

Louisville Oct 25th '46.

My Dear Sister Mary.

Pardon for not answering your truly welcome letter sooner, I know will be granted when you know how very busy I have been and am still. With a little boy to nurse and watch who is running about and forever falling down if I attempt to do anything else and a great deal of sewing to do and the very poorest excuse for a servant in the kitchen you may imagine that my hands are full, if you cannot, your mother and our mother I know can pity me. Mamma assists me all she can, but she is in school the principal part of the day. But I expect a good woman tomorrow and I hope if I am still confined a great deal, to have more comfort with it.

Well, sister Mary yesterday was the anniversary of my marriage and 3 happy years, they have been and the best wish, I can make for you, is, that you may be as happy, at the end of 3 years of wedded life, as I am. Did any of you think of it on yesterday.

Tell mother that her birthday was celebrated by us on last Friday week. John Peers, Mary Ellen and Mary Anna were with me to dinner and many kind wishes and very many happy returns of the day were expressed by more than one of the company for our mother. God bless her and ~~many~~ many

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