

+ I will say to you, I would like for you all to send us words every week what you received from no the week before, so that I can know what you do get & what you don't. I must close soon, helping I shall get a letter from home when this is mailed. Give my best respects to all inquiring friends keeping as large share for yourselves Good morning Mary & Anne To your absent away church last- Sally P.M.

Dear Sister,

I suppose Ann has closed her school & is at home by this time so I am going to write to you better. Well how do you both get along these fine days? have you found many flowers yet? I have been out in our grove looking for flowers. I found quite a lot so early in spring. I think I will put in one or two kinds for you to see. The white ones I think I shall send are real pretty, <sup>of them</sup> some are a clear white & look frosty like before they wilt. <sup>As some are a light pink</sup> The blue ones are a kind of blue bell, & are a rich looking flower. I never saw anything like them before. The large balm that has a red bloom (it is called rose balm in N.S. I believe) grows wild here & is as common as any weed. I will send a leaf or two of the balm. O how I do wish one or both of you was out here with me this summer, what nice times we would have walking over the prairie in search of flowers. Now I will tell you about my birds,

Last Mon: morning Tim. Baxter was going to  
Princeton, just before he got here, he saw a little  
bird that could not fly much, (something had  
caught him & pulled the feathers out of one wing  
by the appearance of him he caught it and  
brought to the house & gave it to me. It is a  
little dark colored bird, a kind of snow bird.  
I guess. It is quite gentle now & eats first rate.  
Chae, you wrote that you had had 48 letters mailed  
to you in a year. I will tell you we have got  
54 or 55 since we have been in Iowa, in not quite  
4 months. Don't you think we are "lucky"? I do  
& hope you shall continue to get them as often.  
Letters are all the conversation we can have with  
our distant friends now, <sup>chom: morning</sup> Sam: was here yesterday  
he said I must give his respects to your both  
as I told him I was writing to you both, said  
it would make no difference if he ~~was not~~  
acquainted with Ann, for said he "I like more  
all of the Ganke girls". Horace says he sends  
lots of love to both of you, says you have got  
to kiss him when he comes to R. S.  
Tell John he says he must not be made with him  
for not answering his letter, says he is going to ans.  
as soon as he gets time. I suppose you think it  
strange <sup>as I wrote I was going to</sup> that I did not put in the flowers in  
last week's letter, the reason I did not was,  
I saw Jesse coming to go to town & I hurried and  
sealed it to send by him so I had not time  
to put in the flowers. Write me if you  
have got the paper of Pamphile seeds I  
sent last week. And while I think of it