

of provisions now, as you had just
received the baskets. Tell the children
as soon as they are well enough,
they must answer my letter. All joins
me in love to you all, this Little
Sue for me. Good bye. I hope
when we hear again the chil-
dren will be well. Write soon

Your affectionate Sister,
Maria C. Collins.

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Ingleside Dec 26th 1849.

My Dearest Sister Mary,

I thought - that as I had
written to the children, I would
write to you, but - I should have
written to you first. I am very
sorry that the children have the
fever, but I hope that "Little
Sue," will not take it; because
I should think it would go
harder with - her, than either
of the others. We did not know
that Lewis had it; but - Brother
George Coburn, was here this morn-
ing, to see us, and he told us, but
I hope his, will not be any worse,
than Aunies, Aunies said in her
letter to Mrs Brodick, that you all
were very much disappointed, but
not - more than I was, at not-
coming, down Christmas, because