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Dear Sister,

Just a few lines in answer to your kind and ever welcome letter. I am glad to hear of Miss Leader and Miss Robson being and (?). I hope they enjoyed theirselves. Mother says in last letter I hurt her feelings when I said Mary would be my last thought. Dear sister have I not reasons to think and love the child I left without a tender mother's care I don't wish for any letters like that here it only makes me love Mary more. My love as a father is growing daily as I draw nearer to my Darling. I don't know if mother said so or Mrs Neil wrote it herself I think it selfish. I think Uncle Mick is a long time in coming in has he gone back to sea again. Give my best respects to Father mother John and Joe. I received your books all right and Blyth News I have not much to say Isabel but you will hear more next time. That injury you write about was put right at Crystal Palace so don't think I am innocent tho I think someone else has a share. Never you mind her child at all think of little Mary as mine the one without a mother's love, that's all I wish. If she sends any letters forward them on to me I mean the one's she writes to you she will not write to me, let me see the letters what she sends. Remember Isabel and John love little Mary as a niece that is my little Darling only. Bring some more books in for me it's good (past time?) to read them good stories.

Well I will draw to a close till I hear from you again but remember little Mary for me only if Annie Gledson wants to know anything let her write to me. My family has nothing to do with such affairs as that it is only my business and think her on about it as well. From your loving brother Ernie

Xxxxxx

Good day

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for our little angel Little Mary. God bless her always

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