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[letter from Henrietta Bruce to Henry Bruce, Jr., Feb. 1870; letter has "B" monograph at top of the first page]

My dear dear Pa -

I have just returned from Church where I heard a regular old fashioned Methodist sermon, a real shouting one. This denomination has been holding a revival for some weeks past, members have joined, and such excitement, It is really amusing to me, to see the unceremonious manner in which the meeting is conducted, people go in and out, whenever they feel disposed. Women carry their babies some time two or three that can scarcely walk and the restlessness of the little ones, with an occasional display of their musical talents, interrupts the Preacher no little, whos [whose] sharp shrill voice together with the loud singing are indeed a trial to one's nerves. The Methodist think the greater the excitement and the

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~~noise the more good thy can do to enlighten the people.~~ You know it is characteristic of the Methodist to get up a great excitemet [excitement],, ~~You remember Pa what revialist [revivalist]~~ ~~Mr. Helm was and I tell you that,~~ they go into it,, here with a vengeance, ~~You remember Pa what a great revialist Mr. Helms is,~~ and I tell you Pa Mr Helm our great revivalist wouldnt [wouldn't] stand on par with the mindes [minds] who tried to enlighten the people to day [today], Cousin Edward wants me to go again to night [tonight], dont [don't] think I can consent to go,

We are having delightful moths [months] here it hasn't rained but once since our arrival and I would enjoy the redering [?] so much if it wasnt [wasn't] for the mud it is splash lash {?} all the way to town and back and I never go out that I dont [don't] come back covered. I must tell you of

the nice ride I had the othr [other] evening. it wasnt [wasn't] in a fine carriage "New York style", now but [?] by a wagon a real country wagon filled

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with straw over spied [?] with a buffalo robe, and off we went taking in all our rustick [rustic] neighbors, and such a jolly time we had

You know your "boy" is always in for a frolick [frolic] and how could I do otherwise that enjoy the straw ride ~~as thy all coed [?] it here So it looks like Cincinnati is to be~~ So it look like Cincinnati is to be our future home. I know I shall never like it as well as I do dear old "Gotham" but I shall be content just where it puts you best, if you take the House Pa will you wait us to come back right away. Are you going to repair the house write to us all the particulars, Have you heard, from Pauline, we have not received a smile [?] line from her since we left Civington [Covington] ~~what is the matter?~~ I wonder why she dont write! I should like to go over to St Louis [Missouri] but Pa has never said one word about my coming in one letter she said she and Linden were coming over here but I wrote her that ~~Uncle Bens house has C [?]~~ every room was now occupied

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I have been very busy sunny here nearby made Lillie [text not readable or illegible] togethrs [togethers], Jerry & shirking [?] go together in the Eveng [Evening] when my fingers are busy with ~~the~~ one thing, my mind is with you all at dear Cousin Gerges [?], I often imagine I see you all sitting around the comfortable fire, laughing a good time in which I one participated, Give my best love to each and every member of the family – and all at Aunt Lucies Tell Cousin Ell I leared [?] her nise [nice] letter and will answer soon, and now my dear Pa Aunt Ellen has called me to dinner [dinner]. and with a heart full of love I am ever your loving

Henrietta

I scarcely ever get lonesome.