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[letter of Mary E. Bruce to old friends after moving to Covington; envelope has newer handwriting in pencil "Letter my Mother wrote to Better Colored woman belonging to my Grand mother and letter my mother wrote to neighbor after she moved to Covington"]

April 18th 185 [April 18, 1853]

My Dear Miss Sarah and Mary

Your joint and very interesting communication has been duly received, I shall ever retain an ardent and tender affection for many of my Dear Neighbors with whom I do assure you it was painful to part, otherwise if I could but still enjoy ~~those~~ their society I should have no regrets for the change we have made, we are now very pleasantly situated, in a quiet and pleast [pleasant] part of the town, and so far inclined to believe [believe] we shall be well pleased with the City. from the short and limited acquaintance [acquaintance] we have made you ask how Mar [Mary] was pleased with steamboat traveling, much better than I had anticipated. (it being her first tour.) after ~~being on board a short time~~ her fears were a little subsided she seemed to be delighted little Nannie asked repeatedly to use her own language What all that water was doing so near the poarch [porch]. she says she wont forget Miss Sarah Tanner while I was reading your letter to the children little Henrietta was listening very attentively. she broke silence pretty soon and says mama take me home I want to go home so you see they have not forggotten [forgotten] you tho'[though] so young. Pauline and Frank started to school last monday they are both pleased, they have a very pleasant and pretty walk I dont [don't] think it exceeds half mile Mar [Mary] & Par are both pleased with living in Covington [Kentucky], Mar [Mary] says the only objection she has is that she has to pafs [pass] up and down to many flights of stairs.

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Frank says she likes Covington better than Mason because she has something to amuse her here every day. Pauline says tell Mifs [Miss] Mary that she will not forget her promise of writing, and will do so as soon as she gets better acquainted with the city so that her letter may be of some interest to her Dear Mifs [Miss] Mary