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## Letter to WR Graham from his cousin SC Graham

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Dear Will,

About the time I left home Sam, my son's, eyes were giving him trouble and I sent him to Richmond to be treated by Dr. Davidson where he seems to have been greatly assisted and helped.

Sam, as you know, is an overgrown boy really now a big man and only now 19 years old. I do not think that it will do for him to undertake any work or profession, at least at present that will require the constant use of his eyes. He is a good boy and a fine fellow every way.

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He has never done any good at school, probably on account of his eyes. I remember in your last letter to me (in December) you said you had a difficult task in getting farm hands; and after thinking seriously I want to consult with you about sending Sam to your to leave farm life, if you will take him and let him leave its practical realities. Sam is strong and healthy and a companionable boy, with no habits of dissipation whatever unless you may call his love alone for a wife dissipation. This I know, for you know I am wide awake on those I know - certainly on my own children.

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I am sure he would like to go to you. He is exceedingly anxious to do something and I now here say that I would be perfectly willing for you to be the judge of his wages, if his board and clothes and a little pocket money, alone.

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Mark me, I know that a Graham would not like to boss his kinsman, but it is teaching that I am after for Sam. If I thought one of my boys would make the successful farmer you have, I would be proud of him. It is not money I want the boy to earn, it is experience and manhood - self reliance. I want him to go off, as he begs me to let him do, away from town.

Brother Charles has spent the winter with me here and is a fine man. I will be in Tazewell 1st March next where you can write me. We all send regards to you.

Yours truly S.C. Graham