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Dear Anna

The busy busy winter has passed with us and here it is the 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. We wonder very much how it has gone with you. I expect you will tell many of the same things over so many of us writing but we do not know how to do otherwise. It is only three months now till our year is out here and I do not know yet whether the Lord will want us to stay longer or not. I am sure He will tell us though. The last three months has been very hard on me. I have been at Whittier as much as I felt like I could and carry the work here. did most of the preaching in a 10 days series of meetings here besides the housework etc. we have been making butter to sell and I have often wished I could put some of it on your table. In the things that are to be sent by this boat are two red flannel skirts that Mrs Dumas I helped her make when she was getting ready to get married but she never wore them. they are for thee and there is a heavy cloth ladies coat that was hers also thou can take it if thou needs it or trade it for something else thou needs. Jesse I suppose will tell thee all about Dumas last days and her triumphant death. so it is not necessary for me to repeat it. Sadie Bond is to come home the last of this week and get ready to go to England. I think she will be home about a month. her mother begins to feel the approaching separation keenly. Father and I bought some things and ate dinner with the Pencil girls at San Pedro when we were there this week. I do not think any of them knew thou but Esther Bond. She went with us in the ship to see the Envelope. I am sending some copies of the Workman and I put some clippings from the Register in the roll. I had a letter from Leggie Morris the first of this week. she seems to be getting along very well. They have a Christian trader there now. I was with the committee in Los Angeles the other day when they bought the supplies. I knew thou wanted a red rider down wrapper so much that I influenced them to get one. though it was not as heavy as the blue color. We could not find colored silk handkerchiefs. if I had not been able I would have made it before sending but I just could not. We hope to hear from you next the next supplies and we will know better how to buy. They will be sorry to hear of the death of Miss Willard in New York City in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. Her death seemed a great blow to the W. C. S. H. work but I am sure God has some one else to fill her place. We had a marvelous contest in the W. C. S. H. here. Chat Way was one of the speakers. I was one too. Milton Mills wife got the prize. and now the men are going to have one. Loather is coming a piece + Curtis Way + Thomas Nicholson. We have had a very dry winter and no barley scarcely at all has grown. Hay is 20 per cent now and we dont know what it will be this summer. I have enjoyed the work here very much and hope if it is right for us to stay another year I will not have to do so much outside work. but of course it has all been right if I had known how it was going to be with Dumas, I would have given

up the work here for a while and would have gone and stayed with her and Jesse but she kept about the same for so long that it seemed like she might last quite a while. Ida Curtis a young lady from Pasadena helped me here in the revival meeting.

I see in a paper today that the Gold has been discovered in the Deland where William Duncan is with his Lydeans and they are trying to take the Deland from him. We have wondered many times if you knew how many people have gone to Alaska the last year and now it seems like we might have many with Spaul. It seems in some ways that we are living in the last days.

One week from next Sabbath is Easter I wonder what kind of eggs you will have and will you color any. There is hardly a meeting of any kind here but what there is a prayer by some one for the missionaries. Do we do not forget you and we are sure God does not. Lovingly Mother.

Jane remarked after Dena died that we had quite good evidence that she was still alive or Dena would have surely seen her in the other world and called her by name as she did others.