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Dear Aunt

No doubt you think we have been very remiss in not writing before the present, be assured that the neglect was not intentional, since our arrival, it has been almost impossible to accomplish anything on account of the extremely warm weather, the recent storms have proved of great benefit not only in cooling the air but our tempers also.

On our return home we spent several days in Cincinnati and Louisville, met all of our friends and enjoyed our-selves, exceedingly. I was very anxious to lengthen my visit in Louisville, as my acquaintances are quite numerous there, but Papa wrote for us to hasten home, as he found keeping bachelor's hall anything but an agreeable task. Mama is much disappointed at not seeing her neice as we expected, she left the city a few days previous, to spend the summer at their country residence about sixty miles distant., however her father called and promised us, that she should pass the winter in Paducah. Hebe is anticipating a delightful time when she comes I regret that I will not be at home to participate in their enjoyment and long for the time to come when I too shall be free from all school duties, that horse I will hail with delight.

We see from the papers that the crops this season are not as fine as secesh in "Dixie" but judging from the appearance they present here. I think it must be a mistake, for the barns in our neighborhood will be overflowing.

Morgan's appearance in Kentucky, has created great excitement among the Federals stationed here, a rumor reached us yesterday that he would attack Paducah last night, this proved a mistake as he is in the northern part of the state, if he should attempt to take this place very little resistance would be offered as the military force has been reduced to only one or two hundred.

Tell John and Ashley L feel very uneasy fearing this warm weather will prove injurious to their delicate constitutions if they are as industrious now as when we were with you. Dick frequently speaks of little Julia, I think she succeeded in cutting out all of his sweethearts here, they endeavor to win him back by sending boquets and other love tokens but in vain he is ever constant to your little beauty. he sends his photograph and hopes ere long to receive hers in return. I expect Kete thinks I have forgotten to send mine to his but I will keep my promise. I had some taken in Cincinnati as we passed him by intending to send him to Dayton but they moved like wildfire, before I knew it.

All promise in love to Uncle Jeff and all the family Hoping to hear from you soon I am as ever your loving neice.

Lilly