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[letter addressed to "Mrs Elen R Teal Mayslick Kentucky"; from Mary E. Bruce, her sister]

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My Dear Sister

I recd [received] a letter from you day before yesterday stating [stating] that Mr Teal was a greateal [great deal] better, which was gratifying indeed to us all for we were getting [getting] very uneasy about him, and I do hope that he my [may] soon be restored to his usual health, but I am fearful that he is not yet able to stand the fatigue and anxiety of mind that moveing [moving] to a new country may cause him to undergo don't [don't] you think he had better decline going untill [until] his health is sufficiently restored? if you should conclude to go we shall be happy to have you and your family to spend a week with us for it may be a long time before we see each other again, Mar [Mary] was anxious to pay you a visit before you went to Illinois so she left Covington on last Monday for your town I hope she has reached there in safety I heard she had lost all of her baggage which gave us a greateal of uneasinefs [great deal of uneasiness] but I trust she has recovered them I would like very much to know whether she did or not, Lizzie Wells is going up to morrow [tomorrow] I would like very much to accompany her up there but Henry has gone out to the furnace and expects to be gone 2 weeks and it will not do for both of us to leave home, so I cant' tell when I shall be able to visit my Fleming friends give my love to Sister Lowry and tell her the weather is very fine I think she might come with you this far as it has been a long time since we have had the pleasure of seeing her at our house

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we heard that the Doct [Doctor] intend moveing [moving] to Missouri [Missouri] and that he had offerd [offered] his farm for sale. It appears that all the Mason and Fleming people are going away Mr and Mrs Armstrong left here yesterday on their way to Missouri and they said Milton Johnsons family were going, and I don't [don't] know how many more families that I have heard are going.

You said that Pauline did not answer your letter yes shed [she] did answer it, and stated in it that she did not know when her grand Mar [Mary] would be able to visit you, when a few minutes afterwards we heard that Mr Teal was no better so Mar [Mary] concluded to go up right away and then she thought it would not be worth while to send it as mar could tell you all the news give my love to mar and tell her she must not stay too long we all mifs [miss] her so much little Nellie seems lost with out her she must drop us a few lines when ever she feels like it I know how much it worries her to write long letters

You ask me which I thought would suit the children best to come down at night or in the day, well takeing [taking] every thing together I scarcely know which would be best, the children would enjoy the senery [scenery] in the day which they will be deprived if you come down at night and get there will be danger of the little ones falling overboard if not watched very Closely children are so apt to be wanting to look over at the pretty waves as they come a long Remember me Affectionately to the children and Mr Teal your Affectionate Sister

Mary