
K.M.I.

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Dear sister,

I received your very interesting letter a few days past was exceedingly glad to hear from you once more. I will make an effort to answer although it is very late. I spent a very dull Christmas here, I should have enjoyed myself if I could have been at home, but now I feel a great deal better by not coming home. It will not be long until the time which I anticipate with so much pleasure, will be here, that is when I can see you all. I want to spend a happy time at home next summer for it will be my last one to spend under 21. You must take care of yourself while you are young. Judging from the number of parties and hops you attended, you surely must have had a nice time. Of them all I believe I had rather have gone to Hirum's, to the oyster supper.

Is Mr. Bob Turner in Kentucky now? I received a long letter from Dick Houston not long since, he was in Danville Kentucky. He said that he had been having a gay time lately. I took your diary when I came way from home to keep my journal in; I will give you another one. I have no letter of yours with me. You must excuse me for not writing more write soon. Give my love to all. I am your true and loving brother

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