

April 15, 1883.

Dear Niece, —

Your letter so long ago received, I have not forgotten to answer, but long enough neglected so here's for a trial. We are all well this bright spring afternoon and glad that warm weather has come again. I suppose you are all getting along well and growing sweeter as the days of sugar making go by. School is closed and ma ma Sletcher has all of the music at home just now. I hope you and Carrie have made great advancement in your studies the past term. What you are and can do now shows what positions you will take in future years. Eddie has had a hard cold but is better today. He speaks a great many words says he wants to go to "mount" on toot toot. I have found some "bits" I will send you. It is reported that Jessie H. is going to teach school this summer in the Pikeville district.