

I have heard nothing from or of An-
toinette since you left here. M^r Rag-
land has lost the office he held under
Gen^l Groner, and is at Tower Hill with
his wife, he brought Captain Blow as a
present, a handsome buggy - It is
thought Ragland will remain at
Tower Hill until the autumn election
and then run for delegate to the Legislature
from Sussex, on the Republican ticket - It
is probable Bogart will be the Democratic
candidate in this county, and there will be
but little doubt of his election. I am sorry
to hear that M^{rs} McNeill and family are
suffering from malarial poison - probably
her house has defective drainage and vented
low for that season. I am always glad
to hear from you, and remain, affectionately
Your Uncle - V. H. Rochelle

Jerusalem P.O.
Southampton County, Virginia
June 7, 1885.

Dear Mattie:

Having ascertained
from your brother your new ad-
dress, I write in reply to your last
letter. Every thing is going on as
usual here - The recent rains have
caused a freshet in the river, which
I fear will cause much sickness
of a bilious type during the summer
and autumn. There was some ex-
citement here at the late election
though not more than usual; it
seems to me that every man in the
State goes as crazy as a bed bug on
the eve of an election - Buck had

a fight with June Scott, and in connection with it Dr Pretlow and Delaware Webb had a difficulty - Mr Parker got a bad kick on the leg, which was I believe all the damage done - Mrs Anna Rick Cobb's step-daughter has run away from her house, on account of alleged cruel treatment, and is now with her aunt Mrs Lattimore, who resides in this village. Mrs Pretlow's governess, Miss Neal, breaks up her school on the 1st of July, and it is thought she will not return another session. I understand that Miss Crane, Sam Pretlow's teacher, and Miss Edwards, John Pretlow's, will neither of them return another session - Mr Allrige is still at Franklin, and preaches at the Episcopal

Church there every Sunday. I do not think we will be able to employ a minister next year. Some one told me that Mrs Col Ridley said recently that the people were not able to pay a minister, that they had too many poor kin-folks to whom they were obliged to give all they could spare. I fancy all the money the Ridleys give to their poor relations does not amount to much. Willie is getting on very well except that he still suffers from malaria occasionally. He is expecting his cousins, Bell and Julia, in about a week; I do not know how long they will remain. Gen^l Shands continues well and in good spirits. Your brother is quite well at this time, and I believe he has satisfactorily arranged his business matters in Sussex.

Jerusalem Jan 11
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