

Jimie says they will write next  
week.

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1861

My dear sister Jane

It is true I was answering  
your letter but I have nothing of  
special interest to write about.  
I believe however so you get a letter  
every week or ten days.

In your last letter to me you seemed  
greatly distressed about the country.  
I have felt very much distressed for  
a long time - but for the last week  
or two I have believed that some  
thing will be done to prevent war  
I do hope and pray that we may  
be saved from civil war.

We look anxiously for the papers  
and eagerly turn to the telegrams.  
Last night's papers said there was  
considerable hope of a peaceable  
adjustment of public affairs  
and I think if South Carolina will

behave herself and not draw us  
into war that we will be saved  
from it. We are opposed to succession  
as long as it can be prevented, and persist  
until every expedient is tried.

Poor Mrs Gode and Nellie I feel  
so sorry for them, their has been  
a bitter cup to drink. We ought to  
be very thankful for the blessings  
we have, and for the friends who  
are spared to us.

I was very sorry to hear of Mr Spenser  
had health, I do hope he may recover as  
it does seem that such a pious, good  
man ought to be spared. of course  
poor short sighted mortals such as  
we are, cannot know what is best.

Many Greetings is truly to be joined to

You wish to know how Mrs  
Gardner is - we have not heard  
any thing about her for some  
time, I have been to Mrs Patterson  
twice lately, but she was out both

no times, so I have not had an  
red opportunity to ask her about them  
cession I have heard of no more failures  
and persons seem to her very quiet about  
their business matters - Some of  
feel no are buying any more than we  
need. There are a great many  
to require out of employment and  
much suffering among the poor.  
to I go over to Mr Button's as often  
as ever - and she comes here when  
Spencer she can, of course she can't come  
over as often as I go there - Corri left  
good last week, she and Mr Button  
made four attempts to go before  
as they succeeded - He will be back  
best to-day - Mrs Christopher went on  
trip to New York Monday week and  
returned Saturday - Bro John got  
and back the same day - he is staying  
me with us - he left some rather  
the same unwell - she took cold going down  
to take the children were very well

Cousin Marian said in her last letter that Aunt Eliza would leave there just as soon as Dr Cox could get some one to take her place. She says Cousin A is as undecided as he was here. and is away most all the time. She regrets that she went out. I wish now that I had advised her not to go.

You want to know how often Pers A comes here. Not very often. It has been about ten days since he was here tho he said he was coming very often after Carrie left. He intended coming to go with me to prayer meeting last Friday night but it snowed and he did not come. He wishes to be kindly remembered to you. So does Mrs Bentons Anne Langhorne asked me to give her love to you when I wrote.

Beck has not been here since they moved, but Aunt Mary and Eliza come around right often. We all sit together more than formerly. William is standing his examination and has so far stood very well. All send much love to you and all Give my love to all. as ever your sister  
Jennie