

"Fountain Hill," N.C.
April 18th 1875

My dear Aunt -

These are indeed
strange times - waked up this
morning and every thing out
"shrouded in white!" snow on the
18th of April - Folks too, changing
with the seasons for instance,
the "young gentleman" to
whom you alluded in your
last, is one, or the most prom-
inent, alteration for the worst,
I am acquainted with, in
the case of an "individual"
but am intropus as he grows
older, will learn "better sense"
using a very expressive quotation
don't you think? Imagine

just how you felt! and con-
gratulate you, for acting with
so much judgment. — for
had it been me, my "uncle
tongue" would have told him
too plainly, what I thought of
him. Know his parents must
have hated it, his acting as
he did — understand his father
has sent him to Baltimore
to a "mercantile school" — hope
when he returns, will be
polished in every sense of the
word. Since I wrote last,
grandma has been down and
I thought looking very well —
said she expected to spend
May with Aunt Bet. I shall
most assuredly, accept your
kind invitation to stay some
with you, when you get to
Warrenton — And would like
much to go to Peteroburg with

you in June — but really, don't
think my short memorandum
would at all justify my going.
The "where-with" is lacking. I am
so much obliged for the books
you sent me — Cousin Con-
rad was married last Wed-
nesday to Miss Bettie F. went
immediately on to Rich-
mond. Cousin Jane Alton,
is in good spirits about his
gold mine. Cousin Caroline
Wans spends most of her time
with Mrs. Drake, her health
is very poor. Nellie Parker is
in the country, on a visit to
Maria Alton — which of the
girls caught Mr. Bruce?
Ma's health has improved I
think, though when the weather
will admit, she is so very im-
patient, about working so hard —
she and Cousin Mary K. are

The best match I ever saw!
Al Alston, (Cousin Plummer's
son,) left for Texas a few weeks
since. Pattie thinks of going
to Raleigh some time in
May, to see Willie. It has
commenced to snow hard
again - gardens will all be
killed - fruit too I guess. You
had so many beautiful clothes
last summer, don't think
you can possibly need any
more for the coming one,
in the line of under ones, I
am sure you will not - but
guess the boys have out-grown
theirs, which will keep you busy
until you come up - you always
make such a quantity for them.
Wish I had some news to write
you - All join me in much love
to you all. Write soon -

Yours with much aff.
Bettie W.