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Letter written to Margaret (Maggie) Corell Graham from her mother Mary Corell.

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of him show I can forgive him ~~but~~ tho
I dont want him to bother me again
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to day they are a getting along rite
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with much
much love to
all your
loving Mother
till death
may god bless
each one of
the family
and dont
forget to pray
to him to take
care of all
your loving
Ma
Mary Corell

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Maggie Thaim's Buchanan had a dance
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that you can come up this spring rite
and tell me I will have to close for this
time as my face and eyes are a hurting
so bad I dont think that you can read
this bad riter letter so I will close

(Oh yes Maggie (?) Buchanan had a dance Friday night. Judy and Charles George danced the first set together. What do you think of that?) William had one too though he does not get time to come up to see we are doing though when we wants anything he come then. Tell the children that I want to see them all. Am glad that they are getting along so nice at school. Maggie don't you and William think that you can come up this spring. Write and tell me. I will have to close for the time as my face and eyes are a hurting so bad. I don't think that you can read this bad written letter so I will close with much love to all. Your loving mother till death. May God bless each of the family and don't forget to pray to him to take care of all. Your loving ma. Mary Corell