

To Annie D. Cooper at
Lexington, Ky. =

Saint Louis Sept 9th 1857

My dear Sister.

Your letter has just come to hand and I will answer it at once. You complain of my not writing to you or any one at home. Now for every letter that I have received. I have written two. There is one thing strange about it and it is this; I seem to get the letters which you write but you never get any which I write. The solution must be this: You never call at the office for them yourself - or somebody calls for you? or they are not called for ^{at all}. Georgie wrote to you and to Ma and has never received any answers. We are all well and I am doing well and would be glad to see you and Mas. Now can't you come. If you say Yes I will send you money to bear your expenses. We have got a nice house, handsomely furnished and if you and Ma would come out you could spend your time quite agreeably I think - and Ma could go up and see her relations in Illinois. It is not more than 24 of a days ride from here. I am in such a fix that it is impossible for me to come home - perhaps for five or ten years - maybe never. And by the by Annie if you should come out you might get married out here - there is no telling what you might do if you would leave that old moth eaten State. If Ma would take a little money and invest for you and Helen in St Louis property it would in a few years leave you independent. Good bye I am in a great hurry. My love to my Mother.

Ever your affectionate Bro Henry Lebooper