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[Letter from Henry Bruce, Jr. to Mary (May) Bruce Green, Oct. 1891; envelope addressed to Miss Mary Bruce Green, Eureka Springs, Ark., a/c A.R. Sayles & postmarked Kansas City, Mo., Nov, 30, 91 [November 30, 1891] 6 am]

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St. James Hotel

Miss Mary Bruce Green.

My Dear lovely GrandDaughter.

Sitting alone in my cosey [cozy] room No 8. in my big arm chair before a cheerful blazing grate. with nothing to do, and feeling the lack of social company, which I always enjoy so much. and realizing how much I miss you, and your devoted and lovely Mother. Now so widely sepperated [separated] from me. and other loved ones. I ask myself Why is this? and the answer comes, for your good. and this may be defined as a compliment to your Superior teachers who have such drawing qualities.

And I do hope – that you appreciate and will take advantage of the great oppertunity [opportunity] you have, to gain knowledge. that will add greatly to your present

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personal charmes [charms]. to say nothing of the great pleasure. that it will give to your dear devoted Mother. and the increased pried [pride] of your Old grandpa. and also to your own happiness. besides adding largely to your admiring friends

Then persevere with redoubled effort. time and opportunity [opportunity] is rapidly [rapidly] pasing [passing]. your School Girl, days will soon be over. The next generation. it is presumed will be far in advance of the present in accomplishments. Tes [It is] estimated that there are now over twelve million of pupils [pupils] in the public Schools in the United States. truley [truly] this is indeed a progresive [progressive] age, and you must not get left.

I feel sure that you will not neglect pleasent [pleasant] manner, and make yourself agreeable and lovable to others.

Love. is an instictive [instinctive] language. that is never misunderstood not even by all

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the animal creation. I never failes [fail] to make friends. But can no more be Eseplaini [Explained] than the sweet smell of flowers.

I take it for granted that Cousin Tom has notified [notified] you. of his sad bareevement [bereavement] by the death of his devoted Mother. My lovely Sister. She has faught [fought] a noble battle for eighty two years. her memory will ever be dear, and dwell in the hearts of all who knew her.

Never did a more devated [devoted] + self sacrafising [sacrificing] Mother – or a truer friend live on this earth. nor a puer [purer] Christian enter the door of heaven.

My advanced age, white locks and totering [tottering] legs. admonish me that I must soon follow.

Excuse me, I am tierd [tired] and must stop. All well here + at St. Jo. [St. James] Love to Mrs Ellis-Sales. Richards + new teacher. Dont [Don't] bother yourself to write to Grandpa. I got your Ma's good letter.

H. [Henry] Bruce