

I am so sorry  
 have sore eyes but  
 they will be well before  
 I am glad you have  
 the measles & got over them  
 but Fred had had  
 as it is so prevalent  
 rather a bad  
 Aluk is still very  
 delirious - it is  
 nearly four weeks since  
 & he has been delirious  
 that time - he was  
 better last night -

Give me  
love to Miss Brewster  
I wish you & did  
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went to inquire after him  
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to all sorts of imaginary beings  
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him - Fanny is getting on nicely  
now: she has a good appetite still  
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I have just finished making up  
my copy. which Sue braided  
for me. & it looks so nice. We shall  
be very comfortable in time - but  
it will take a long time to feel  
that it is home. I feel a little as  
I used to do when we had a cottage  
at the Bluff - not as if it was our  
home - one thing is I miss your  
dear old faces - I can scarcely believe  
it is sixteen months since I saw  
them - I wonder how much longer  
it will be. I feel so weary sometimes  
for you can form very little idea  
of the constant trial we have -  
I do not know what I should  
<sup>be</sup> do without - dear old Sue - she  
is such a comfort to me - her own  
thought - seems to be to spare me  
in every way she can - & herself

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she is to me - Lena seems much  
stronger & helps us more about  
the house than she did at first -  
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us yesterday. he is hoping to get  
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& see them. Give my love to Mr.  
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got through the measles as well  
as you have done.

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say there is any marked improve-  
ment - still when I look back a  
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a little better in some ways -  
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