

To Mariam from her mother, Henrietta. Mariam is in school but about to come home for a visit. There is no date on the letter but I expect that it was written in the spring as Brookings is already home and Mariam will be there soon. They are either on a school break or out for the summer.

June 12, 1870

My Dear Daughter

Sunday Night

As your brother is writing to you I will add a few lines to you. Though I am not indebted to you a letter, your Pa wrote to you a few days ago and told you to let us know which way you were coming home and exactly with time and where to meet you. Now you must write and let us know. I should not like for you to come by Louisville unless you had nice company and a suitable place to stay all night. If you have to go to a hotel, Mr Wingate's will be the best place for you to stop as they know us and they would attend to you, and your Pa will meet you there.

We were all so glad to see your brother last night. I only wish you could have been with him. I expect a letter from you tomorrow. I don't expect I will write to you anymore as it will be so soon now before you will be home, but if it is necessary to answer anytime, you should write. I will write again if you have time to do any shopping. You can decide what you want and get all you should need. I want you to get a grass linen suit and I will make it for you. I saw some such pretty suits made of it when I was in the city. They are cheap and make such pretty cool traveling dresses and you can get a percale [*cotton fabric*] and some kind of nice dress and a hat that will be about all you will need. And if you haven't confidence in your own judgment, your cousin Sarah says she will go to the city with you when you come home. I will look for your Aunt Beck and Willy Spencer about the 18th or 20th. I suppose they will stay until you get here. I suppose you will be here in less than two weeks. Write to me if you have time. Good night my Dear Child, may God protect and keep you and soon be with your Devoted Mother

Mariam if you write, mail your letter as soon as you write it. Some of your letters I get one written several days before they are put in the [*post*] office. I am sorry you did not send your brother the package I put in your box for him.

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