

hours and answered that letter two weeks ago and have as yet received none in return and therefore feel very uneasy about her this is one of the reasons I write today I am so anxious to hear from her. This secret will surprise "Shug" even more than it has done me for I have heard it talked of before and she never has and will only see the reality and enjoy the same with me this winter. I hope her Father will permit her to visit me for I have so much pleasure planned for us, then Pat Ma are so anxious to have her come. I should like to have her here on New Years day as I am to keep open house and Rida Kendrick is to help me and Ma has invited a young gentleman cousin to assist so upon the whole I think we will

have a huge time. I should like for Miss Annie to come by this way and spend that day with us, Mrs C. I hope that I may not be disappointed in regard to "Shug" visiting me for if I am my chief joy will be lost - let her come to enjoy this new secret with us (I mean Pat Ma & myself).

I have at last thrown my gloomy colors aside and put colors on and I can hardly get used to it indeed I feel very much unlike my self as well as I look so to others. Tell "Shug" to keep her voice in good practice for Cousin Robert Marshall is a very fine bass singer and we can have all the parts. "Every body" was much disappointed because "Shug" did not return with me but felt reconciled