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My Dear Sister

I rec^d your very kind ^{letter} dated Dec 11th some time since, but have neglected to answer it until now, as you no doubt perceive. Your letter found us in good health, and we are still enjoying the same blessing, to a considerable extent at least.

Mary's health is gradually improving. John came from there last night and said that she felt better yesterday than she had in some time. She has a woman to do her work.

John and I are attending School yet. John seems to like going to School here better than he did in Itasca, and wants to attend here if nothing happens to prevent, until next fall, and Teach next winter. I think there is nothing to hinder him from improving if he can attend regular, and I presume there will be nothing to hinder his attending, and as for myself I think that I ought to understand the importance of improving while I have an opportunity, for I presume I shall not have many. I suppose you and Elizabeth get along finely doing your work. I think you do well in keeping her at home with you this winter. She will no doubt take more interest in her studies when she commences again, than she would if she had kept on going this winter. I suppose Marion is enjoying herself first-rate. I think when she once gets acquainted there at the Academy she will like it well. Maria I suppose is as perfect a witch. I would give most anything to see her. She kissed me so hard before I left, that my hips have not got well yet.

Sunday evening Jan 20th.

My Ann it is just a week since I commenced this letter to you, and I have got only one page filled out yet. but as I have nothing else to busy myself about this evening I intend to finish it. All your friends that were well when I commenced this letter still remain so and the sick are on the gain, W. H. feel very anxious to hear from you all. as the last news we received was that you were about all sick. I hope that Deborah will be favored to recover her health, for she has been sick a great while, Mother I suppose gets along first rate while I am gone, as she has no one to put things out of place and does not have to wait upon me, I feel in hopes that she will make a good girl of me while I am there like I dont know how it will be, Mary's woman has got the ague, and gone home, they have not been able to get any one else as yet, Kiran has been trying to get a girl for two or three days past but has not succeeded, as all the girls in this vicinity do not work out because they are obliged to but for the pleasure of the thing, and therefore do not go out of Town, I suppose that Father thinks about starting for California in search of Gold, tell him not to do so untill Spring and I will go with him, Mart is very strongly attracted with the Teares but has not started for there yet, and Kiran says he would not go if they would insure him \$100 a month, what does the eastern people think about it and who is going, The people of Albion hold

California meetings here two or three times a week, and there
is a large company going from here early in the Spring.
Do you know where Daniel is at present, I should not wonder
if he was in California by this time.

I presume I shall leave School in about two weeks ~~and~~
and stay with Mary until Spring, You must go over and
see Mother as soon as you receive this letter & give her my love
and tell her that John is fat and healthy besides being very
rejoiced and that I am ditto, Tell Edward that Lereal & Mary
Shaw are married, Lereal married the widow Bryant from Livingston
Co whose husband died in a well, & Mary married Mr. Cumber

I presume you will excuse the miserable writing & spelling &c
in this letter for you know I never was noted for orthography.

As I do not think of any more news that will interest
you I will close this, my first letter to you with my respects
to all who may inquire, Please write soon.

Yours Respectfully Jane Cornell,

To Mrs E, Cornell,

P. S. By the way, do you all want to see me real bad?

Jane Cornell
Aug 13th 1849

Mrs. S. Cornell.
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New York.

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