

all scattered, leaves Ma's family quite small - Willie being absent in Raleigh. Did Aunt Martha go by to see you, on her way down the country; we have had no late news from Mollie - Whit. Capt. Bartlett, has rented the Skinner place near Littleton, for five years.

Cousin William R. Wans. moves back down the country this week. Aunt Bet, was charmed with her visit - to see you. I know you must be tired of this dull letter, and have several times, during its perusal, pronounced "enough!" Grandma - Uncle Whit, and Carr all join me in much love to you all. You must write very soon - Good bye.

Yours with much aff.
A. Bettie W.

Feb. 5th, 1873.

Dear Aunt Ell -
Your highly esteem-
ed letter was handed me a few days since; and we were so glad to learn the good health of you all - I am now with Grandma, and Uncle Whit; I find dear Grandma much improved in health, and quite cheerful - Uncle Whit had the misfortune, to fall from the porch (nearly three weeks since) and hurt his arm very badly - though it is much improv-
ed now - he went to get some water, just before bed time, it being so dark, missed his step, and fell

from the door. Miss Ann is
with her brother, (the merchant,) his
health is quite feeble, will not
return until she is better. Carrie
Woods, came up with me, she &
I attend to the dressing of uncle
White's arm - Lena comes nearly
every night from school, she is
a very sweet girl - I have commen-
ced taking "Dr. Simons' Liver
Regulator," hope it will soon
make the roses bloom on my
cheeks. I wish so much, it were
in my power to visit you soon,
I often look back to the pleasant
days spent with you, (not forgetting
either, the fresh fish, and oysters,
that I enjoyed so much,) and
would like indeed, to spend them
over again - accompanied by dear

grandma, and poor aunt Ritter.
I heard from her day before yester-
day, she was very bad-off, some
days, feels better - though I fear, is
rapidly declining. It is now the
general impression, that cousin
Jimmy S. and Miss Fannie G.
will soon be married, what do
you think of it? spends most of
his time at Mrs. Green's. Rice
has a "boy," and named it "Edward
Alston" - they were all much plea-
sed, it being a son. Brother Nat,
and family, left for Texas a week
ago, hope we will soon hear
from them - Phil has moved to
Halifax, is the place brother Nat
used to live - And Tommie teaching
in Raleigh - Affie will come up
soon to Miss. Nannie Henderson -