

boarders next summer - said too,
she met with Beck Davis at
Sallie Nicholson's marriage - she
went back to Mrs. Battles from
there. Tell Nellie, the "bean" I
gave her, will be down to see
us next week - he is the only
child - and "plenty of money" - Cousin
Nathan Perry, is the one to whom
I allude - I spent several weeks
this winter with his mother - And
"feasted high" - We heard our new
minister Mr. Hoyde, last Sunday -
preached a fine sermon. You
must be sure to come home
with Nellie - My best love for
her, Mrs. Twitty - Cousin Elias, &
the boys - All join me in the
same. Write very soon - Good-by -
Yours with aff.

Battle W.

Mountain Hill, N.C.
Feb. 6th, 1874.

Dear Aunt.

Almost a month has
elapsed since the date of your
obscured letter - It must have
been detained somewhere on
route - Though for the past
few days, Ma has been quite
sick - (Is better to-day) and my
opportunities for writing have
been poor - She has been up
twice recently, to see grandma.
The last time, I was with her, we
left grandma well - comfortably
fixed - and keeps splendid fires -
and Ma returned sick. Wish

much that I could prevail on
her ^{grandma} to pay you a visit the com-
ing spring. Though she thinks
she is too old to undertake the
journey - but I am confident
she could, and it would I
am sure, be beneficial to her.
Sam is more than anxious
for her to go - Am so glad
you have Nellie with you! Tell
her I am taking "a second" per-
usal of the books she loaned me,
the moral of each being so
good, a third, would be time
profitably spent - and taking good
care of them too! Since you
wrote me, we have had some
bitter cold weather, you were a
little fearful, that Cousin Elias
would not be able to get ice -
expect he has filled his house -
Affie is going to Mrs. Joe Jones

now to school. She is a most ex-
cellent teacher - Lucy Hawkins has
a thin school - Her charges are
so very high, people do not wonder
at it - Aunt Mary Ann, and
cousin Jimmie Somerville were
to see us a short time since -
cousin J. is jaunting with her
this year. Reie still at her new
home - Cousin Martha did not
approve of the move back. Phil,
and Billy, are both in Arkansas.
Cousin Emma, has moved back
to her place near uncle Ed's.
And Bettie Reopass, is the place
aunt Delia use to live. It is
rumored that Miss Nannie H.
and June Clements, are cer-
tainly engaged. Temple Thorne,
was to see Sallie last week, said
aunt Martha, had moved to the
Clark place - and expects to take