

very thankful to you for the many pleasures you give us.

Uncle Rhodes is going to town today and I want to get this done to send by him, but I am looking for him to start every moment. The river is so high from the continuous rains last week that he has to go on horse-back and will start early.

I have not been out since last Monday night when the meetings at "Union" closed. Mr and Mrs Spilman were here Tuesday night, and left Wednesday morning to go down on the early train. I like her very much, indeed I like both of them. If it brightens up this week cousin Ann and I are going about a good deal. We will spend one day ^{with} Mrs Sallie King, one with Mrs Jennie Martin and one at Col. Garratts. He did not go to the fair at all. I ~~would~~ have gone if the weather had been suitable.

Uncle Rhodes and Ben went one day but came home drenched in the rain. Mr Will Turner was over here yesterday to take dinner and staid all afternoon. I got a letter from Sister Friday night. She seemed in very good spirits, but she had only six scholars as the fair had kept a great many from starting to school. I hope she will have a full class this year and a good one. — Cousin Mary has a fine boy, born Thursday morning at five o'clock. It weighed 8 lbs that day. The baby and Mother are both getting along pretty well. Cousin Kemble is ^{very} proud of his boy. He says he ^(the baby) will be able to help him plough in about four years. They have named him Joseph Samuel after his two Grandfathers. (Private. Mother I believe. cousin Ann and cousin Maria will be able to get along together. You know cousin Ann is very particular and wants her way about