

N.B. I hope I shall receive Mr. & Mrs. Wilson's letter

at home I encouraged her going & bringing
one of them down: She got Anna Kells
to take her place until the boat could
make one trip. I left two weeks to say
and I expect she is sick as she was very unwell
when she left. Anna is going to Cincinnati on a visit
with some friends soon & she wish'd to go home
Sarah came in & I asked her if she was very pro-
mising & she said that she could come, so here
she is pleasant & obliging - I don't think she
has had a very pleasant winter, has not earned
a dollar since she left me, her sisters have
kept her out of charity, for her mother would not
have her at home, it has leav'd her a good lesson

I hope Mrs. Means is better give my
love to her & Mrs. Wilson & all inquiring of
Love to Mr. Means & the Children

Sam'l. Hildreth
the same better.

Yours
Ever. S. C. Hildreth

kind regards to your father & mother & I shall have a small
quilt & a case in form Mrs. Wilson & yourself any
in coming I have got the needles & thread of a
spite I am so sick when she was in my
room

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My Dear Mother,

It is with pleasure that I am
enabled to once more take up my pen after
a silence of two months, & I do hope that we
both do feel grateful that my health is so
far restored again, as to be quite comfortable
by the fire this cold day - with us to day it is
one of the most uncomfortable of the season, we
had an inch or two of snow last night & a high wind
to day which is blowing it into the air continually
your Mary Poup has a very hard time to get to school
to day. I have not known much about the
cold weather myself this winter as I have not
been outside of the gate since Christmas.

But I expect that I shall thaw out when
Spring comes, but rather weak yet & find
when I walk about, I pass off my time very well