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Letter, Tolbert Fanning to John P. Darden; 01/14/1850

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Franklin College Jan. 14th 1854

Brother Warden,

I herewith forward you the accounts of Horatio Read and T. Warden, and you will perceive that I have not charged for the 2¹/₂ months vacation.

If this is not a sufficient reduction of price, I am willing for you to pay according to your original understanding of the matter and I will be satisfied.

The boys are now, I am sure, learning very well, and I am determined there shall be no ground of complaint.

As to their assistance to me I will endeavor to define it. The assist an hour or two in the day, in managing the stock in winter, and in gardening in the Spring and summer. Some times they work of Saturdays and holy days, for which I have been in the habit of paying them each fifty cents per day cash. With the amount they purchase such things as they need.

I would make a suggestion in reference to their future course. Horatio seems determined to make himself a good scholar. He has the ability, and is now studying the languages and mathematics in the regular course; but although Thaddeus, has been studying Latin, I doubt his final success; and I have him at present pursuing the English branches, under my immediate direction. They both seem more inclined to leisurely than formerly.

and I had a thought of proposing to you to let them spend a part of each year at work, should they prefer, and let me pay them regular wages. By this course they would learn the value of money, and my opinion is, they would succeed quite as well in their studies. Their expenses would be much less, and in the change they would become more familiar with the responsibilities of life.

Be so kind as to give me your views unserved.

I will send receipts in the form you may suggest for the amounts you may remit.

Health good, school prosperous and the morning is so cold, I can scarcely hold a pen.

Truly

S. J. Warden

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