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My Dear Julian,

Your letter was such a pleasure to me that I must let you know how much I appreciated it. I was at V.P. such a short time that I can hardly realize that Dr. McByde would remember me, especially as I made such a poor showing - still in training that I received at V.P. I built the foundation that has helped me so much in my work. I am especially proud of Dr. McByde; and loved him for his many virtues, but you think he would mind if I drafted him a line, just to tell him how much I appreciate the start he gave me in life. No man who ever attended V.P.

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was so forly prepared to attend College
as myself. Still I got so much
good of ed of it, then my father
lost his health and I had to
go to work, and leave school just
as I was beginning to get on
my feet. it almost broke
my heart, but I just could
not stop so I have worked, and
tried to make good regardless
of what I had lost, just
when I needed the training so
much, I am going to keep
trying to do better and go up
in my chosen vocation until I
reach somewhere at least near the top
I so often think of Danforth,
Watkins, and yourself and wonder
how things are going with you
Could you tell me any thing of
this whereabouts?
I have three children all

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girls Donna Lynn age 16

Margaret Susan " 13

Dorothy Day " 7

Donna is a Junior in the high school
Margaret is a Freshman, and Dorothy
has ~~not~~ started yet, but will go this
coming winter.

Both my girls are very bright
and make splendid marks and
get good reports, both are taking
classical courses, Donna is especially
bright in Ancient History.

I want both my girls to finish
high school before I will let them
go to college as I am profiting
by my experience, to make a
long story short, I want them
to finish in some Virginia
school, and just now I have
your school in mind as I know
of no one that appeals to me
to help train my girls ^{more} than

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my old friend and class mate, that
I loved so well when I knew
him at V.P.S.

It would be quite a coincidence if I
should send my gifts to your
school. Don't you think so?
Had a nice visit with Bob Shanks
while my Salt Lake a few months
ago. Should you come out
this way let me know as I
will be so glad to see you.
Will try especially hard to get
over to V.P.S. next June, if I do
will I have the pleasure of seeing
you?

With kindest regards

I am as ever your friend
W. G. Birmingham