



*Oak Ridge, N. C.* May 17th, 1897.

Gov. Elias Carr,

Old Sparta, N. C.,

Dear Sir :-

Yours of the 13th, to hand and contents noted. Enclosed you will find receipt for amount sent me to pay my expenses from Oak Ridge to Tarboro, and expenses for the last month of term.

I saw Prof. Allen Holt about the bill and he said that he would be bound to charge me for tuition this term. He says, also, that if I had taken up literary course, it would not have cost me any more .

If you remember, I wrote to you and asked you if I could take up the literary course and you said it would cost too much.

I didn't understand the letter that he wrote to me last summer to say that he would charge me for tuition for short-hand.

He also said that he would write to you by tomorrow, and explain the whole matter.

With kindest regards, I am?

J. A. Oates.

J. A. Oate receipt  
for \$25<sup>00</sup>