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Letter, Tolbert Fanning to John P. Darden; 10/22/1855

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1855
Franklin College Oct 22nd

Arthur Darden,

Your letter of the 8th is at

hand, and I reply without delay.

In regard to the progress of Thaddeus & Horatio, I feel more deeply mortified than you can, certainly, however, to your intimations, they have been just more than once at Latin Greek etc, but utterly failed from indolence or incapacity. My purpose has been for some time past, to make Thaddeus an English scholar, and with this ^{view} he had had nothing to do but study, still he makes slow improvement.

As to their labor, Horatio has never been worth a shilling, but Thaddeus did pretty well while I had him at any little jobs of work. But I will have no more of his labor. My wish is still to give him the means of improvement. These, I am sorry to say are not the only youths that have failed with ^{us}, but my consolation is, the conviction that we have succeeded with more youths than any school in my acquaintance to the number of pupils

We have done our best, & regret the result.

Your statement of accounts I do not understand. You say you have paid \$300.

this year.

On the 1st of Augst, you are credited with one hundred dollars, - fifty to Horatio & the same to Thadens. This made one hundred dollars each for latt year, instead of one hundred and fifty as you state.

On the 3^d of Feb. 1855, I recd a draft from you of one hundred & eleven dollars, - fifty to Thadens, fifty to Horatio, & 11 to pay a doctor's bill & for a note for Horatio. These fifty dollars each is all that has come into my hands for these youths this year.

With this correction, of course according to your letter, you owe me yet for Thadens this year, one hundred dollars, and one hundred & fifteen for Horatio, less the loss time, which will amount to about one third of the year, say fifty dollars.

If then I am correct, I am entitled
to one hundred dollars on Thadew's account
and sixty five on Horatio's, making
one hundred and sixty five dollars,
When you satisfy yourself as to the state-
ments please remit what is proper,
and I will make out the accounts
in proper form and receipt them.
No doubt you will detect your error
in calculation at a moments reflection.
The time no doubt will come when you
will perceive the causes of the failures with
these young men.

Very sincerely

J. P. Warder,

T. Fanning