

STRATFORD SHA 2/15/63

Dear Frant

I received your letter last night and I was very glad to hear from my old friend and to receive renewed assurances that I am not forgotten by you. I shant ask you to excuse me for writing so soon, as that is the way I like to have folks do. But then I must excuse you for it is your opinion that you are a greater ___ than when you went there. Now you need not think that you are going to get out of writing a good letter on such grounds as that. You can't feel me in any such ___ for your last letters are better than your first so you need not ___ to feel me. I am glad to learn that they are striving to get in the right path in Leon for I think there is need enough of it. According to all accounts they grow ___ and ___. I think you better go home instead of me. I think I am about as good as they make but then I think I might probably get better if I should try. It would be rather discouraging to work down here so you said you wished I was there to tell you what to write. I want you to write just as you used to talk - just what you think. I guess I have wrote nonsense enough. You're speaking about going home almost makes me homesick. I always think you and ___ are not there when I think of home and it would hardly seem like home without you there. I would rather be where you are now going to school you are well situated to enjoy yourself. Still I see you are longing for the time to come when you shall return home thus it is with the human race. We are looking forward to something better, never contented with the present. As I think of you returning home and I think of the last minutes you spent at home and the last ___ it seems as if there was more connected with the last month than all the rest of my life. Why is it why are there times which are always remembered and which seem to sink ___ the rest into a scurity. I don't believe you will be as contented at home as you imagine. Things will be changed. I am not homesick in the least to get back to Leon. I would like to be out of this well enough but I think there are far better places than at home for me. Frant you are a good girl for writing to me, but if you are as ___ as you tell ___ be very little. You told me to write as soon as I could. That was if I felt so ___. Now old lady, I don't want you to talk so ___ more. You know I will write as often

as I can that is as often as it is _____. I assure you it is a pleasure for me to write to you and to receive answers in return, but it is my prayer that the time may soon come when we shall not have to write and then wait for an answer so long, but shall see each other as we are situated at present. I am very contented and feel as a boy. They have just ___ out for ___. I ___ drink mine _____

Frank you must excuse some parts of this letter I don't mean all I say. What a hurry you was in. You had a _____. This is from your ever true friend, Edgar Shannon to Frank Hunt