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Letter from Catharine Brown Porter, to Anne Whitney, 1898 December 24

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eyes are quite
weak & strong;
I ought
not to have
tried your
eyes by so
much -
Always,
Mr. K. B. B.
Dec 24. '98.

My dearly beloved, what bad
news this morning's mail has
brought me of your long illness
& troubled eyes - It grieves me
to the heart - to think we have
not known of your suffering.
I have rested easy, supposing
that you were very busy with
your work, & believing the old
saw, that "no news is good news".
I hope Mariana will soon be
able to call & see for herself just
how well you are - I cannot
bear to think of trouble in your
eyes - DO, do be careful - I you

can hardly imagine what it
would be, to be long deprived
of their use - Bronchitis is a
painful disease & obstinate, and
I hope you are really well of
it. Even "Mell's" Anne has been
troubled with it for weeks -

Otherwise we all are well -
I made happy by the arrival
of our Katharine (who, giving
me a few hours warning),
arrived Thurs. evng. to stay
till Jan 1. I should have stren-
uously forbidden the long journey;
but oh! she is such a comfort.
You will be glad to hear, that
going down by the left; I have
walked back over the stairs,

leaning on my faithful nurse,
several times - and, once I walked
down - That was a little too
much & I haven't tried it again
Mr L. is very well - goes out
in good weather & is cheerful.
Mariana is far better than she
was last winter; but still
lives within many limitations.

Thank you dearest
for the book, which is of a
sort that I can dip into at any
time & with its clear print be
able to read, in time - Both the
men ^{were} so true & rare. That I know
I shall enjoy it - Katy says I
must tell you that she is going
to read it to me - She sends

you must love - to bless all
alov. The hope she has been,
and is now well & that your
Yomas, will be happy, if not
quite unclouded -

You must not be ill, I can't
bear to have you - How I
wish I could help it. I hope
the lance is at least as well

as when you were here - and
that every day, will bring increas-
ing strength & eyesight and
many another blessing -

The heartiest Yomas wishes
go from us all to you & bless all -
coupled with our sorrow for
what you have had to suffer -
You are well, my beloved - do be ever

ever so careful & don't write a word to me till the dear

eyes are quite
well & strong.

I ought
not to have
tried your
eyes by so
much -

Always &
yours K.B.S.