

Saturday

[To Miss May Bushall
108 7th St NE, Wash. DC.]

Evening.

Beaufort N.C.

Jan. 3, 1885.

Dear May:

I received your letter a week ago to day, and was very glad to hear from you. I never received either of your first-two letters, and this last-one was dated Dec 2nd and I never received it until Dec 27th, and as you see, I hasten to answer it. Well Christmas has come and gone, and this is 1885, I can hardly realize it. Time passes away so fast. May I expect you received a great many presents Christmas, you must tell me what they all were, when you answer this letter. Mama gave me a writing desk, and a picture game, Papa gave me

The "Baptist Hymnal" (it is a hymn book) and uncle Charlie and Marion gave me two nice presents I got - a work box, and a set of vases, and also a plush pocket-book off the Christmas tree, and when I went to Morehead I had a silk handkerchief off their tree. Lena Nelson gave me a card stand. May I cannot tell you all that I did get. I have six Christmas cards also. We all spent Christmas at Morehead and had a splendid time. We have had two weeks vacation, and will commence ^{school} again ~~school~~ ~~on~~ Monday. Mama has just come home from Mr. Sal-lic, she was a little better. Mr. Sabiston is home now.

May I know you must have a nice time going

to school in the snow, I
wish we could ^{have} a nice snow
this winter, it is real cold now.

Well May I will have to
close now, as it is getting late.
Write soon, good bye, give my
love to all. Mama sends love
to Mrs Annie, and says tell
her to write to her when she
can. I am as ever your loving
friend,
Lena D.

P. S. Please excuse all mistakes
and this badly written letter.
L. C. D.