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My dear sister Nora; -

I can assure you I was more than pleased to get your letter if it was short. I was sorry you were so sick and do hope you are well by now how I should enjoy a good chat with you and a good kiss too and how I long to see cute little Wesley and the little baby boy. you did not tell me what his name is. You ask if the children have forgotten you. No they talk lots about Aunt Nora and Ethel has been working on a lamp snat to send you but I dont know whether she will ever get it done or not but she seems to take great pleasure in doing it and talking about you

it was impossible to send them to school, the schools here are all free, but I am afraid they will want the children to be vaccinated and I dont want that,

Well dear Nora I hope you will write soon as a letter from my dear sisters does me lots of good. E. M. sends lots of love & kisses and says he should like to deliver them personally he would write some in this only he has got about a dozen to answer but will write some next time. The children send lots of love & kisses for you & the baby's and I send love for you ^{and for getting well} all. write soon to your loving D

I try not to think about you all any more than I can help for it makes me so homesick I can hardly stand it; and that won't do as I have got to stand it a little longer. I wrote to Uncle William asking him to come and see me but have had no answer yet and hardly expect he will answer it but I thought I would give him a try, I had a letter from Sister Raleigh and she tells me that Aunt Clarissa is in San Bernardino on a visit. The weather is beautiful by spells that is when it is not raining but there is lots of rain and everything in the house gets very damp I have to turn my bedstead a different way every week or two or else it starts to mould and we cannot keep onions or cabbage carrot or turnips or anything that way more than a week or it spoils.

and a great many of the houses are raising a nice lot of moss on the roofs, so take it all together it is a wonder we keep well. Our dear little Pearl is running all over and has been for nearly a month but she is such a little dot, Elmo is getting a big boy I think I shall put him in pants next Spring. How did you get along with the school? did they permit you to close? and how about the pop-corn does it still sell as well as in the first place we have not heard from Pa for quite a while but are looking anxiously for a letter from her. I can hardly write as I have got the baby in my arms. I think I will try after New Year's day and send May + Ethel to school if I can it is quite time they were being started to school, but the way I have been cowering about