

affectionately to Mrs. Twitty. I
should have written to you long
since, but have been so busy help-
ing Lallie is why I have not. It
is after 9 o'clock, my eye lids are
growing a "little heavy" which re-
minds me, that I must be say-
ing yours, to read this indistinct,
and dull letter. So good night!
Write very soon.

To yours aff.
Bettie W.

[To Mrs. Elias Carr, Sparta, N.C.]

"Fountain Hill," N.C.
Dec. 21st 1874.

Dear Aunt Ell:

I am to-night
seated quietly in my room -
The marriage-reception, and all
over! We feel so lost without dear
Lallie - she was the life of our
home - it was indeed hard to
give her up - though she is in
such "good hands", makes us to
a very great extent, do so more
cheerfully - The reception (at cousin
Charles Perry's) was a real success -
Nath is charmed with his bride!!
his parents too, are very proud of
their "daughter" all made her very

handsome presents - Lallie has
picked out Nellie a "nice beau"
Cousin Mary Green's son, Gen.
They call him, though his real
name is William! he waited
with Nellie - and his bridal present
to Lallie, was a handsome set
of china. We were all so dis-
appointed that you all did not
come - Lallie often spoke of
you, and hoped that you would
come. Well so far the letter has
been about the marriage &c! so
now let's to something about
dear grandma - Aunt Pollic was
here to-day just from uncle Whit's -
said she had almost recovered
from her cold, and would in
a few days, go to aunt Van's. Ma
spent several days with her this week -
so did Aunt Mary Ann - Uncle
Ed was sent for last night to go
to see Cousins Jimmy, & Conrad -

both of them drinking - Mr.
Bettle came up for Cousin J.
but he would not return with
him. Guess you have heard the
death of Mrs. G. Ella Clemento
is with aunt Delia. Reckon you
have heard too, about Mr. Parkers
giving being burnt - am so sorry
about it. How is Sue getting on?
Heard a few days since, that
Cousin Maria Alston was surely
going to be married! have you
heard anything about it? Wish
so much that I could visit you
this winter - Ma so often speaks
of you all - and for "little Elias,"
she has such a "devoted attach-
ment." I shall spend Christmas
at home - expect Lallie, & Nath
down then. Know you will
have things in "apple pie order"
and would like much to step
in. You must remember us