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[letter from Mary E. Bruce to Ms. Green, 1872]

St Louis [Missouri] May 20th 1872 [May 20, 1872]

Ms. Green -

Your letter asking my consent to impose in you the sacred trust and keeping of my darling Retta, has been recd [received]. It is true, I have thought for some time that, there was something of the kind in existance [existence].

As I know her to be a girl of discretion and good judgment, beleive [believe] she would be equally so, in the matter of so great importance, as the selection of one to whom she surrenders her rights, her liberties, her very fate.

The happinefs [happiness] of my children is the chief object of my life, and having nothing to urge in opposition to your request, save the

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selfishnefs wish of always retaining my jewel in my own keeping - yet this sacrifice, great as it is, I'm willing to make, if granting my consent in this matter will contribute to her happinefs [happiness]. May God take you both in his special protection, preserve you from the various evils by which you are surrounded and make you ever mindful, that the consciousnefs [consciousness] of making each other happy, should be your purest happinefs [happiness]

I remain

Mrs M.E. Bruce [Mary E. Bruce]