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[letter of Henrietta Bruce to her cousin]

Mount Hope Feb 19th 70 [February 19, 1870]

My own dear cousin --

Your thankfully received little missive giving me al the "home news" was received you write such a good letter cousin Ell just like you talk in such a pleasing happy style, and so well calculated to enliven and cheer up your country cousin. And now how can I repay you when I havnt [haven't] one word of news or material to frame a letter worth your perusal.

My stay here has been very pleasant And together with sleighing, riding to town occasionally I find a great deal more pleasure in the country then I had anticipated yet sometimes I get real homesick and long for the a sight of the city. In the last letter we resoned [received] from Pa he had given up the

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"Clifton" and was again negotiating for the Merchants I wonder if he will get it this time It really seems that Fate is either against his learnng [learning] or settling in Cincinati [Cincinnati] O! wouldn't [would'nt] I rejoice [rejoice] If I should tomorrow receive a letter saying for us to return to New York I would start direct for Covington and take my dear old cousin back with me, Country life has no charms for me I shall never marry a Farmer especially an Illinois one. And you are carried away with Maggie [?] Mitchel. she is indeed a charming little creature I have seen her frequently and her personation of the poor little out east (Fanchin [?]) is perfect. Mr Kissel has made his New Years dull at last poor fellow [fellow] I know he love you but is afraid of that big Cousin John of ours

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you never mentioned him what is the matter? Anothr [Another] little lovers quarrel, How is my fun making cousin Bruce -- does he visit Newport and the Mustril [?] as frequently I hope my dear Aunt Lucy has entirly [entirely] recovered by this time give them all my best love does dear little Lonie keep well give her a big kiss for me How does the little school prosper Tell Allie & Lillie the

[they] must write me a letter in French Give a heap of love to all My der [dear] [illegible] Cousin
please write me another nice long letter tell me where you have been what you have seen In short
tell me all you knowe [know] My hands are stiff with cold It is time for all contry [country] girls to
retire

good night dream of your

Cousin Henrietta