

Rec from I. Hunt
on the 21st of March
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Dear Brother Richard

It is now fourth day we
and I have but commenced a letter to thee, Father
does not want thee to write on that notepaper -
any more, for it gives us ^{such} short letters, Aunt Margaret
and Uncle George have got down next to us, their
house looks very nice and they seem to be very
happy there, I am glad they live there, for they
are such nice neighbors, it makes them it
very pleasant for them for they and Abbeys can
hear from California at the same time,
they spent the evening here yesterday, and just
as they were going away we went out to bid them
Good bye when all at once we heard a great fall
noise and on coming in found it to be Willie
he had been sitting on the table and went to
get up the lamp slipped and table and all
went over, for a wonder it did not break the
lamp but spilled the oil all over the carpet

and on ^{some of} the cards Cousin Mary M sent me for
a Christmas present, perhaps Mrs Bideall will have
a room fixed up for her to give Drawing lessons at
our school how I love to draw, I drew some of the pic-
tures from my cards but did not succeed very well
till the last one, but I never took lessons for drawing
heads, I want to if Mrs Bideall teaches, The courting
one how George grows he walks all alone he has got
into rattle to, he will laugh and stamp his little
feet so cunning, when we are reading he will come up
and laugh at us or pull our dresses, he will be eleven
months old the next sixth day, over a year old when
the comes home, what changeable weather, Yesterday
and day before it was very stormy and blowy, but to-
day it has been very pleasant, what kind of weather
do you have nowadays, Marcella talks of going
to John Jackson to school if she goes I would like
to go to but Father says he cannot afford it, did
the know Cousin Lizzie had a picture for sale it is
a beautiful one the price is twenty Dollars, it a picture