

I hear sometimes from
Piller that she is very
bad of some times he w
she is better I hope she
is improving tell the
children to write to
me I am always glad
to hear from you

M M K

I know all would
send love if they wou
hear

excuse this badly
written letter

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My dear Ell

I received your
sweet letter and was so
glad to hear you were all
well I appreciate your love
it is very nice wish I had
something good to send you
in return we have had a
very cold winter to day is
like a spring day What filled
me I came home last Tuesday
the ice was very thick I am
afraid Mr Southall will
not succeed in filling Mr
Batters Bet said Mr Parper
was ready to help to fill
it he said his horses were
sick Sam and Temp have
kept me good fire all the
winter I have not been out
of my room but very little

I feel quite feeble but I
cant expect to feel otherwise
it is my greatest desire to
be ready when it is the Lords
will to take me I have not
seen Debra and Dan for
several days the weather
the could not get to see me
I hop I shall improve and
soon be as well as usual
but I dont want to have
any will of my own
the Lords will be done
give my love to Lisa Dous
Sweetly and the Children
and a good portion for you
self may the Lord bless you
all is the prayer of your
Affectionate Mother

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