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[letter of Henry Bruce Jr. to his daughter Nannie]

Madison Square Hotel N. Y. [New York]

Friday eve Jan 6/65 [January 6, 1865].

My Darling Nan [Nannie].

Your valued favour [favor] of the 22nd Ult. was duly recd. [received] giving me such good news and good fortune to yourself. which should have had earlier reply. but at no time in my life have I found it so inconvenient to attend to my corispondence [correspondence], as since I have been here, which is mainly owing to the fact, that during the day my whole time is taken up, and at night seldom fail to have from one to five visitors at my room. I seldom ever go out myself at night-- have been to no place of amusement since I came to this great city. nor do I expect to, no matter how long I may be compelled to Stay, nothing on

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earth. Could afford me so much real pleasure to be with you all at home. And especially do I regret, that I could not be there when you joind [joined] the church. and was baptised [baptized], may the good Lord Shower his richest blessing upon--and keep you from all harm and permit you to become, an ornament to society a usefull [useful] & profitable member of his church. I am sure you will make more friends now than you ever had before--

I am extreamly [extremely] uneasy about poor John. I hope he may spedily [speedily] recover. And escape the horrible [horrible] + frightful disfigurement, that so often prove [prove] the result of that most loathsome disease. I am so impatient to hear from you all ever day until after the time pases [passes] for you take it. I don't know what I should do. if I should hear that some one of you had been attacked by the same disease I hope + pray you may escape.

I am so sorry that Dear Pandy [Pauline?] could not be with you while in Covington [Kentucky] is this not hard? I recd. [received] a nice long letter form Miss Ret. [Retta or Henrietta] a day or two ago. will answer it soon. you + her and Lill [Lillie] should write me every day or two-- I hope in future you will.

I am in perfect health but don't eat or sleep well--

please give my love and a kiss to your good Ma and each of your dear Sisters also to Mrs Hall. Excuse the hurried + galoping stile [galloping style] of this letter. Could not do any better this time. Devoted + Truly

Your Father. H. B. [Henry Bruce]