

than usual this winter, that together with
demands upon our resources some little
goodly addition.
My fears regarding the peace
and I do not think had were much
increased and bearing the great down
wards to send
the matches.
I do not intend to write
you for some time but shall
feel at the same time with you
begin, I am afraid I shall never im-
prove in this respect.
I have received your dated July 6th and 30th
and also a bill for my returning
that you had sent a bill for me to
pay for which I have not
will be all right at the proper
time. I forget whether I have
acknowledged receipt of a bill
note which was enclosed in one
of your letters. I also received an order
in pencil with full details of the
length breadth &c. &c. of an slab of
plaster.

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I heard the other day that Miss Isabella Bove

which you mention again you
will be able to get yourself I am
rather tired about the
of such an affair, but let me know
if you still want it and will do my
best. I have not purchased your
spoons yet but intend doing so
as soon as I can get them under
my arm, she is still the best
thing and healthier looking than
when left. You will be pleased
to hear we expect to have a visit
from James next month he sent
me a recent volume some ago of a
few pound note which I
for her and very much
I have now all ready
expect to meet her in
the course of a few days
myself. I and her
to do in. I have
myself as in the
myself as in the
will do my best
to do my best
to do my best
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Very sincerely
Your friend
J. P. Mercer

Christina had filled a sheet of paper for you
I am sorry to say I think Jesse will
require more care than usual this
winter, she has had a cold in her
chest for some time which I
would like to see removed.
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rather strongly on the subject and wishes us to give him a learned education what would you think of educating him for a doctor.

We have not sent any of the girls to school this winter I have fitted up the front room where they slept as a school room and brought down the piano to the dining room.

Jessie begins with James music lesson from nine till ten, she then takes the forenoon and the afternoon which gives them ^{time} alternate ly for their own music.

Our lamented Uncle's affairs were left quite as we expected we well knew he had nothing to leave but his insurance, which we will get in Jan^y next, almost all kinds of provisions are a third higher

