of the finest female performer in Maysville. I think her talent must be very remarkable. Annie's letter is so full of irony that I do not quite understand her. She warns me not to write to her on politics as I did in my last, which I do not remember mentioning, for it is a very distasteful subject with me. But I shall make it all right with her myself. We all enjoy her letters so much and particularly Mother, that I should be sorry to discourage her from writing in her own natural playful style. "Aunt Lizzie" is so obtuse at times that she is apt to take raillery for sober earnestness. Most of my correspondents you know are those who deal more in sober facts. — The "Observer" of the 19th contains the marriage notice of Mr F. and the last one a very interesting account of the "Farewell Missionary Meeting". I would like you to see them. It is very gratifying to me to know he is so highly appreciated, and that improved so much as a preacher. If they are spared I believe they will make their mark in the world, as far as energy and perseverance in zeal for their Master's cause can accomplish any thing. I must confess to a little pride in ~~my~~ having two such friends. — Mother says don't have more than 4 of John's shirts done up, as she wants him to wear out the old ones first. I will try and write to him next week. — We are very much interested in "Kirwan's Life" which sister Fanny has received in return for a new subscriber for the "Observer" (Dr Mc I.) You ought to read it. — Mariar Newman is expected back next month with the baby. Her intention is to stay here through the summer I believe. — ~~Mr Brodrick's wishes~~ to add a line or so, and as I have told everything I think will interest you I will close. Kiss my pets. I hope Mary Ellen will be home soon. It must be so lonely for you

Affly your sister
Lizzie.

Sister has seen one of those "Sewing Machines" and is satisfied it will not answer her purpose, so has concluded not to get one.

Mr B. finds he can get the sugar here almost as cheap. He [illegible] for [illegible]

~~Sister~~

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Wednesday morning Mar 4th

My dear sister:

Your letter was received and also the shoes, for which Phebe sends her thanks to "Uncle Richard", and also to you. Sister Fanny requests me to ask if you have two daguerreotypes of Sue's, one of Sue's when a baby, and one you left here once, together with one of Lewis. Neither of the three can be found, and we thought possibly you might have them. — Sister Fanny has been quite sick for several days with Dysentery. Has not been down stairs since Saturday morning. Phebe was not well enough either to go out to the meetings the last two or three days. Sister is almost convalescent now but has not ventured down stairs on account of the cold weather. — We had a very interesting and encouraging meeting but was very abruptly closed just at its most interesting point. Our timid citizens anticipated a raid from the rebels on Sabbath night, and made preparations for it. This I believe was the main reason for closing the meetings, for although Mr Lapsley felt compelled to leave, apprehending danger in getting home, Mr Hobson was here from Missouri and offered to continue the meeting, and