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## Letter, Tolbert Fanning to John P. Darden; 12/22/1850

Tolbert Fanning

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For aiken College Dec 22

Bro. Garden,

I wrote you by  
latter mail that Phadens had left;  
and it is possible I was in too great  
haste. I have just learned that he  
is on a farm in which I am  
interested, a few miles from Nashville  
and I suppose he will be back  
as soon as Christmas is over.  
I have a young man on the place  
who will take good care of him.  
Phadens, I am told is much mortified,  
and says he was persuaded off by  
the youth who went with him.  
Perhaps it will be a good lesson.  
Be so kind as to write him and  
Honoratio inspiring letters. They lack  
ambition.

As you directed I purchased a  
violin for Honoratio \$6. and I  
have directed our Professor of Music  
to give him a few lessons at my expense.

The greatest wisdom is requi-  
red to manage youths properly;  
and whilst I labour ardently  
with all who come to college,  
I am frequently so mortified  
at my failures that, I would  
prefer being engaged in some  
other calling. It is a thankless  
business at best. To be sure, we  
succeed with many, and but  
for this, I would at once aban-  
don the profession.

Yours

J. P. Darden

P. Fanning