and I know they will give a "big"
"Ball at Bright's Hall" in
honor of the arrival of the "belle"
of F- Did Aunt Mary stop
to see you as she came home?
I suspect you want to go home,
don't you? Are you going this
Summer? I wish you would
and come to see us. Can't you
get "Papa" to let you come? We
would be so glad to have you
come. - I haven't had a
letter from "Mollie Darling"
for two, or three weeks; don't
know why unless, she has
gone to Baltimore. She said
in her last that she thought
of leaving either this month.

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or the first of next. I expect

She has been quite busy making
pretty "bonnets" and aprons; you

know she has a weakness
for "pretty things"; especially
bonnets, because you admire

them so much. Do you
remember how you used to
tell me about not wearing

a bonnet? I have one now
equally as pretty as the one
May Avery had last Summer. -

I'm still teaching and

like it splendidly! I was in

town a few days ago, and saw

Cousin John Branden; he's as

bad as ever and still thinks as

much of Uncle John as ever.

Oh! cousin Ed you just ought

to see cousin Walter's namesake,

(Walter Darwin) he's

the sweetest boy you ever saw,
and almost as handsome as
cousin Walter; and he's as good as
he is handsome.

I don't know what has
become of "our" friends J- and H.
I haven't heard any thing of
them for a long time. I'm afraid
my darling idolized Joe has
forgotten his little Fannie. If
he has, don't you know your
poor cousin is almost
brokenhearted? - Does Cousin John
write to you? I wrote to him
some time ago, but he didn't
think enough of my little
epistle to answer it. But I
don't reckon he can stay
away from cousin Jennie
long enough to write a letter.
Are you going to have an

essay to read at the close
of school? By the way, cousin,

this reminds me that you
promised me yours you had
last year, but you never
would give it to me; you
did me real mean about
it, and I haven't forgotten it. I
don't believe you wanted me
to have it, or you would've
given it to me then and not
kept it to copy it. If you
do have one, please keep
me a copy of it, won't you?
that's a good cousin.
Don't forget the promised
picture when you have
them taken. I don't go to
Church quite as often now
as I use to, for I haven't
any Walter to go with me.

Aunt Kate wrote to me and said
W. P. hadn't been to Church
since I left J'ville. I don't
believe it; "it won't do to talk
about," will it? - Willie Crook
is married! what do you
think of it?

I have written quite a long
letter, and I know you will get
tired reading such foolishness,
as you are a gentleman of
great "stability." Write soon, a
long, sweet letter All send
love to their "cadet" cousin.
Accept much love, and a
heart-warm fond goodbye from
Your Loving Cousin

Fannie.