

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the left page of the open letter.]

Amelia, you and Dr. Hark are much coming to Ellington
are you not? you must go, you must, give "bottles"
I received your precious message -
and Ribb. I did intend to answer
it before, but, as you yourself,
have been at school, and know
just how busy, any one always
is, at school. I can only make
the excuse, that I am, and have
been at school all the winter -
I have been so very busy, that
writing a letter seemed quite
foreign to me, but I have
often thought of you, and
I will write, and let
you and make a good
long visit, why can't you?
How is your dear and cat?
and stay other school?
I wish they will return your
love which you show
upon them and write
and don't forget me, for
I am just the same, only
a great deal happier -
Mary Belcher
P.S.