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My Dear Jimmy

How will I would like to see you. I have thought of you so much to day for it is Sundry and I know you will be lonesome and wish I was there and I would like to be there and see you. I have not herd a word from you. We did not get our male last night so I think there is a litter from you at the offis. I do wish you would come up while I am here. Rite and let me me know when you can come. Bead is sick.<sup>1</sup> He has not been very well since I came up here. He went to the Doctors last night. He says it is bilious. He seames to be same as you wer in the spring only worse. He is quite well some days. He has a grate deal of headach. He thinks he will be better in a few days. He is taking blue mass and powders that are white and bitter. He says tell Jim to come up and Eve wants you to come.<sup>2</sup> O my Darling I wish you were here to sleepe with me for it is sunday night.<sup>3</sup> Kiss lany for me and lany must kiss you for me.<sup>4</sup> I am well and having a good time. Every thing is very pleasant. It has rined some to day and is cold to night. If you were here you could get me warm. Be carful about any one getting the letters for they might laugh but they are only rote for my Jimmie.<sup>5</sup> I got a letter from Frank. She say polly was getting a long read well rite and let me know if she comes today and how Attay gets along and Father got home and is Mother iny better of her lameness?<sup>6</sup> Via say tell pa she wants to see him and wht is lany in doing?<sup>7</sup> She is having a good time. How little one sees of relegian. There is hardly a person around that is interested in such things. It make me homesick to think of you and rite. So I must stop. Eve says you must come so as too stay quite a whil. Rite to me and come if you can. The camp meeting does not commence till a week from tusdy. I will do as you think best about my staying till the last of the week of camp meeting. I should look for you the last of this weeke. Come. We will both enjoy it so much it will not happen in a good while a gone that we can both come on account of the many.

This is from your loving wife till death Mary S. Munro

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<sup>1</sup> Mary is likely referring to James Munro's half-brother, Bedent Baird Munro (1846-1923).

<sup>2</sup> Bedent Baird Munro's wife was Evelyn Burns (1856-1927). They married in 1878.

<sup>3</sup> "sunday night" is underlined in the letter.

<sup>4</sup> "lany" refers to her newborn son, James Orlando Munro (1879-1954).

<sup>5</sup> "carful" is underlined and "Jimmie" is accentuated by a dot underneath each letter.

<sup>6</sup> Mary is likely referring to her surviving parents, Josiah Burton Leavenworth (1820-1905) and Catherine Leavenworth (1830-1886).

<sup>7</sup> "Via" refers to their daughter, Viola Adella Munro (1877-1963) who was three years-old at this time. In the 1900s, Viola would later write, "[A Genealogy of the Munro Family in the United States, Canada, and Nova Scotia With Historical Introduction, etc.](#)" using family source material collected in her father's inherited family slant desk, where this letter was recovered in 2022.

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