

## Transcription

### "What are the people doing up your way about John Brown?"

R M College  
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Dear Callie

I guess you are thinking, that I am treating you badly about not writing, but when I give you my excuse, you will forgive me, the reason I have not written to you before now is simply this, I had just written to Bettie and I thought you would hear from me in that way and moreover this is such a dull place I never can find any thing to write about.

I sent home after a counterpane and I got it when Dr. Smith came back, it is the prettiest thing of the kind you ever saw, the boys all like it very much. Winston was bragging to every boy he saw, about it, telling them to look at the works of Campbell, None of our family was at conference so Dr Smith told Miki; Our preacher came the other night he is a very large and tall man, he has n't preached yet, but will tomorrow if nothing prevents—he looks like he might do right well

I got a letter from friend Blunt sometime since, and he said he could n't be with us this session, as he failed to get some money, which he expected, but will try to be with us the next year, he is still teaching school with about 30 schollars.

What are the people doing up your way about John Brown at this time the whole talk is about him and his crowd but it will soon be over now. I hope as he was hanged yesterday, if nothing prevented, which I hope did not, I have gotten about half through Davies Bowden and commenced Geometry, but have n't commenced Virgil as yet but will in about a week. I got a letter from Brother William Urquhart last night and he was well and getting along finely so said he

After hearing our new Preacher I return to finish my letter I received a note from a lady of G F College wanting me to send her a catalogue of R M College she was a Miss McDaniel I never heard of her before, I must close as I have nothing else to write about we have rain a plenty at this time Give my love to Katy and Bettie and the rest of the girls

Your Brother J W ANTHONY

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