

Good morning.

Shelbyville July 22nd 1844

Dear Mary

after going over yesterday
without writing this morning I thought
I would write you a few lines I received
yours and that day before yesterday Oh
I was so delighted to hear from you
both it cheers me up to get letters
and hear the news from Lexington
but I will be there to see and
hear for myself in a week I expect
we will come the last part of next
week if sickness does not prevent
which I hope will not as we want
to see you all so bad I dont expect
you will know Liz or me either
we have grown so tall I think
I suppose you have grown a
good deal too how is dear Little
Lilly and Ella Liz has been wanting

to write all the time and commences
but never sends them I try to
get her to write to Papa but she
leaves me to do all the writing.
I am very sorry Emma McCaw is in
bad health do you know what is the
matter I suppose you miss her
when she is not at home as you were
so intimate with her. you do
you ever go over to see mami and
Mary Carter or do they live near
your house. I should like to see
them so much what business is
Mo Coaster in it is so lonesome
in Shelbyville the reason is there
are not but four girls ^{in town} I care
any thing about and they are not
much. I am wishing for the time
to come for me to start I will
be so glad when the stage is
out of town. ~~there~~ is such a mean
little one horse town. but still I love
to go to school dearly better than

Mr Bullock I believe is come over.
I suppose Dr Marshall is teaching
at your house yet does Lily go
to school yet. I am very glad you
go to dancing I love to see any
body because I dont think it is
a sin for any one to dance as
I am getting tired I must come
to a love Liz and I send love
to all the family and yourself
tell your ma I will write to her
next time. we will be up next
week so good bye dear Mary,
your most affectionate friend

Ellen Mattheis

I will bring my music book

Tuesday
Jan. 21st. 1890.

1010. Chapel St.
New Haven.
Conn.

My dear Aunt Mary.

Enclosed

you will find some newspaper
illustrations of rooms, which will
give you an idea of how they
are fitted - also a program of
the "Glee & Banjo" Clubs whose
entertainment took place last
evening and was very pleasant.
My father has returned to Washington.
Hoping that all with you are well,
with love,

Your devoted nephew,

Montgomery Gibson.

There is a picture of the "Osborne
Memorial Hall" on the cover, also
the "fence" as it used to be.

then we had the "Inconveniences
of single life" & the "Old ladies tea party"
Mr Lewis Guion, waited on the
old ladies - he wore one of Roberts
aprons and had his waiter -
Grandpa nearly killed himself
laughing at him - Uncle Kim
& Col. Blackford had some very
funny shadow scenes, like those
we saw at the minstrel, but a great
deal better - Uncle Toby, Mr Tom
Winder and Miss Nellie Mc Collam
made a very successful failure in
a farce and just as the audience
was about to hiss them, they made
their exit for the purpose they
said, of committing suicide! Miss
Nellie was right down and with
Mr Winder and Uncle Toby for
falling - she did her part splendidly
we had a very nice supper and
did not go to bed until four o'clock -
I believe Grandpa enjoyed it more
than any of us - the gallery was
crowded with the negroes - they called

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I feel so sorry for Uncle Kimmy,
he seems as if he didnt know what
to do. Since Mr Swinland went
away he has attended to the garden -
it is right funny to see him having
the plants watered every evening -
I believe he takes more interest
in the garden, than he does in the
plantation -
We are all perfectly delighted to hear
you and Aunt Mary have a
house of your own in Lexington
at last. We often wonder who is
the most pleased you or she -
If your children feel like we
do, I guess they are the most
delighted - Now that you have
a house, I dont despair of our
having one ourselves - Now if we
owned the Kissick house, we would
be neighbors - Wouldnt it be nice?

Stranger things than that happen
sometimes.

I must thank you for the
party you have promised me.

Aunt Louie will claim hers
this summer I expect, but I
will let mine run on with
interest for a while and then
you can give me a party a la
Preston! You will I hope
by that time, be what Miss
Julia calls a "nabob".

We have been looking for
the Montgomeries for several weeks
but it seems the reason they did
not come, was, that Uncle Lee had
made all the arrangements for com-
ing without consulting Aunt Mary
or Mrs M. so yesterday Grandpa
got a letter from Mrs Mont-
gomery saying she had not thought
about coming until after Lent.
Poor uncle Lee I fear he is not
much of a Catholic.

April 27th 70

I feel ashamed to have had a
letter so long on my hands, but it
does seem to me that there are more
interruptions here than in any
place I was ever at before.

The tableaux went off with grand
effect as Uncle Will, used to say -
the Minors, Mr Collam, Cobley's,
Guons, Mr Tom Winder and Col
Blackford were the guests.

I will give you a sort of program -
one of the evenings entertainment - first
we had the Creassian slave, which
was "gorgeous".

Miss Lucy Ashmore was the slave
& Col Blackford & Mr Mc Collam
were the Turks - then we had
"Blessed are they that mourn" I
was one of the angels and Ma who
got us up for the occasion, forgot
one of my wings - but the affect was
good in spite of this omission -
What would it have been if I had
had my compliment of wings!

Shickawago, N. York
Miss Mittie Gibson to
Care of Capt. Gibson
Franklin, Kentucky





Dear Mother

I found the
key a little while after
you left - as it is such
a common lock, I thought
your mother would have
a key that would open
it. Why did it fail to come
up? Sarah Ballou
called to take her out to
Lucy's yesterday and was
disappointed not to find her

Tell cousin Lucy she
had seen a calf yesterday
the Bulls - a lady and
gentleman game last
night. I don't know who
they were. Mary Vankin
was at the fair and did
not know them and they
left no names.
The Higgins spent part
of the day, came a few
minutes after the carriage
left.
I heard a good joke
in Lucy, but will not
write her what it is.
She wants Lucy and me

to spend Saturday even
with her it is the 10th day
and Mr Blair will be
there will spend next
week at the "Hudson River"
Hoping you will receive
your trunk here in
time and with much
love believe me your
Caring aunt
Dorothy

By the way it would be a great thing for me to get some position under the Erlanger syndicate in connection with the recent railway combination organized by them, especially if it is to embrace the Cien Southern or Ry Central. The general Southern Agency or agency at New Orleans would be a splendid position. As you know the Erlangers you might get something for me. Of course we shall have to leave Greenwood for another term of years to get it started with care. I should hardly be willing to repeat the folly of 1870. I know what it costs to restore an abandoned plantation and I haven't the courage to undertake it. I hope the notes are benefiting you as much as you expect or desire.

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Look out for &
excuse my long letter for I know
it will be tedious to you.

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a junk for this is the
dullest place for enjoying
life I may say that I
ever saw there is never
any noise going on here
or any fires or any parties
as we had in Lexington
every thing puts you in
minds sorrow creeping
out from her nest peeping
upon the earth and making
every thing sad.

I suppose
your little angel is
still living and progressing
so far as to be in good
health with you yourself
Pa said you were getting
well very slowly. I be

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crow writing to Claude
trying to give him all the
news he can think of
there is so few things going
on here I dont expect
he can write him much.
Dobe and bought a little
alarme clock not long
ago which frightens us
every time it alarms. It is
late I must go to bed so
good by until morning.
I awoke up this morning
very much refreshed after
a hasty sleep I went and
got a hasty breakfast of
dry biscuit and coffee
and then went and
heard a very boring
sermon by some body
I did not know who

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I did not think of telling
you of the biblical class
we have three or four
in the school.

I expect to
be seating before long as
it is turning colder and colder
every day. This is a very good
house it is warm and
comfortable we will not
have much trouble
this winter as it is so good
a room and have a
~~fire~~ stove. PLEASE Do not
forget to send those things that you
promised us at sunabers
Forest & C

Give my love to Louie
Pa^{and} M^r. H. and keep two bushels
for yourself
John & P. O. Johnson

Dear Sister -

She of Laey is bad, but - I can't
leave her - please get Mr Gibson to
Telegraph in my name to Mr Wallace
enquiring for Mr Grijsh - early this morn -
That I may hear among the friends
A. B. Schuncke

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courses either of which
would have been
enough I think
all the people here
have too much en-
emy about every
thing

after dinner (it
should be called supper
or about 8 o'clock I bid
them good evening
and took my way
to Cambridge which
place I reached in
about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour
it was awfully cold
& I run most
of the way ^{out} so that
I did not feel it
so much as if
I had taken the
Omnibus

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After visiting the
Athenaeum I went
to Mr Charles Stoddard's
I believe I have mention-
ed him before but for
near I have not I
will tell you again he
is Father to the Young
lady of that name
to whom Lucy Webb
gave me a letter of
introduction) to take
dinner I received the
invitation some days
ago - I reached their
house at 5 o'clock -
after waiting about
one minute in
comes Miss Mary

A young lady of
18 years - she was
very agreeable &
she talked away for
about 1/2 an hour
when in comes the
old gentle man he
is about 40 years of
age and looks much
like Mr D B Hill of
Livington he is
a very agreeable
gentleman and
seems to be a great
Church man as he
enquired particular-
ly about my spiri-
tual affairs and of
my impressions of
Cambridge morals
which are at a

13-
very low ebb just
now & it ~~is~~ is the
most heathenish ^{plac} ever
saw -

Mrs Stoddard came
to the parlor at a
few minutes of Coel
shortly afterward we
were asked to dinner
it seems odd but all
the passionate people
have their dining rooms
in the sellars - so
down we went to
the sellar to dinner
which was a good one
and would have been
more so if they had
not kept me such
an awful time at
it - they had five

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Oh when!

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My Mother

Oh my Mother!

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My home! Oh where is now my home? Jedidiah

My home! Oh where is now my home? Jedidiah

Imagination, hush! And every feeling crush.

My home! Oh, where is now my home?

Imagination, hush! Mrs Jedidiah Hobart

I dare not pause, I now must roam

And every feeling crush. I now must

A poison lurks at my heart's core, loam & every

A fever in my brain; A fever in my brain

Oh, shall I view my home no more,

Nor sleep at home again?

2 The moon may shine, the lambent stars,

The prosy of heaven -

They only ope like former scars,

The heart they fair would strengthen.

So still, so pure, they beam and shine,

So gently seem to rest,

Whilst every feeling joy of mine

Is carterd in my breast.

Mary Hobart Mary

Viney came in & saw me writing & asked if

you were well, she said tell Miss Mary

I miss her mightily, I did n't know I loved

her so much, give my love to Miss Mary

all the servants task for you & desire to

be respectfully remembered

texts of scripture to commit as voluntaries, to control the
temper, Prov 16. 32 He that is slow to anger, is better than
the mighty; & he that ruleth his spirit, than he that
taketh a city. Should you be kind & polite?

Be courteous 1 Peter 3. 8 Duty to God & man -
Thou shalt love Lord thy God with thy heart, & with all
thy soul, & with all thy mind, & thy neighbor as thyself
Matt 22: 37, 38, 39. How you should act towards others
As you would that men should do to you, do ye also
to them likewise Luke 6: 31, What doth the Lord
require of thee, but to do justly, & love mercy, & to
walk humbly with thy God Micah 6: 8, The sum
of true religion, Fear God & keep his commandments
for this is the whole duty of man Eccl 12: 13,
Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,
whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure,
whatsoever things are lovely - think on these things
Phil 4: 8, These are only a few to suggest to you the
benefit they might be to you as a guide through life,
& all I you commit should be in reference to the same
I just made out those text's as they occurred to me
on this piece of paper, upon which Ell has
been scribbling, & have not time to rewrite them
so I will just enclose them as they are, you can
refer to your Bible to see if they are correct,

Father, Mother, Ellen, Lily, & Cousin Maria send
much love to you, our kind regards to Mrs Agnew
& Miss Lafour.

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This evening as I came
by the candy shop I
purchased 4 oranges — one
for you one for Cousin
Mary Lefor one for Eva — & one
for myself — but I guess
I will have to eat all four
mine & your 3 — I wish
I could send them to you
I will have a Turkey cooked
& sent to you some time
next week — I suppose a
loaf of bread would not be
amiss — and a jar of pick-
les but I guess you have
an abundance of the latter
When I went up to
Pittsfield I had a hun-
-dred things to tell you of
but forgot them when I
saw you it is just so
when I wish to write to

you I think of many
things to tell you but
when I come to write to
you I forget them all

In giving a description of
my feeling when I was at
your Festivals the other day
I said (but you will see
it in print before long)

As I stood in a sort
of delicious bewilderment—
a sort of dazzling maze, I
gazed now on the soft
blue, now on the flashing
black, and again on the
witching hazel eyes: now
in love with the rich blue
nettes,— anon led captive
by the fair blonds: now
following with our eyes the
tall & greenly, now gazing
after the soft slight and

You spoke of my calico dressing
I thought you would
have liked the blue the
best the blue makes up the
prettiest & the purple next
the pink best my blue
is made wacker waste with
a ruffle a round up it the purple
& pink are made up like
I will send you the
recipe for making loaf
ginger bread for Mrs Shar
ks 9" large coffee cups flour
2 do - Molasses
1 do - sugar
1 do - sour-cream
4 large table spoons ging
2 do - cloves + 2 of cinnamon
5 eggs + one teaspoon of soda
2 wineglasses of brandy or
whisky.

I'll join in much love
to you & brother tell
brother that I'm Duncan May 10

My dear sister
I have just come home from
school and am delighted to get a letter from
you and I will tell you about my school I
like it very much there are seven of
us Helen & Sarah Grady quite a nice
little school I am studying Latin and
like it very much & Geography, Arithmetic,
Reading & writing, I like my teacher
very much she is a very nice
lady we go in to school at ten
o'clock in the morning & are out
one. After school is out to day I
took a boquet down to Mrs Sayre who
has been very sick with piles but she
is now quite well & was able to go to
church last Sunday which has not
been able to do for a good while.

My dear sister I have not written
any for several days & since
I began to write father has gone to
Illinois to see doctor Jenkins we received
a letter from him on yesterday.

I took a bunch of flowers to Mrs Brown
my teacher I love her very much though
she is a Yankee bred & born, she
has two little children one is a
girl the other a boy the little
girl is quite pretty she has rosy red
cheeks and blue eyes, fair skin & light
hair & very fat her name is Lucy
she wanted to come out with me
to day very much but Mr Brown
would not let her come she said
that she would let her last with out
her. To day before dinner was ready
a man came by and said that he
could varnish very well so mother
engaged him but I do not think
he does it very well I could do it

well myself but he says that it is a great
sle to put on varnish I do not
like his varnishing much it is
to rough he has finish the little
table that stands in the library
and fathers desk & the piano stool.
Mariana Gratz & Sarah Berkley are
coming out this evening to ride on
horse back I was to meet them at the
collygate at half past six o'clock I
guess that we will have a nice
time for they are both very nice girls.
It is near six and I will have to get
ready to ride as I get my lessons in
the morning I have all the
evening my Latin is very easy
and so is my geography
those are the only lessons I have
to study I read my history over
twice and spell the indian
names and hard words.



P.S. - Since writing - It occurs to me - tho' I had better - press upon your attention - the necessity of extreme caution in what you say to her - about the "Almighty Dollar," as she is, a correspondent and particular friend - not that I think she would communicate what she ought not - but owing her relationships - It would not be treating her right, to speak of her friend, in a way which might be unpleasant to her - This is a good and prudent rule through life - If you can say no good of a person, say nothing that is harmful, particularly when speaking to their friend

My changed opinion I will give you in due time the reasons for - when we meet - It is determined to have a long vacation in July, & August & but a few days in May - I will come on for you & that time you will spend at home - that is the long vacation - so that I will be with God willing - in time to start home at the commencement of vacation - You do mention your Cousin Eva in your list of particular favorites - Is any thing the matter? Give us a particular account of your studies - what is your progress? What progress in French - Has the class for conversation been organized - Seek every opportunity of conversing with prof Richard & Lady attend to your hand writing - your music &

singing - Have you made any improvement
in them - What are your habits of Study - Are
you a student - Give to your Books diligent &
close application - How many hours a day do
you study - Have you ever repeated the "Mass
seils Home" in French to Mr Richard - To try
your pronunciation - Repeat it when you
are called out again to speak - I have a
Thousand and One questions to ask you but
I must stop - If I can only get one answer
to these I shall be satisfied

The exhibitions of "Sambo" you have occa-
sionally in your Pittsfield Churches is
most revolting & disgusting - Sambo I suppose
has social intercourse with these people &
suffers from their public treatment of
him -

Aunt Betsey has got home - delighted with
her visit to her daughter - she spent two weeks
with ^{her} - The old Lady says she was treated with
great attention - that she was dining out and
spending the evening all the time &c

I enquired this morn'g of Mary your nurse
what message she had - & in expressing her hope
and desire to see - she commenced crying and
left the room - So you see my daughter the
love the servants have - who are awfully de-
lighted to hear from