

might long enough to get
Mammie and Chess rigged
for the party Mammie dressed
as Cards and looked splendid;
Chess as a "Danish dude"
and he took his part well;
well we hustled them off
with Archie (he was door keeper)
Mammie supposing all the time
that we were in a big hurry
to get back to Whitney; well as
soon as the coast was clear
we hurried and got ready to
follow them, (having made
our costumes on the fly and
also had our masks sent from
Logan) Geo. took the part of
an old "Yankee" lady, Belle
Colombia, Lydia and I
Negro Ladies, we were dressed
as follows, Lydia, pale pink skirt
black waist, I a pale blue skirt
and a delicate cream colored
blouse, we both had elbow
sleeves dark hands and arms

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Mrs. Nora C. Ream

Dear Sister;

I am nearly sick to hear from
you and although very tired
concluded to write you.

A week from tomorrow will
end my six months in the
Whitney school room, and
I begin to feel as though I
am sadly in need of a
good rest. it has been a very
bad and long walk down
there every morning and night,
but I was very much in need
of the \$40⁰⁰ per month.

Well Nora Lydia is very sick
she came down a week yesterday

with her old complaint
Rheumatism, she gets
no sleep unless she uses
Laudanum, she looks worse
than I have ever seen her,
her heart is in a bad
condition.

Emma has miserable health.
In the fall Lillian was very sick
and has lost her lovely hair.
Belle is not a bit well.
I presume all Dingle will be
going to Salt Lake City to the
dedication, two or three of
us will be going, but one
will have to stay at home and
tend the chores, we have had
some lovely invitations &
a promise of a happy time
at "Mollie's" and also Mrs.
Stoneman's.

Ozro & Ruth received our

invitation from Mrs Geo.
Lambert about two months
ago. They are getting ready
to go.

Mother has been so very sick
all winter that I may conclude
to stay with her while the
folks are away.

The snow and water are very
deep and I suppose it will
be a long time before the
people will be able to get
to their spring work.

Rosa Lydia and I had a jolly
time about a month ago.
Mammie and Chess went to a
mask ball. Geo, Belle, and I
to a doings down to Whitney.
Mammie thought of course
would be gone until ~~midnight~~
I went about noon, returned
with Geo. and Belle about

broad brass bracelets, handkerchiefs fastened negro fashion around our heads, and O! such masks, well we got there just in time to cause a sensation. The room was well filled and every one greeted us with laughter and cheer. We danced around the room and seemed the ~~luck~~ ^{most} merriest ^{company}. The merry, we had lots of fun with Marrie she shook hands with us several times, a few minutes before they unmasked Lydia and I crossed the room and shook hands with Chess. Well when they stood in couples in the center of the room

and unmasked (four at a time)
as soon as Chess saw the mask
fall from his. He sprang right
on him shouting "Hush! Go!"
Then when he saw me he
grabbed me by the hand and
laughed as loud as a human
being could laugh and shook
my hand until he nearly
killed me. You can judge
how. Mammie felt for she
has not gotten over it yet,
and Bertie and Nell were
fodded as badly.

I suppose you have read of
"Watt" Lamoreaux's marriage?
Annie Adams (Bell's sister)
will be married on the 29.
Of course you have heard of
"Ward" Lamoreaux's marriage
when I see you I will tell
you what kind of a time

she had,
you must give my love to all of
your children. Tell Wesley to write
to me.

Tell Mitchell (?) that I will
come up there soon if he will
promise to kiss me.

You must be very tired trying
to read this, so I will say good
night.

Love to all,

As ever

Your loving sister
Mary