

[To Mrs Elias Cort, Tarboro, N.C.]

seems to me, for I get on so
very slowly with every thing I am
undertake. Remember me kindly
to Miss Lucie when you see
her? Uncle Tom's health is a
great deal better. Aunt Mary Ann
has enjoyed poor health for the
last few months, she is always
delicate. I expect you have already
pronounced "enough of this dull
letter." All mine with me in
much love to you and all.
Write very soon to yours,

Yr piece,
T. D. Pettie W.

January 1st 1868.

My dear Aunt:

Christmas is over; what
for a time have you had? I imag-
ine you have had charming fires,
and just as many good things as
could be found in any household
"South." We have spent a very pleas-
ant Christmas, a good deal of
company all the time. Grandpa
and Grandma spent a day &
night with us, we visited for
you all often, they are looking
very well. Grandma says she
would be highly delighted to pay
you a visit - but fears it will be
impossible to do so, and Mollie
Whit I expect will go out South with
Aunt some time this month.
Aunt has a little girl named
"Mary Helen" for Mollie and

Aunt Martha. Since Sunday
the weather with us has been
awful. Nature seemed to do her
best for us Christmas week, and
well for us it was so. Servants were
very scarce. Fattie Turnstall and
Mollie Boyd are with us. I have
stolen away ^{from them} to write you a
hurried letter, thinking I shall
have an opportunity to send it
to Haverton from Cousin Rie's
Sale tomorrow. Mr Cunningham
has declined going out
for Cousin Rie, says "his business
is such that he cannot leave",
consequently she thinks of going
out soon herself. The Sale was
there last week. (in Haverton I
mean) Cousin Jimmie purchased
every thing nearly at the plantation,
the girls will remain in Haver-
erton, is the way I have under-
stood it. I expect Grandma has

written you the particulars con-
cerning their arrangements. Cousin
Whit is expected back the middle
of this month, Cousin Al thinks
of remaining where he is this
year. I have a very sore hand
hurt it several weeks since, my
right hand too, I am afraid you
will find some difficulty in
reading this very indistinct writ-
ting, but thought I could use a
pencil better than a pen
with the same hand. Enclosed
you will find a few braiding
patterns, in my next letter to you
I shall have some pretty ones
from Sister Emma to send you.
New years gift? "tell the little
boys for me?" Sales have gotten to
be very fashionable in Haver, are
they in Edgcombe? What are
you working pretty? I have lost
what little energy I did possess it