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Transcription
Dearest Dada:

Here is a letter to all the kids. I don't know as you had better send it to Beebe, as I did not send her any gift as I did to the rest. The reason is because we never had much in common, and she never even sent me an announcement of her engagement. Evidently you see, she cared as little for me as I do for her. But if you think it would be all right to send it to her, - why do so.

My face is almost all well now, - and I am tremendously glad. I have heard from Mr. Van [Eiviyk] many times, and he wants to come here to see me and [page break] take me back to India. You may imagine how the family feels. I do not know what I feel. Seems as though I need you here in my "disgraceful" blue kimono curled up on your bed. Has Grandad received the two cans of candies I sent?

The little round kind is made of the lotus flower; the other is sesame seeds. Which do you all like best. I've been to S.S. [and] Church lately. Feel disgracefully virtuous!

Love
Daughter.

This certainly is a skimpy note!
Dearest Sara:

Here is a letter to see the kids. I don't know as you had better send it to Beebe, as I did not send her any gift as I did to the rest.

The reason is because we never had her in common, and she never sent me an announcement of her engagement. Evidently you see, she cared as little for me as I do for her. But if you think it would be all right to send it to her, — why do so.

My face is almost all well now, and I am tremendously glad. I have heard from Mr. Van Ewigh many times, and she wants to come here to see me and
Take me back to India. You may imagine how the family feels. I do not know what I feel. Seems as though I need you here in my "disgraceful" blue kerosene ended up on your bed. Has Grandad received the two cases of Candies? Don't?

The little round kind is made of the lotus flower; the others are sesame seeds. Which do you like best?

I've been to T. S. Church today. Feel quite peacefully virtuous.

Love,

Sincerely.

This certainly is a shonky note.