

New Orleans 1st April

My dear Madam.

It has now been some time since we have had the pleasure of hearing either from you or from any other of our Kentucky friends; you, I excuse more than any of them, as you always write when you know where we are residing, but really my other friends appear to have almost ~~totally~~ totally forgotten me, and I think it would be almost necessary for me to appear before them, to remind them that there is still such a person in existence as Anne Erwin.

We have now been here about six weeks, and my visit to this place is about drawing ^{to a close;} as there are urgent reasons for my returning to Tennessee in a few weeks at least; I shall return in a week without Mr Erwin, with his youngest brother and sister who have been spending the winter in Mobile.