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University, Miss  
Sunday, Dec. 4, 1897.

My Dear Mother and Father.

Here is the nobly letter  
again. I have lost the one you  
wrote last week and so if I have any  
questions unanswered you may know  
it is owing to that and not to negligence.  
Mrs Ketchum wants you to come  
here to the conference and stay with  
her. I will introduce my room-mate  
~~know~~ for fear I will forget it again.

I thought I had mentioned his name  
in my second letter. Mr Samuel  
Augustus Smith, DKE, of Holly Springs  
N.C. noted for his use of long words and  
his abiding faith in Wm. Smith.

Very proud of his ancestry and  
aristocratic language. He is a member  
of the junior class and one of the



brightest boys in school. As for his  
moral character - I never asked  
him any thing about it and he  
has never made me his confidante.  
He is one of the most honorable  
boys I know.

I don't own any thing in Oxford  
and have no overcoat.

I believe I told you about  
the "time" the boys in this  
boarding house intended  
having ~~James~~. Bye-the-way  
where are my blue pair  
of certains coming on.

My room looks like a boy  
with one arm in his  
coat and the other  
sticking out. My room-mate  
has sent home for a  
mantle what-you-may call it



and a carpet—also a  
rocking chair. My first board  
bill is due on the Liberty Union  
of December.

Any more news of what  
place Mayor will rent.

I thought he was counting  
too heavily and confidently  
on getting Revell's paper what I  
had heard Will say to Cousin  
John and a boy we met on  
the train whom Will  
knew at college. I hope that  
Cousin John's place will be procurable.  
I had introduced my room-mate  
have I not? We have sworn off  
from going to any more dances  
or shows from now until  
Commencement. Commencement



- I've about as much idea I'll  
be here commencement as that  
Dove will fly. Precious little chance  
indeed. Well there is no use  
borrowing trouble. but this is  
sure - if I leave here I can  
going to get work some where  
and make enough money to  
come back next year or year after  
anyway. From what I have heard  
I think I can get a position on  
the Memphis paper as illustrator.

I was elected editor for the  
class of 1900 for the University  
Record, the weekly paper published  
here. Don't have to do much and  
my name appears on the  
"list" of the paper which is  
all very nice indeed and just



suit. I haven't done much  
work on the annual yet but  
am going to work next Sat.

~~It is getting late so~~  
Write like

James Edmonds.

P.S. Some boys came in  
Sunday afternoon before this letter  
was finished and stayed until after  
train time so it could not go off  
until today.

J.E.