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My dear William,

Your Mother is gone to bed and Amy gone to the Concert, so while I am waiting for her return I may as well fill up the time in writing a few lines to you. First as to your Mother, now that we trust the evil day is past I may say I do not think you realized how ill she has been, or how much cause there was for anxiety; though still unable to leave her room yet, thank God the Homoeopathic Doctor says that she is recovering as satisfactorily as possible, and we consider the case has been managed with both skill and knowledge and that we owe much to him and to Mary's admirable nursing powers and her devoted affection. For weeks she was day and night in the house, though your Mother was not aware that the latter was the case. Your children are well - Notwithstanding our unhealthy surroundings! The two youngest left us, admitted by all parties in rude flourishing health of body. And we are willing to flatter ourselves, that our conscientious desire to do our duty by them was not wholly unsuccessful in preventing any moral deterioration, they were said to be by disinterested parties to be very good children.

Your Aunt Richard has also been seriously ill and is much pulled down, but the disease is gone; I hope with more genial weather than we have at present she may soon regain her strength. The children at the Cottage are going on favorably, Sam's children have been ill but are better. Sam goes to London to-morrow to return on Saturday, and will we hope bring down Bessy to be with us on the 9th only for a very short time, returning by Humberstone, where things are