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[letter from Lillie to her father Henry Bruce, Jr. – 1874; first page of letter has a monographed “G” in the top left corner; different from File no. 167]

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My dear Pa –

Thinking of you would love to hear from us this morning I thought I would write and tell you all the “home news”, I mean home for the present, Oh! I’m so glad that we dont live here now, I dont mean that I’m not having a nice time, but you know Pa how I always disliked Cincinnati, yes and Covington too, for it is Just like Cincinnati, that is, it is such as filthy place. Imposable [impossible] to keep anything clean. We have had nothing but gloomy weather ever since we came. When we were going to Kansas City to live, I was ashamed to acknowledge it. But now I’m proud to say I live there. Ma & Retta [Henrietta] are sick this morning, suffering with diarrhea I think it is change of watter [water or weather?]. Brother Richard, May & I eat breakfast by our selves [ourselves] I wish you could have seen May, licking a Quails leg, she would smack her lips, like it did her so much good. She grows prettier every day. I tell Ret [Retta or Henrietta] if it was’nt for May I would be home sick near all the time. Retta [Henrietta] has such a sweet little home. every thing in perfect taste. I’ve learnt [learned] to be quite a little house-keeper. We have had the house cleaned so nicely –

A great many persons have called on us. Cousin Lucy Ford was here yesterday she said Lon was coming home Christmas. She had expected to go to New Orleans [Louisiana] but now as I had come she did’nt think she would go. Aunt Lucy has been sick all winter, not able to go out Ma & I are going to see her this week. This climate is enough to make every one sick it is so damp all the time.

Is Mrs Banning & Ella at the St James now? I hope she is better. How are dear little pets? What I would not give to see them this morning and have a good hug and kiss. bless their dear little hearts, tell Richard he must not forget his Aunt “Lail” and dont let his Grand-Pa make him nervous.

Give my love to Pauline & Nan, kiss the children for me, and give my love to Mrs Banning and Ella also Mrs Finch & Mary Goggins.

Ma and Retta [Henrietta] Join me in much love and many kisses, hoping to hear from you soon my dear Pa I remain your loving child –

Lillie.