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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, how 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 she is recovering as satisfactorily as possible, and we consider the case has been managed with both skill & knowledge and that we owe much to him and to Mary's admirable nursing powers & her devoted affection for weeks she was day & 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 today, 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.