me so when I speak
I work that I hardly
dare ask to teach
or do anything
here.
But think I will
try for a school
next year any
way, women whose
husbands make
a great deal more
than she does, teach
and why not I?
I pray every day
for the Lord to show
me just what to do.
Sorry Miss Millie
is so sick.
Your smart Lodie's
Sister said she had
not yet got the m

Greensboro N. C.
Feby 12nd 1895

Dear Mrs. Tourgee.

Received your letter this morning. wondered why you were so long answering.

We have had lots of snow here but it is nearly all gone now and today is beautiful and bright. 'Tis true, I have a husband and three sweet little girls, but their presence only makes me more anxious to earn money so as to be able to give them their education.

Mrs. Moore is collecting money for Bennett College, at present, and will teach there next year, if nothing prevents. But I want to make enough money so as to take

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Mother is not here now staying with a lady at one of the Hotels. If it will worry you at all in thinking over my case just let it go. Many thanks for your kindness in answering my letter. Much love. Yours as ever. Mary Patillo Moore.

a years course, at any rate at some music school so I may teach music in some school, possibly here at home. I believe I have some talent for music, but as long as I'm around home I cannot give the time to it I should in order to make it pay. then there are other reasons for wishing to take lessons away from home before applying for any place. one is, namely incompetence — I never like to praise myself, but I can do almost any kind of work as the folks say. I can cook, wash & iron and clean a house - sew reasonably well, do a little fancy work - but my chief delight is music. Some folks like to listen to me sing - But Mr. Moore discourages

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