

Faison N.C.

Dear Bob & Sister Kate.

Many thanks for the lovely presents you sent us. I have started ever so many letters to you but some thing happens so that I never finish one. Mitchell has been cutting teeth for two months. He has been so bad that I have no time to read, write, sew or any thing else but nurse. You never saw a baby grow as fast as Mitchell does. He will soon be walking. He is just as sweet & pretty to me as would be if he was no trouble. I have him on the floor by me. With every thing to play with from a dish of oranges to the butter mold. Joe & Doll got off last night. Doll cried to stay. We will miss him so much. I guess they need him at home more than I do though. Mitchell is standing up by me crying for dear life.

I hope you will not mind my writing you with a pencil for I write a bout three lines & (have) to stop for something. I am so glad you are living at Wentworth. Bob, I hope that you clear(?)cure? up your health and your jobs. It will not take you long to have a good well furnished home. I have given up the hope of ever having a nice house. Edwin is one of these kinds(?) of people that just so he has plenty to eat & some thing (it matters not what) to wear, he is satisfied so far as any thing of that kind is concerned.

We are building a small three room house. We are to get in it next week. Miss Kate S???? says you were so well fixed didn't you hate to break up & go to Wentworth to board. I guess if nothing happens we will go back to Cal. next year. Edwin wants to go so bad. Joe says he is going with us. I wish you would write to me some time and tell me all about the Wentworth people. I will write to you again when we get in our new house. I will tell you the best that I can how we are fixed. Give my love to Mrs. Martin & Miss Hall. I am ashamed of this mess of a letter. I have been three days at writing it. I am going to send it out any way so I will get a long one

from you some time, maby.

Write some time to your Down East Sister.

Laura M. Oates

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