

We carried them to the house. We gave them to my sister. She cooked them. We ate them. We liked them. One day my brother and I went into the woods. We saw a rabbit. He shot the rabbit. He ran to it. He took it up. The rabbit was dead. I carried it to the house. I hung the rabbit on a nail. My father saw the rabbit on the nail. He sold it.

J. J. D.

(11 years old—Born deaf. 2 years, 4 months at school).

## VII.

### ABOUT SHOOTING PARTRIDGES.

One day my sister Henrietta and I went into the woods. We saw a partridge on the road. I was going to shoot the partridge. I did not hit it. The partridge flew away. I was disappointed and sorry. My sister Henrietta was glad and laughed. She went to my cousin Mary Murray's house. George and I went in the woods. We looked for some partridges. I saw a nest on the tree, I climbed the tree, I saw four eggs in the nest, I came down. I saw a crow's egg in the nest on the tree. He and I looked for some partridges. We saw another partridge on a tree. I fired at the partridge. I shot it. The partridge fell down. The partridge was dead. We went to the road. We saw another partridge on the road. He threw a stone at it. He did not hit it. It flew away. He was disappointed and sorry. I was glad and laughed. I carried the dead partridge to the house. I showed it to my sister Juliana. I gave it to her. She was pleased. She thanked me.

W. B.

(16 years old—Born deaf. 14 months at school).

## VIII.

### DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION,

Halifax, January 3rd, 1877.

*My dear Schoolfellow George,—*

You have not written a letter to me since I wrote to you last May. I must write a letter to you now. Please write me soon. I am very well. I hope you are well. My sister Bessie was married to Captain \_\_\_\_\_ on the 9th of last September. I am very lonesome without her. They are on their voyage to Tybee, in the United States. I wish you and Otis and Jane a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. On Xmas morning I got three Christmas boxes from my brother Clarence. I got a collar box and a new bow, and a scholar companion. A scholar companion means a box has leadpencil, slatepencil, pen and rubber in it. It keeps them from losing. I am much obliged to him for his kindness. Mr. Hutton showed us some nice things. He told us that Mr. M. S. Brown gave us a checker-board and checkers, and solitaire board and balls and dice. He was very kind. We are much obliged to him for his kindness. We played at checkers and solitaire and dice till dinner-time. After dinner Clarence and I went to see Mrs. Ross and we talked together till five o'clock, and we went