

Lexington, Va.,
Feb. 16, 1904.

Dear Father, —

I received your letter and check this morning and was glad to get both. The Glee Club went over to Beuna Vista last night and gave a concert. We had a very pleasant trip and got back about 10:45 P.M. We would have had quite a time if we had seen the girls but they wouldn't allow us to talk to them any.

There is a good deal of sickness among the students, measles, mumps and grip. I hope to escape and think I will. Charlie McNulty has been complaining for several days with grip and Andrew Jones was sick a few days ago but is better I think. You needn't be uneasy about me.

for if I happen to run up against it
it won't be any worse on me than
any body else I suppose. There is
a good deal of pneumonia too owing to
the sudden change in weather.

I hear ^{today} that Senator Hanna is dead.
There has been quite a "muss" at
Samuel Sidney Lee. I wonder if
either of ~~the~~ my cousins were
in it. I see from today's paper
that the students & faculty have
come to terms & I guess the
trouble will cease. I know a
fellow here, who roomed with
Jack at H. S. C. last winter.
The work is progressing nicely on
the science hall here and it
will be done by June. Work on the
dormitories back of the President's
house is to commence at once &
be completed by September, so as
to hold 150 students.

I am going to try and call you
see some day. Mamma said she would
call me Monday evening, but I eat
dinner at 2 o'clock & I don't believe
she could get through. I was at
the 'phone about half past one, but
it was ~~the~~ in use. I can use
Mr. Moore's 'phone.

I suppose you all will have some
"sugar weather", when this cold spell
is over. I see Uncle Geo's name
mentioned for Congress. The
Convention meets at Beuna Vista about
the fourth of March I believe.

I agree with you in regard to the
"retrenchment" plan, but the trouble
is you can't retrench sometimes.
When you have books to buy now

and then, and a few other little things
five dollars don't go far I'll tell
you. I have tried to be as economical
as I can. How is the new
Hack line doing? Do you ever get
any better service? I want you
to send a letter that way some
time. I think I would get it
sooner. Well as everything is so
quiet I will close. write soon.
Love to all.

Your affectionate Son,

Roscoe B. Stephenson.

Give my regards to Sady & tell
Hobbes to send me those pictures
sometime. I send you all the Ring from Phi.
No you ^{get it?} for R.B.S.