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[addressed to "Miss Ann Lashbrooke, Washington, Kenty."; sent from Paris, Ky., May 20]

Tuesday--1835

My dear Ann

I suppose I must as usual write first in order to hear from you at all Ann you do not treat me well or you would have written before this time and if you recollect you promised to write the first letter however I will forgive you if you will answer this as soon as you read it and let your answer be a very long one. We got to Brentwood Thursday evening after quite a fatiguing ride but we were perfectly refreshed after a good night's rest. Sister Margaret

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come out next morning to see me and then again Sunday when I come home with her and still at her house. O Ann there were four strangers called yesterday and I had to be introduced to all of them only think how I blushed. Laura Paine came over and invited me to her party yesterday and I went quite contrary to my expectations when I went to see W. \_\_\_\_\_ [sic.] and such a party the most silent company ever saw there was not more than 20 persons there and not a single grown girl but Miss Trimble. Miss Lizzy Langhorne produced "quite a sensation", here she was more universally admired than she is at home

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Frank went to Lexington yesterday to see Miss Ann Maria but he says he was disappointed poor fellow. Ann what about this scape [scrape? {text missing}] of J. J. Key's and Wm [William] Rannells? I heard that J. K. actually stuck his knife in R. is it a fact do write me all about it for I am anxious to hear the truth of the matter. Tell Jane Forman she must be sure to come up the fell [fellows?] up here are monsttous [monstrously] clever and Ann can't you come too do come

Sister M's would be so glad to see you I know you would enjoy yourself. Tell Miss Sally not to despair of getting paid for the night gowns I should have paid her before I left home but I had so many things to think of that I forgot it entirely. Here I am dressed in Sister Margaret's

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dress my trunk not here yet. You don't [don't] know how well Sister M's dresses fit this is more becoming to me than any I ever wore. Give my love to your Ma Miss Sally and Jenny: and my respects to everybody that enquires for me. write as soon as you read this and write a great long letter excuse the paper and the writing too.

Your affectionate evertrue friend

Jane Chambers [signature]

P. L. [sic] I dont know when I can send this letter to the office