

P.S. The temperature  
this morning (Jan 14)  
was ~~#~~ 23° below  
zero ~~the~~ the sky  
is clear.

all days the same  
intensity of colds -  
mama, Raining, Sun

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Dear George,  
you must not think  
I am forgetful because I write so  
seldom, ~~but~~ for the truth is that  
there is never anything particular to  
say; for you know every day is the  
same as every other, every week the  
same as the one before it; you one  
goes to school in the morning, comes home  
in the afternoon, ~~and~~ goes learns his lessons,  
or then goes to bed day after day, so you  
see there is really nothing to ~~talk~~ write  
about except the weather, which is always  
changing, but this is a very "dry" topic  
~~or~~ especially in winter, (not with you  
I suppose). As for weather I may men

that we are having a very remarkable snow-storm, which began on Wednesday last; & when it began the thermometer was at about  $10^{\circ}$  I think, & now ~~it is~~ (this evening) it is at  $6^{\circ}$  below, so that not only is it extremely low for a snow-storm, but it has actually fallen since it began. The barometer too, stands at 30.38. Mama, Rankine, Eva, & Papa, have all got colds just now. Rankine stayed away from school today, & Eva from gymnasium. The above names are underlined in proportion to the respective "intensities" of the colds. Anna has not ~~remained~~ returned from Quebec yet, but I hope she will be back soon. Excuse this apology for a letter, & believe me your affectionate brother,  
William.