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[Letter from May Green to Henry Bruce, Jr., Nov. 1891]

Kansas City [Missouri] Nov 16. 1891 [November 16, 1891]

My dear Preshious [Precious] Daughter.

It was said. that there is an Excuse for every mean thing that a man does on Earth, but One. and that is cursing.

But I am at a great loss to know how or whare [where] to begin to make up a reasonable or plausible excuse that will look so on paper for my seaming [seeming] indiference [indifference] + neglect in not acknowledging at one. the receipt, and telling you, without aney [any] exaguration [exaggeration], how much pleasure your kind-loving and interesting letters of the 14 and that also of the 25 ult gave me. and I am very soon now to say. that my vocabulary is to [too] limited to do the subject justice and fulley [fully] exonerate myself from blame. I must therefore appeal to you for forgiveness. and assure you that

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you have not lost much. if aneything [anything]. as I really have had nothing worthy your attention to communicate.

I also have the same apoligy [apology] + excuse to offer to my May. for not replying ere this. to her splended [splendid] letter of the 8th inst. [instant] which I am proud to say. has been severly [severely] critisised [criticized] by all that have read it. by such remarks as these. "I am astonished. I had no idea that May. could write such a good letter." "Isent [Is'nt] it wonderful, its composision [composition] – spelling and grammer [grammar] is faltness [faltless]." "There are few grown Ladies. that can equal [equal] it." "No one that read this letter of Mays. who does not know her, would believe that it was writen [written] by a young School Girl, that had not graduated with high collegiate honors."

This should make her feel proud as it does me, and all her loved ones at home. and should stimulate and encourage her to increast [increase] perseverance

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Please present my affectionate regards to all my Lady + Gentlemen friends at Eureka [Arkansas], I am so glad they are such kind and good friends to you.

By the way. What is the prospect for us to have the pleasure of your good company to spend Christmas at K.C. [Kansas City, Missouri?] Lillie is expecting that you will be with her at St. Jo. [St. James] to spend Christmas

I hope you – nor May. will keep books and expect me to answer promptly all your letters. But that you will write often to your Old

Papa H. [Henry] Bruce

Mama Cowherd has recoverd [recovered] from diphthara [diphtheria]. and is going to housekeeping on account of some of the gusts of the Hotel sensuring [censoring] the propriety for permitting her to remain in the Hotel with such a contagious disease. Young Fletcher has been with Nannie for nearly a month.