

Well, I must stop. If you want
to write to mamma she is
in room 22 Ward L,
Lakeside Hospital. ^{Des Moines} I don't know
how soon she can hear letters.

Good bye, Pilly Boy. Don't be
worried but pray for our dear
Lady.

Mary is having an awful
time, isn't she. It really seems
dreadful.

Your loving sister,

Ellen Crahan Buldee

April 13, 1907.

My dear Willie.

This morning I tele-
graphed Mary about mamma's
condition of health and I hope
she will send you word im-
mediately, though I did not
put it in the telegram. I am
so worried because we did not
telegraph her before and be-
cause we did not write you
as I did her the result of the
operation as I remember.
I hope if so, you will forgive
me and haven't been
worrying. After we got your
letter about your con-
templated shipwreck trip though

it was ~~not~~ the most critical time
I wrote less than before. And
yet you may not have taken it
or that may ^{not} have been the time
for it.

I saw Mamma yesterday
morning at Lakeside Hospital
and they seemed to think she
was doing very well indeed
though of course the danger
point is not past. She was
awfully weak, our poor
dear lady. But there is great
hope for her. Dr. Hawkins
is going up to see her every
week. O, Mrs. Hawkins has
been a blessing. Dr. Allen when
he came down to see Mamma

approves of every thing Mrs. Hawkins has
been doing. and that gave Mamma and
us great confidence. She could not have
withstood this operation - there was no
alternative and we are all so thankful
it is over and that she is doing so well. I
can hardly wait to hear news. I don't
know how much to write you &
may visit yesterday however may may
send you the letter I wrote her about -
if. You will do keep on praying though
this is over.

I have just got back here - came last
night. Ashford began ten days ago.