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Prairie du Chien Mar 22/63  
Friend John 3-30 PM

There is no very partic-  
-ular change in Mrs Peltons case  
I think on the whole she  
has been more comfortable  
since my return from Madison  
than during your stay here  
But at times she is very  
bad, and seems to suffer greatly  
Her life is gradually ebbing out  
I feel that I must surely soon  
part with her - that there is  
no cure for her in this world  
She appeared much interested  
in the nuts - wanted me to bring  
them in and pick out the large  
ones - which I did, and fill a salt  
sack with them, and put them  
away for her. As yet she has eaten  
but a few nuts, and I fear she will  
eat very few more. She is having an  
uncomfortable afternoon, though getting a

little cousin now. She has  
spoken your name many times  
in the wandering of her mind  
since you were here

She continues to have frequent  
fever, running very high some of  
the time night & day

Mrs Basset is still with us -

Yours Truly

E. W. Pittard

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