

(Aug? ~~off~~ about) 1885

Skell → Nora

and to learn that you had engaged  
for to teach again - Oh! Heaven only  
knows what changes many take place  
between now and then. I fear the issue  
but all I have to say now is So Mrs. A. to  
Howard leave you must think as  
much of Will as ever I'm inclined  
to think you dreaded the day of your  
marriage and it prompted you to say  
to the trustees Mary's unpleasant  
thoughts I have had but still  
Ara is trusted I may not  
see you till your school is out  
but will write often and wish  
Ara to do the same. Let's try to  
go to N. C. ? Excuse contract  
between paper and envelopes - I'll  
write home + tell them not to  
look for Will + Ara till Nov.

Yours Truly

William D. Reams

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Miss. Gov. & Crockett

Dear Friend

Your last I recd. this morning  
(Monday) I was a little surprised  
to get it - and now when I read  
its contents I had just posted  
you a letter expressing my  
feelings in regard to your  
teaching but now I find I  
must change them for others  
not so pleasant - It seems  
you are bound to teach one  
term if not two<sup>nd</sup> maybe  
more if I understand your  
letter Will + Ara I am sadly  
disappointed but it can't be  
helped I suppose seeing it has  
gone so far. Yes Will is going

have this fall <sup>had</sup> want to go  
to go too Will she go or not?  
I will wait till Nov. If she will  
Mother wants to see her prodiga  
and he has promised to go. It will.  
Now we may make this  
disappointment - a pleasant one  
yet. It is possible. If you will  
help, we may be able to pay  
New Orleans a visit at the time  
we go home I have been thinking  
of it of late. It will cost but  
little more. Time will be most  
needed & I guess we will have a  
surplus & can spare liberally.  
Don't you think we can arrange  
to go? This is not an idea  
of late and I have often thought  
of it. By waiting till Nov. a  
later we will have several ad-  
vantages and some disadvantages  
by waiting the feeling time will be

out on the L & N G + W B + if  
we don't choose to go to New Orleans  
we will be able to get better rates on  
either road. Then the trip to New Orleans  
will be simply grand. Frank may  
go too if he does he will have a  
lady partner to accompany  
him & a nice little company. You  
will be very pleasant. I am sure.  
You wanted to know what I had  
to say about your teaching. I can't  
say any thing seeing you have  
engaged. You know what I always  
say to do when you give a promise  
- but now I feel like you have  
made a mistake. It may be my  
disappointment that makes  
me feel that way. I had never  
set my heart on the time particularly  
until my last return. I was looking  
forward to the time of an event that  
that I so often feared would never  
come