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Dear Brother:

Last evening we arranged our program for the close. As follows.

Salutatory - Pearl Boone
Oration - E.E. Faris
Vocal Sole - Maud
Recitation - Blanche Rankin
Essay - Lula Brockman
Vocal Sole - Pearl Hyde
Oration - Carlie Clark
Inst. Sole - Nell Howard
Recitation - Jessie Clark
Valedictory - R. L. Miller.

What do you think of this. Can you offer any suggestions as to bettering it?

And what do you think of me being in Lely? Some

think it would be better for me not to, as I'm a teacher, and have been to Canada to study Elocution, &c.

Do you think it will be all right? I really don't know what else we could do, - I suppose that is why they put me on as they could do no better. If I do recite I want something real good and something good for Blanche, too. I have written Uncle Tommie asking him to suggest some pretty pieces. I wish he were near enough for me to go to him for help.

Friday Saturday evening we had sociable at the boarding house. I went with Bro. Morrison, Carlie with Miss Emma Taylor, and

Blanche with "Little Shep," as Mr. Shephud Jr. is called. Blanche is very popular. She always looks so pretty and can entertain so well it is not at all surprising.

I have noticed no change in her, but I never see her but for a few moments at a time, and have no opportunity to discover the change if there were one. I trust it is only your imagination that makes you think there might be a change. I have never noticed the young men boarding at her home paying her any more attention than walking to and from school with her occassionally. They

have never taken her to a social or to church.

They are in the same classes and study together at night, she and Miss Maud Miller and the young man - so she told me.

She had not been to the socials until Carlie took her two evenings Christmas and we have had none since until Friday last. She is kept so busy that I hardly think she could find a convenient time to change if she felt inclined.

She and Minnie seemed to think a great deal of the two Mr. Campbells boarding there, the younger is now teaching school in the country. I'm just judging from the profane remarks

I heard Minnie make. She and Minnie are very little together since Minnie moved.

If Blanche should ever change - which I don't believe - do you think she would tell you? Don't let imaginings worry you. You will know the truth in time.

I intended going to Granbury yesterday but it rained and was such an ugly day. I will try to go next Saturday. Mr. Bennet won the medal in the military contest yesterday.

Yesterday Mr. Forrester was cutting wood and a tree fell on him crushing his leg so badly it had to be

taken off ab clear up to the thigh. Poor man I wonder what he will do if he gets well.

We will have a very interesting time in my menagerie from now until close of Free school practising for our "exhibition".

Two months will pass rapidly then an easy time I'll have.

Mr. Faris is journalist and last ~~night~~ evening he had a very good paper. Wish I had some of his jokes to send, but remember them well enough to tell you, - one good one on Carlie and one on me. I will try to get them and send them to you.

Mr. Faris and Miss Lula Brickman "have up a case", Mr. Campbell and Lena, Minnie and Mr. Chandler

Maggie Brooks and C.B. Rider,
Dabney and Ed. Doyle,
and Lou Ella and Mr. Holloway.
I think the last is a
settled case now. Poor
things! I pity both.
Ray is getting along real
well at school. I'm trying
to make him get over his
timidity. I never saw a
more timid child than
he was at the first of the
session, but he is fast
overcoming it. Annat
Aunt Alice is going
down to see uncle Tom
soon.
Am so sleepy I must
take a nap.
Thank you for the books.
much love. Sister.