

Washington City
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Mary,

Your kind letter, dated Jan. 30th was
rec. & I was sorry to hear of the suffering of
my dear Franky, but ^{you} say she is recovering and a
letter I have from William, dated Feb. 1st, says
she is better.

You say that Ellen has a wish to go
away to school. So far from this being un-
pleasant to me I am pleased to hear that
such is her wish. I feared she would remain
unwilling to go, to whatever school she
may wish to go, that is acceptable to you,
I am willing you should send her.

I have also rec. a kind letter from Harriet
and am pleased to hear that you have felt
disposed to avail yourself of a mild winter
to go out, occasionally. Do so as often as you
can do it with any degree of pleasure and
give my love and respects to all and par-
ticularly to Mr & Mrs. Wright.

Last Tuesday evening, who should come in
but Edward Dana. He had been here through