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[letter of Mary Bruce to daughter Nannie Bruce Alexander, Winter 1871-72]

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Down the steps at the Maltby has promised me that she will have no means untried to find out her whereabouts, although she says she is the meanest nurse she ever saw and that she treated Pauline shamefully when Jimmie was born during my absence in N York [New York]. and made her promise never to tell me. Now I dont [don't] believe [believe] one word of it - because I wrote to Pandy that I was anxious to get her for you, and if there had been any thing of it, I know she would have written me about it

Who do you think has been staying with us well I'm afraid you cant [can't] guefs [guess] - so I will tell you, it is one of Rets [Retta or Henrietta] old sweethearts, or rather would like to be provided she would give her consent, well this is too bad keeping you in suspence [suspense] as Bruce's say "its not Porter but Asa who dim me to little lane [?]" says hes [he's]

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I recd [received] a long letter the other day from Mamie Pauline says she worded every bit of it while she quote it - down why cant [can't] you and Mrs Alexander come over wouldn't it be nice for us all to take a trip to Niagaria [Niagara] together hurry and come for I have heaps to tell you

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Well as my paper is surely out must stop writing, remember me kindly to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Annie and the little girls [girls] Your Pa and Sisters join me in sending much love and many kifses [kisses] to you and Linden

Your devoted

Mother

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doing well in N York [New York], he'l be here again in August on his way to that City. Betsy has not been well for some time has no appetite she ways [weighs] twenty pound lefs [less] than she did when she came home from St Louis [Missouri], she took a nice long ride the other day in company with (Mr Green a Kentuckian who has been trying some time to make her acquaintance) Ell Morgan and John say she could never fall in love with him if he has got forty thousand and only one child, college bred and all that, because he loves his tody [?] too well - she's right too - Dont [Don't] you think so? She had several gentlemen callers lately but has no particular fancy for either one of them. Well Mattie Bruce is married at last - her wedding was a grand affair. She was married in the ninth St Baptist Church, by the Paster [Pastor] Mr. Jiffires all went in carriages from the Hotel - came right home after the Ceremony remained till half past nine. then left for Niagaria [Niagara] They are expected home the last of this week. I think she's the only one of the family whoe's [whose] ever married a Yankee - may she be the last. We've been teasing Lil [Lillie] lately about Bradisk he has sent her several papers but she has never acknowledged them