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Beloved Aunt

I received your letter Saturday night. I was glad to hear from you. We had not heard from you for a long while. It is lowing pretty cold from the north today. I believe it is colder today than yesterday. We went to preaching yesterday did not stay long no person come while we were there. Poppa preached at one of the houses close by, but we started to come home, met some more coming, all went to Dr. Throckmortons on the Cabeza to dinner. Poppa went one way us the other. We did not hear any preaching. I did not think there would be any person there. If it had not been so cold I think we would have had a good congregation.

We are expecting to get a school here soon. If we do I cannot go home with you but I will come when I can. You must come as soon as you can. I do not know what to write. I will close and pen a few lines to my cousins. Please write soon as you get this.

Yours affectionately, Mary M. Jones to  
Susan Butts

Dear Cousins - I was glad to hear from you. I would like better to see you. I have not seen George for some time. I expect to see him next Friday. He does not come home often. He stayed at home two weeks Christmas times. We had a lovely time only one wedding. I want you all to write often please. I will do the same. All join in

sending their love. I remain your cousin forever.

Mary Jones to John, Andrew, Berry, and  
the baby.

Be sure to come if you can. I will try to go  
home with you so come if you can.

Mary

Note: Evidently the “baby” was Susan Delany, born April 17,  
1858. Mary Elizabeth was born July 15, 1861.