

I would love dearly, to be with  
you now, as the children, are  
sick, I could help wait on them,  
and nurse Sue for you, but Miss  
Lizzie is with you now, and I ex-  
pect she can help you a great deal.  
Yesterday as it was Father's birthday, he  
had some of his friends to dine  
with him, Mr. McClung, Mr. and Mrs.  
Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Brodick, besides  
Sister's family, Sallie Hodge, and Phoebe  
were here, with me. Sister Ellen gave  
Father a set of collars, for his birth-  
day, and Christmas present. Mother  
and Sister Kate, neither received a  
present, but I got three, a book  
from Sister, a pair of game suits from  
Aunt Peers, and a ribbon for my  
hair from Sister Kate. This Christmas  
does not seem, like it did last year,  
when you all were here, it seems so  
lonesome without you. Tell Annie  
that Cousin George Orr's brother is here

on a visit; and he has been here  
twice to see me, he came with  
Cousin George, he is so agreeable, he  
is not quite as old, as I am.  
I am going to have a table set, some  
time this week, and wish the chil-  
dren could be here, because they  
would like it so much. I was  
invited to a party last <sup>week</sup> Tuesday, Mrs.  
Matthews gave it to Claude, as it was  
his birthday, there were a great many  
there, for the evening, because the rain  
was coming down in torrents, they  
all left about 1 o'clock. we had a  
delightful time, we had dancing  
there, Mrs. Matthews played for us,  
I had more fun dancing, than  
in any thing else, and I believe  
most of them did. How did you like  
the things, Mother sent you by Bea-  
ther? Miss Lizzie said that your  
Mother sent you a basket full  
of things, she said you had plenty