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Cisco, N. C., Aug 6, 1902

My dear Maud:—

You will excuse me, I'm sure, when I tell you my reason for not writing sooner. You must not think it was not appreciated, for it certainly was. I enjoy getting letters from the girls.

You received a "Visitor" and Catalogue, didn't you? Aren't they fine! Miss Rhodes' letter to the girls was "just like her," and I enjoyed the girls' notes too. I had a little "pinch" of one of my letters to her in there. Did you have a message in there or hasn't you written to her? I've written twice—and, my, the catalogue was

fixed in extra style - but I think
it is quite an improvement
on last year's catalogue. I really
enjoy looking at all those pictures
in it. Mother received a
very sweet letter from Mrs. Rhodes
last week. She has visited a
good deal this summer.

She said she is going to write
to me before I go back.

You must go back even if Nan-
nie doesn't - but I hope she'll de-
cide to go back too. Haven't you
sent in your application?

Does Nannie write to Miss
Nina? I'm not jealous, ^{to be}
her, for she writes me just
the sweetest - letters imagina-
ble. You know they thought
she was very faithful to me
when I was sick - going to
see me so often, but I think
she has proved a true friend.

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and is faithful in all circumstances to me. Any way - I love her just as much as I did last year at school.

Had you heard of Janie Henderson's marriage? I had a letter from Ethel Bridglove Monday night, and she said that she thinks Janie will be perfectly happy, as she seems to love the man she is to marry, so well.

Miss Carraway has had the Typhoid fever this summer. I hope she is better by now.

You are tired of hearing "College News" aren't you? I but I must tell you Miss Robbins is going back next fall. Her

father wants her to finish in
book-keeping, and take short-
hand again to be more thorough.
You remember she passed on
Shorthand and Typewriting - but
failed on book-keeping. Didn't she
cry a lot over it?

I ought to have told you the
cause of my delay in writing at
first - but I thought of so many things.
My little Brother, Zacha, that
had Capillary Bronchitis died
July 14. you can't realize how
lonely we feel - Eleanor and
Zacha both gone, but they are in
Heaven, we know, and are
so happy. So be sure they were
the sweetest ^{little} children I ever
saw - beautiful in face and oh!
so sweet. Both of them suffered
a lot while sick. Our preacher
Mr. Little conducted the services,
safe in the arms of Jesus was

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sung - it was sung at Eleanor's funeral too. I think it is so sweet. He had been sick five weeks. Brother Warner, we expected would die - we were so uneasy over him - but he is able to be up now, you know - he had Typhoid, and had a relapse, which came near killing him. Doctor Parker staid over here for nearly 48 hours right straight along - would just leave long enough to go over to his office to get medicine. Now father has Typhoid - he is quite sick - had Malarial at first. We are so anxious for him to get well.

Every summer it seems - we have too much sickness in our

family.

Our tent meeting has closed - we had an excellent meeting - but on account of sickness I went only two days. It lasted ten days.

There was a picnic at Ballou's Bridge today. They had fine talks delivered by the big men - Hon. J. C. Scarborough, Pres. of Baptist Institute at Murfreesboro and Johnson, Editor of the paper "Charity and Children", his talk was on the Orphanage. There was quite a crowd there. You would have enjoyed it, I know.

We have a Brass Band ^{down here} and they furnished some good music.

Do you write to Ella or Letha? If so, when you write to me again tell me some news from Fair Bluff.

Have you all many visitors? We have about as large

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ones down here as you generally
see.

One day not long ago I ate so
much nuts I made myself sick
we had ice-cream, lemonade,
watermelon, canteloupe, peaches,
pears, apples and grapes, etc. it
wasn't the quantity, but it was
too much of a mixture and
I had a bad time of it for
about four or five days.

Last night father had a
store at his water-mill to get
burned up. He had rented the
store to another man - and while
the man was at supper they think
a lamp exploded in the store.

I guess what I did yesterday -

I canned sixteen quarts of
huckle-berries - I can do al-
most any-thing.

I've done more fancy work
this summer than I ever did
before - have learned a new
pattern - since I've been home,
which I think is very pretty.

Am sure you are tired of
reading - if you wish for me
to write letters the length of yours -
yours are short + sweet.

Give my love to Nannie, and
accept much for yourself.

Lovingly,

C. Belle Evans

P. S. Please excuse paper - didn't
have any more convenient.