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real friend. I was totally unable, fit being no care of  
voice or otherwise, to get to call on Mr. Meriman when she  
was here. - It is three days since I began today to, - (the present being  
the 30<sup>th</sup> Friday) - & by this, you may in some measure, judge of  
what my predicament has been. - I say very graciously: "Any thing like  
this, I don't remember: - but, this time, it is really true": - so I  
should earlier have said how sorry I am to hear of you having  
been a sufferer. - I hope my condolences will arrive the day after  
the fair: - but pray be a little more sparing of yourself: & when  
you have a moment, recollect that I am earnestly wishing to  
know how you are. -

Meanwhile for Mrs. - It is an Irish way of beginning  
to say that I have not yet had time to see Mr. Butler: yet his true  
kindness in being here, has made the musical & vocal unusually  
interesting: & his nights of concerts etc: which I must attend, has  
been very - a worse reason to come out in, could not have  
been <sup>continued</sup> - What with the Irish distress & the coming apparition  
of Emu's child - all the people I live with were absorbed  
last thought of playing: & I had, that was the first night  
was not as full as we could have hoped. I ate with her for

All down the day after - # then passed cheerful - but I  
in very much. —

In short I am ~~in~~ reconciled to the delay of our books, in coming  
when the clock comes. There will be no longer the same amount  
curiosity about other matters, or other books to distract attention  
We see in the papers that P. is going to the Adelphi Theatre:  
that Drury Lane will be soon in the market. — Why, surely,  
the late got well taken (as one says of "fills") there is no  
scattered talent enough to make a grand theatrical company  
I wish any capitalist would do it & give me the money  
— about one salary!

I have written this without wind & water, in a  
state of hurry I can't describe: but I could not hear of you  
having been laid up - without a hint of regret - to remind  
you that be you east or be you west, I am always

Faithfully & sincerely yours  
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