

grown to be a smart active girl. and can read but
the gem of the flock is my little Bertha. She can't talk
yet but sings or rather hums some of the most dif-
ficult tunes. -- Georgie and all of them are well. I write
this at the Department or she would ^{add} a postscript.

I wrote to Jennie and Helen some time since but have
heard nothing from them. -- You say Sis intends writing what
has become of Jennie you dont say. Give my warmest
love to Ma. -- and tell her if it is not too troublesome to
some times let me see her writing. Annie dont you think
that a little trip to Phil^d and then here would do her
good. Resting along the route. I know it would and
could assist you a little pecuniarily if it were determined
upon. Any way I hope to see you soon. -- it may be towards
the latter part of August or 1st of September and God
only knows, maybe never. -- My health is feeble and
to sit at a desk constantly for six hours exhausts
me very much. Tell Jennie and Helen to let me hear from
them soon and my dear Sister do you write often. -- Again
remember me to Ma and Good bye.

I am always your affectionate
Brother. V

Henry C. Cooper.

P.S. The little fracas of last week which you
speak of was only a diversion. News has however
just reached the Department that Lee with 80
thousand men is marching up the valley of the
Shenandoah. As upon all such occasions people are