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Refers to
Mary L as
"Minnie"

always glad to
hear from home.
My love to all.
Be good girls
& grow & then
I think of
the absent.
Sarah,

P.S. I received
J. C. W. W. W.
new drops,
how do you
like it?
S.W.

Duncheon Sept. 24, 1860.

dear sisters.

No doubt you
all will wonder that you get no
letter from me this week, but I hope
you will excuse me when you have
read my reasons. Well, Monday (a week ago)
Minnie was sick, so sick that she
did not play any or get down to walk
a step, but lay in my lap or in the
cradle all day. She had quite a high
fever, all day & slept but little that
night. The next morning she seemed
rather better & ate some but was not
well enough to play much. Wedns. after-
noon she cried & screamed with pain,
& we were afraid she would go into
convulsions. We made a poultice of
hops & put on her bowels & gave some
medicine & after an hour or two she
went to sleep. She was better when she

of everything & nothing in particular
Monday morning. I will be to send
this my letter & send it to the office
today. I expect those home this
evening and shall not wait for
him to carry it but send it by
M.L. You want to know Rhoda's
Chellie are getting along, they are not
very well like the rest of children
around here. Chellie has had the
ague considerably lately. They both
look rather poorly & being M.L.'s
cousins as her sister's. But think you
would not let a child that was well
beyond your power waiting. Wait until
you have one of your own? Then mother
you will tell a different story. I need to
think I would do many things, that when
the birds come I cannot not. But I think
now that when I can, get old enough to
know how to manage one, I will do
very different things now, for she is too
young to make things much of yet. I'll mother
Rhoda to write her next week. Hope some
of your little miss waiting as well. Because I
will go. Her dear mother of you to write. I am