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Letter from February 21, 1887

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My dear Bethie,

I'm afraid you have thought me ungrateful as I have waited as long before as acknowledging your welcome gifts but I did not mean to be.

There are others yet to whom I have not sent acknowledgment but the list is nearly completed.

I have been sending letters but in most cases mail has not returned since the arrival of the missionaries just for the purpose of letting people know that their gifts were received and as many of them were not regular correspondents, my thanks in writing letters that have been continually.
increasing till now I have thirty-four on hand. In case I don't know when I'll ever catch up the thing is certain I must learn to write shorter letters to different ones. So it for a time I confide my self to two sheets or less you will know the reason. Your colubres were just as good as before and I think a little better if that were possible, and we had them at nearly hunting time when the whole excursion was gathered together as you see they owed us all. The frasmodase was just as nice as when you left it up and I enjoyed it very well. I don't share that with the whole excursion but only with Mrs. George's family. "Let's" and "No speaking" I desired at once. I didn't get those things from Portland as quick as I did the things from Great Bounding as they were packed in the box marked for her. But in the end we went out to Blumfors and back again before the came to my hands. I was just starting out to one of the outside villages 25 miles away aud took that book along to read by the way while the bulldozer passed on. Panor was beautiful there, but I doubt if some of them are practical though the claims for them that they have been actually tried. But stories are fascinating at any rate. After looking at that tree you kind of the darkroom it was so wonder that it was considered
unsafe to walk under the tree. I think the destruction showed as much after the tree was
leaved out on the common.
Thank Rebecca please for the nice apron the next time I'm worn it one week and it has come
home from the wash as bright as new. I'm getting to consider an apron rather a necessity
and wear one constantly. Ella has given me the money you so thoughtfully sent and I
mean to make it a need and

for quite an extended trip to the north of India some time. I do want to see the Taj Mahal. How for all these things you do have any income? Thanks and I wish I could do something for you.
It has been very busy times since the first batch of summaries arrived here a week before Christmas. The opening of 2000 boxes, sorting their contents and then getting ready for Christmas preparations. Then went out to that village for a few days before preparations for yearly meeting. The other batch of summary was got along all of them together at yearly meeting, it grown up, people and 10 children!

But two times I woke up and then Callie Phillips and I went on an outside trip to visit villages in the northern part of our mission, Garlic, Khan, Bharona, Kinipai, and Shala. Have gone two weeks, had bullets as you can imagine, we didn't travel very swiftly. Went about
I have had a hundred miles to all from Dubai to get him and back from Dantu to give him 50 miles more. We did enjoy it and it was a pleasure to talk to the women whom we found such eager interested and intelligent listeners. I do enjoy the outside work. We are all back from these cold season trips now and must settle down to steady work in the station for the hot sunny season. Last week there were great goings on, because of the celebration of the Queen’s Jubilee. That will reach you the 20th of June. The real anniversary but at that time would be too hot to celebrate here with any comfort as they have anticipated the day by four months. Of course you have heard of Doctor’s shock but I am hoping he is able to be about by this time. What terrible things a shock is. So sudden, unannounced, and even if it were known it were coming. There’s no way known to avoid it.
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