

"VALENS, Oct. 27, 1887.

"I have just finished writing the official notice, which means that my stay amongst the people of Valens will terminate eight weeks from Friday night, and a strong impulse comes to me to write to you. I had some thought since summer vacation of taking this step, but have only fully decided this week. I do not think much of it at present, but when the time comes to part I know I shall feel the severing of the tie very keenly, for severing my connexion with school means breaking connexion with everything—Sunday school, church, prayer-meeting, missionary meeting and social ties. I am indeed thankful that my steps were directed here. It seems to me I have taught in the truest sense more than I ever did before; and when I say that, I do not mean that I have done what I might or what I could have done. Far from it. I feel at times so deeply my own unfaithfulness that the thought of my work is a burden. To think of those young immortal beings under my care for three years, and yet to how few have I spoken personally about the great matter of their soul's salvation. God helping me, I intend to speak to all those whom I think able to comprehend what I mean, before I leave, and I ask your prayers that I may be guided aright."

The few intervening weeks passed quickly, and the closing day came. Tuesday, the 20th of December, 1887, she severed her official connection with the Valens section, though the official tie was but a fragile thread compared with the deeper and stronger bonds which united her to the people, young and old, of that neighborhood. A number of friends gathered in the afternoon of that day to bid her farewell, at the close of her public service in their midst, and were treated to a characteristic mingling of entertainment, examination and farewell, musical, poetical and religious, in which pupils and friends joined. At the close she was presented with a beautiful album and Bible, and the following address:

"DEAR AND RESPECTED TEACHER,—At the close of your third year's labors in our midst, and the termination of your relationship to us as teacher, it is with mingled feelings of grief and gladness that we approach you at this time and ask your acceptance of this album and Bible, as a mark of our appreciation of your personal worth, your sincerity of purpose, your unwearied efforts on behalf of our present and eternal welfare. We desire to bear this testimony, that while you have sought earnestly and faithfully to instruct us in every branch of our course of studies, yet your highest aim has been to lay the foundations of, and build up, 'moral character,' that morality, which has its roots in the Cross of Christ.

"We grieve that the happy relationship that has existed during these past years is about to terminate; and while we express our sorrow at the fact, yet we