

We shall
be truly glad
to get letters
from you
any time.
My aunt
dear cousin
fondly,
- Kate

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Waymarville B. Mo. 25th / 68.

Beloved Cousin

Our dear Catherine, arrived safely at home on the 2nd inst. with good health & spirits, & we are rejoiced to be all together again after a separation of more than three months. My dear Sister and myself shall not feel satisfied until we acknowledge the reception by her of thy valuable and beautiful present to us - all the more acceptable from being so entirely unexpected - and on account of some recent losses such as we could not think of purchasing for ourselves.

Please accept our united thanks dear cousin, for this evidence of thy thoughtful care, and love for us. We are also truly grateful for the good care thou & Cousin Abigail took of our dear girl. & your great kindness to her wife, I believe, always be as a bright spot in her memory, as well as that of other members of your dear family. The kindly love reigns in your home which makes it agreeable & pleasant to those who visit you, as well as to yourselves. - We do deeply regret to hear thy eye is not well yet. But years ago thou learned to bear bodily sufferings patiently, & to encourage others to do the same as well as to practice self denial in diet & in various other ways. I well remember expressing our wishes to each other at that time, & our united belief that such a course as to the outward, was also helpful in preparing us for a religious life, & I think so still. Bodily sufferings ^{also} have their use, & often lead us to be - submissive