

cold, early in the winter - I believe
 cousin L. is taking lessons in painting,
 from Miss Mabley; whose work
 is very much admired. Whit has the
 sweetest, little blue-eyed girl; named
 Alice Carey - she is over three months
 old, & they all write of her increasing
 charms - Brother makes as much
 ado over her, as Whit does - she was
 certainly, very pretty & cunning, when
 I last saw her - at first, her hair was a
 lovely brown, but Kate writes that
 she is very much afraid it is turning
 red - she is fair, has pretty little feet &
 hands - and altogether, is quite wonder-
 ful - I hope Addie may have one,
 before a great while, tho' there is nothing
 to be got, that I know of, for I think
 Brother is getting anxious to have a
 little babe of his own - he is very fond
 of children, & it would be a great mis-
 fortune & disappointment, if he
 shouldn't have any. Do you ever
 see cousin Liza? One of the M^{rs}
 Quins says she doesn't know how to spell it,
 is hoping to have some in Columbus.

I did hope
 you would
 write me,
 very soon.
 I am always
 glad to hear
 from you -
 I wish to
 write, before
 long, I hope
 I shall be
 home - you
 know where
 you are, I wish,
 I don't - I forgot
 to say that Mr. &
 I intended
 stopping to see
 Charles & Ben.
 I do care
 for them - I
 don't think I
 will be home
 in a week from

little - but if you are at school
 to read anyone, who knows or will
 anything of it; so I must it under
 hand that bro. J. has done more for
 Ben's sake she has for mine
 there is constantly a success of some
 sort, on hand - I have been glad of
 your success, uncle J. & I had the
 quarrel about Brother, when he thought
 Brother was going to marry Maggie;
 I was displeas'd with him - but he
 but he cares nothing for me, & shows
 no more interest in me than he
 would a stranger.

Thursday night. I didn't finish your
 letter Sunday, and was feeling too
 bad yesterday, to do anything - I awoke
 with head ache - & was hardly able to
 sit up, at all, during the day, but have

I have written you a long letter

felt very well today, only I am
very weak. Pa has just returned
from Columbus - went down this
morning to get paint &c. for the house -
the painter will be out the first of
next week I presume some of us
have written you that Bro. P. has had
two nice rooms built in place of the
old ones that stood in front - so now,
they have four nice rooms, with
porch all around - all around -
a small house, but large enough
for Pa & Ma - the rooms are all
large, & a good wide hall between
the two front ones - it has been finished
for some months, except the painting;
we dread that, but think we can
manage. Bro. P. is the kindest, most
generous person you ever saw - he
will have to make a great deal, to
accumulate any - he gives away as
much. It is very lonely out here -
Mattie & I have made two visits.

to church, nor school, & very
few nice people - our old friends have
almost all left the country.
When I left D. I expected to be near
mid this Spring, but don't think now
that cousin C. will be - his affair
arranged - I told him he must have,
before I would name the day - he said
he would, but I hear nothing of it; other
influences have been at work to keep
him from settling; just because I was
trying to get him to - didn't want it to
appear that "I made him do it;" he
provokes me, sometimes, almost be-
yond endurance. Don't say a word,
to any body, about this - I have
caused myself trouble, by talking too
much. Mattie has a letter from
cousin Lucy - she is in Danvers, this
winter - she wanted to come to Atlanta,
but Aunt objected - she spent a few
weeks with a friend in Chicago -
cousin Annie was quite sick with