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[letter addressed to "Mr Henry Bruce Covington Ky politeness of Mr J Threlkeld"]

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My Dear Afflicted

Mary & Henry I sit down to try to write you a few lines to let you know how deeply I simpathise [sympathize] with you in the bereafment [bereavement] of our dear precious little Frank the Lord gave her to you for a little season and now he has taken her from you to prepare your hearts for the reception of his saveing [saving] grace O is she not a little magnet gone to draw us to Heaven to Join her sweet little voice in the beautiful song of redeeming love O me thinks how beatiful [beautiful] she looks cloathed [clothed] in the blefsed [blessed] garment of salvation and the beautiful robe of christs precious Rightousnefs [Righteousness] a praiseing [praising] her heavenly father and great Redeemer and shall we not double our diligence to make our election sure through the grace of our Lord Jesus christ that we may be admited [admitted] to see our precious little Lamb again for she cannot come back to us but blefs [bless] the Lord we can go to her. I never was so anxious to see you all in my life as I am now and have been for some time though I know it will be a distrefsing [distressing] meeting to me you all feel a thousand times dearer to me than ever but can't come until the river opens so the boats can travel without danger which I hope will be in in a short time give my love to Mr Bruce & tell him I want to see him very much kifs [kiss] my dear Pauline and my precious little ret [Retta or Henrietta] & Nannie & the sweet babe for me. Nancy has been right poorly this week with the breast Ague but is now up again Elizabeth is very well but the babe is yet delicate but improveing [improving] every day & will soon be able to travel she is a very nice pretty little girl Nancy's little Frances Ann still improves she is the swetest [sweetest] and prettiest child she ever had. give my best love to Mrs E Morgan & tell her I want to see her very much & that it is my greatest desire to see her and her dear brother Henry Members of the

Baptist church no more at prest but remain your affectionate Mother N T Bruce [Nancy T.  
Bruce]