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very free. Now I think I
have made my case very
plain to you; Am almost as-
hamed of taking up a whole
letter with the self.

Maggie has gone to Kansas City
to visit Joanna & Father.
Her health has been very poor
this winter; she will be back in
a week or two.

You came very near visiting
us. but "Alindot" is but to fail.
With love to you Louie
and little Wanda, I close.
Your Aff. Sister Annis L. M.

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Orate, Feb. 14. 1884.

Dear Brother John:

I know that a
letter from me is more than due
you, but I have delayed for two
reasons. First I find writing
very fatiguing; and I did not
know what to say - was waiting
for developments. but I have not
gained as much as I had hoped
for during the winter, and now
see plainly that I cannot hope
to reach California in the Spring.
Indeed I have been patiently
waiting for strength to go to
Kansas City, which has not yet
come, and that is only about
200 miles; so you see Cal. is

yet far beyond my strength. so I must be content just where I am for the present.

Dan. was here about a month ago and re-examined my lungs.

The left lung, he still says is quite sound, and the right one doing well.

Last October he said the lower lobe, of the right, was entirely consolidated, or hepaticized, and the middle lobe partially so.

At his last visit he said, that the lower lobe had partly cleared itself, and that the process is going on there and in other parts.

Such was his very encouraging report - a month ago, but I took cold, or something. I hardly know what and have not been as well since - have coughed more, and the cough hurt me more than before - and I have

been raising a little blood. Now I fear all this looks very discouraging, and discouraged to you.

Think not so.

The weather has been very cold and unfavorable this month.

10° below zero yesterday, with a cloudy sky most of the time.

Now I think that with milder dryer weather, I will quickly improve.

I sit up most of the time.

Generally from about 10 A.M.,

till 7 or 8 P.M., take care of

my own room, do a little

light fancy work, take short

walks, &c. My appetite is

good, and I have not lost

weight since coming to N. B.

Dan. Says this dry climate

is just the thing for me, as

my cough is loose; expectorations