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[letter of Henry Bruce Jr. to Nannie Bruce Alexander, 1870]

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My dear dear Daughter,

This is the fourth of fifth time that I've hated myself to answer your sweet precious letter wich [which] came to hand a few days ago but trust I may be able to do so now without interaption [interruption]. You can never know how happy it made me, if you did you would never let your letters to me be so few and far between. "Say to Mrs. Alexander I'm really getting right jealous of her whilst I'm willing for her to share a portion of your affections. I cant [can't] give my consent for her and Lynn to monopolize the whole. Ah! My darling you can never know what a trial it is to me and the sighs and tears it cost to be seperated so far from you, and the only consolation I have is knowing that you are happy with the man of your choice. God grant that the day may never come when it will otherwise, and that you may love each other "better than all the world besides." Happy is the woman who has a husband whoes [whose] heart always beats in unison with her own, who is right out with every thing [everything] faults and all; with such anxious [sic]

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she cast off restraint can tell her feelings just as they spring spontaneous from the ~~part~~ soul, for she knows he sympatyses [sympathizes] with all she does and says. I am glad to hear that Mr. Dora was pleased with his stay at our house, your Pa took quite a fancy to him, thought him such good company so full of life. He spoke in highly of Linden, it was so complimentary I will quote his words, He said to your pa that that Linden Alexander was one of the funniest and best boys living - Now dont [don't] it make you feel proud? Yes Nan I know you are proud of him. You said something about not coming home till september now my darling do you think that I can wait till

then without seeing you if you do you are mistaken and I know linden will agree with me that you are to come at least one month before September Pauline will be down sometime in July and I dont [don't] intend she shall go home before somebody comes to Cinti' [Cincinnati, Ohio] I dont [don't] think Mrs Enlow is comatable [sic], I have made enquiries about other nurses and have had several recommended [recommended] in case we never hear of the old lady Mrs Leathers, who was the inocent [innocent] cause of my falling. [letter ends]