

not rest at all while laying down. I then got
up and worked out the rest of the night with him
for several days and nights I got but very little
rest with him, which made it very hard for me with
my poor health, I think I am some better than when
I last wrote you, I am taking Herriks Pills and am
getting some better of my headaches, I hope they
will do me much good.

I hope you will excuse this poor writing for I have
to hold the quill while I write and he is quite un-
-less, I don't know as you can find it out, for I
have made many blunders, but you must take
the will for the deed this time.

I shall have to close for it is getting late and it
is hard writing with the quill. Tell ~~Frank~~
will try to answer her letter soon, Tell her Mrs
William Neal is dead also Miss Neal is dead he
died of fever, Mrs Ta Noile is dead, give my love
to all and write soon,
From your sister very affectionately

M. Ke. Richards

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My Dear Brother Amos,

Your kind letter came safe to hand I was very glad to hear from you, and to learn that you was so fast recovering from your lameness. I hope you will soon be able to walk with as much ease as ever.

I should have ~~an~~ answered it before this, if it had not been for sickness in my family, which I have had to give my time, ever since I heard from you,

My two youngest children have been quite sick, but are now getting better. Two weeks last Wednesday little welcome had a severe fit, I think it was caused by worms, for he had ^{seen} had a very bad worm trying to drink, for nearly two weeks, for three hours after he had the fit, he seemed to be in great distress.

Mother said she thought he was dying, but I told her I could not give him up to die in such distress, I steeped some pu-
mpkin seeds as quick as possible and gave him the tea as in-
ch as I could at a time, untill the choking left him.

She was a very sick child for some time; I have given him medicine last week for worms, which brought from him a great many pinworms, he now seems quite smart for him, but he cannot stand about yet.

~~The~~ The Babe has cut two teeth and has two more almost through, he has a very bad canker in the mouth but it seems a little better, last Sunday night I sat up all the first part of the night, and walked the house with him I then tried to lay down and get a little rest, but he could