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My dearest Mattie.

I wd write to you a long letter today, but I find myself bad off with Rheumatism & cold. but fearing you may be uneasy about home, I'll do the best I can & you'll pardon the balance. In the first place I fear Matt's box cons too much for her health. Did you get it all right? It left here on ~~Friday~~ Thursday day last & it ought to have reached you on Friday or Saturday - If detained. I fear the contents were spoiled or mutilated & did not enjoy them. Or perhaps they were around & good & you eat too much & made yourself sick & thereby prevented your writing as usual on Sunday

We did not hear from you, nor Lessie on Tuesday as we generally do - & Papa & mamma are uneasy about it. - If you & Lessie cannot do otherwise send a Postal to me every week & let us know how you are. Mrs May has been in bed several days with chills & fever &c - I hope she may get better very soon. - Aunt Sarah has had her old trouble Asthma - Annie is not well Jennie is today with Band over at Chapel Hill, attending intermediate Declamation &c. Your dear father is up & at Office, more comfortable than usual, He has attacks now much oftener than once, You will scarcely know him, he is so much reduced in flesh & cats just enough to keep alive He is so good & kind & loving. & Oh! my darling we do not let anything annoy him, consequently he is mellow as an apple, especially towards wife & children. —

Rosa visit moon on Mt Pleasant Hill this week. Mrs Hall has a fine daughter. Dr Carr returned from N. Y. last Saturday J. L. Carr left for New York yesterday Lip Lipscomb & Addie Durham will be married soon. Molly Day & W. H. Allen are report says. The Revival I believe has stood in all the churches. —

Uncle Jesse & aunt Lucy send you sweet messages of love, as do uncle Zack & "Mary". Mrs Dr Durham continues under the weather. Dr Keeps on drinking — The children are at the Baptist Sunday School. —

Flora Brown has professed religion. Not Claire. — Mr & Mrs Darnell send lots of love to you. Bob Rogers' mother died here last week. & your Report came High marks — all thro' Not a demerit. You can do better. Did you see it? If all are right by 20 June you may look for all your things!!!

Love to Minnie, All your people are quite well, & all the children lovely. Lulu Freeland has quite a good school - between 25 & 30 pupils. Mrs W's roll call is between 60 & 75. Mrs Anderson asks to be remembered to her.

Your letter just come, glad to hear from you. All charmed to learn that it was all right - Bro. You cannot tell Auntie how you disappointed at the Drive? & if it was just the thing - to make you happy? & how were the Tennessee boys? Their names are - Papa says don't refuse the organ stool, we have a fine new belt now - Suspending at the day - & the next grand effort will be to get the Organ, Pipes & enclosure! & then perhaps you can condescend to sing for them! I must close now as I must write to Lucie. Uncle James just in sends much love. Aunt Lucy has violent sore throat. Every body joins in love to you & all your friends - Don't fail to write every week & let me hear from you - We love you. Dearest daily your mother D.N.S.