

Rom. Dr. 26th Nov.

A day after I was my best of darling. But just the same
to me as if written on Thursday. I need not tell you how
much I thought of you. how much I wanted you
how hard it seems to me that almost all I lose much
to away from me at this season. You know. though you
love me. though you utterate sympathy with me
all I think of you. by your own love wishes you must
will measure mine. I may find in his infinite mercy
to help me to circumstances which shall bring you of
my absolute belonging around me, to live with me!!!
I suppose my right & proper for me to do something for
myself, to increase his name & for him employment.
But I could wish that could find, after he has secured
a moderately fair competence. a disposition to come &
live with me. at all events as long as I am compelled to
live here. & then perhaps something will arise which
will enable me to come & live with him. when he may
be compelled to live. These longings & thoughts, and
hopes come on me very often - but especially at my
anniversaries. especially at birth days. I want I need
my heart yearn for my family. I want some of them
with me. & most of all I want you. my darling daughter.
On Monday last. I rec'd your dear letter of the 23rd 26th
Nov. & of all things in the world what should come to
passing to me. but in the afternoon when I return
- and from my ride on horseback. I found your dear
letter of the 30th Nov. & Dr. my heart swelled & the tears
dropp'd. God is very very good to me. & I fear I am
very impatient & impatient. I fear I don't
keep my wish in sufficient control. I fear that I
am grasping & avaricious & exacting. I want more than
is good for me. but sometimes I feel as though I should
be very glad to be taken care of for a little just to get
down & be waited upon & thought for. I am very wearied
of thinking & doing for others. & my brain gets very
tired for nothing. I long for the quiet & rest of last summer

Sunday. I shall live with my children I hope. I having
got rid of all houses & stable elsewhere - just back to see
those belonging to my children. I have no anxiety but theirs.
My bottom & oration would be less. if I could speak and
understand the language: the similitudes like me. I
find it difficult to make them ^{understand} what I want
(no wonder poor things) I can't explain properly.
When they are quarrel children - with no head, but
to continue how they shall steal. No thought or attempt
to save me a moment, any at a better. Every day they
have to be told - one again - the work of the day. I cannot
remember from one hour to the other! This makes me
exhausted without number - and then I have suffering
with my hands. which would make any body feelful
& cross. I am perfectly helpless just now & am holding
my pen with my third finger & thumb. the 1st & 2^d are
helpless with swelling & pain. This winter, I winter in
the sulphur which I have to take twice a day. I have
not - but I have never suffered so much pain with
my hands. or with my skin generally - last winter I took
a good deal of sulphur - my Dr. ordered me to go down
when - when I could get sulphur bath this summer.
but I could not go. I had to be in London - with the child
during the exhibition. I had to be when I could get country
farm house living with poor my precious. I would not
have to be sorry though with medical treatment.
Then I am paying a penalty. My Dr. says I must get
30 sulphur baths - natural sulphur baths everywhere
when shall I get them done? I must ask Dr. whether
when we can get them in America. When you do think
Dr. at least for a time & see if I cannot be cured for the
or I am really & truly suffer - the pain & swelling
throbbing from me to sit down in a bath with one finger
held in the other hand for an hour - waiting for what
I cannot seem to help. I am very careful. I must be
the ruin of the country & not much of that - I must be
in no way. no fruit. no wine - yet I suffer dead full with
this trouble of my skin - which can be cured now.

I am calud away. Iod base pr my darling
last for me. I'm again at the last day of post I'm
Saturday morning. I'm ready to
uesday. I have felt the necessity of Exercise
day. I had to ride on horseback Mon. about four miles
week. I had a dreadful cold which settled as usual on
my bronchia. I made it imperative upon me not to be
out late in the afternoon. On ride in the afternoon was
always necessarily late wanting for time to depart
and returned as I had to ride with only the snow
this winter (most sun having from up riding altogether)
that I would ride in the middle of the day but I find
that this winter is unfeasible by doing anything after
my days are utterly given up to this same "constitutional
this week. My dear work & my having to look up money
for servants, children. I have departed from all. I have
been in extra work. I must tell you, dear, that the
lecture on Tuesday, night last - which I think I told
you I was getting up for Dr Butler - came off with great
Relat. he raised \$110 - for him which was pretty well
was it not. Considering that \$700 had been before raised
for the support of the chapel. I felt very proud of
my agency in the matter. - On Wednesday - there was a
Mass here at the Perkins - which took up my afternoon.
as I had ^{to} assisted in the performance - we had every body
children. & they were very merry. In the evening - I went
to the Russels with tickets for the Balcony at 5 P.M.
the next day. (The Pope too ill to assist at the ceremony)
On Thursday to Church in the morning - & at 2 o'clock
a ride on horseback with Mr Perkins - which although
a very cold day was done in the system on the Camp
for the cold was still. The hills all around covered
with snow. The sun as bright as gold through a cloud in the
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Home at 4 - a cup of tea. Deciding for dinner at 6
Tillie & Carrie. See them. We had a funny dinner
as merry as we could be under the circumstances
& finished off by spending the evening with Maud
in the afternoon came from New Haven to comfort me
at New Haven, Dick had a long talk with Mr. Jones
the man who founded the "Lowell Institute" in Boston
who gives so much to the lecturer, - a good natured, easy
man. We played whist & wound up at 12 o'clock
Friday. I had to write a little - but not take up
my morning. I went for a ride on horseback with
a Mr. Thompson who is here - starting at 1. I found
4 1/2 - almost sun down. The day was bitterly cold
town - but only out on the campaign. Mr. Thompson
Englishman who knows all about horses. I rode down
Ivan. I truly delighted your aunt's heart with some
in Paris - & truly he did go beautifully. He has been
pulling dreadfully ^{late} lately. Mr. Thompson put on what is called
a "jap snaffle" which entirely prevents it - & we rode
hard, with Mr. Thompson holding reins & whip in
hand & not feeling Ivan pull a bit. So that was
comfort. A pleasure to me: dear old fellow he
looking so well. Working as never any horse did
his now 14 years old, I believe. I think he will be
in work for another 6 years. I last night Florence
Primmer & Miss Adams, Mrs. Todd's sister, came here
tea. So I was prevented writing - & now this morning
I have had a very vexatious ^{letter} ^{note} from
answer - which has occupied me - with some
for half up to 12 o'clock. I now have told all
my occupation for the week. I come to the end of
birth sheet - with regret & impatience in my heart
that I have not been able to see more of my dear
darling daughter - more of my thought. I could wish

Good day from your mother & father of the 23rd 24th of Nov
to what I am to answer. I am so truly glad my dear
dear children that you are in your own home. When
you ought to have been from the first. Your house
ought to have been made ready for your furniture
to your direct. & for you to go into when you reached
your room. - but now we try on what cannot
be helped - the only thing is to learn by experience.
The plan which Ned has drawn for me is beautiful
I see how the rooms are situated exactly. I would want
you to tell me how you have placed all the furniture.
I see your library pretty well by your description at least
I see the desk. the little bust. the looking glass & Ned's
mother's little medals picture. but I don't know where the
book case or the sofa stands. I suppose they both are in
opposite the fire place. & the Engravings ^{you see on each side} ~~are~~
of it. I am very glad you are making your house pretty.
You cannot make it so individual to please me. It
is not that it matters an atom. We are more splendid
or more beautiful than your neighbours - but just to
be individual - different from any other as you yourself
are different: & this is well come. that you will always
return to it with pleasure. - Some from visiting those
which may be richer or more elaborate. as our town
our own thoughts. poor & honest though they may be.
- I see paper in this little library white & gold. too? I should
imagine from the account that it must have cost you a
good deal to alter & rearrange the house. - ^{but in the end}
it won't make much difference. I hope Ned will insist
on doing what you say in purposes. viz. paying himself
on & about what your father had calculated upon for
repairs etc. I can't bear the idea - that your father should
think - Ned wanted to get out of him, all he could, in the
matter. He has done too much for Ned. for the latter can
to take advantage of any quarrel he allows him. ^{or do anything}
Ned is sure to thwart him in & oppose him. - ^{but just} ^{to gratify} ^{him}
but just eyes himself in every way. to gratify him &
must his wishes. & try to anticipate them. What would Ned
not have been willing to do for any body who would have

Must be would not have it as I saw it. I stood back.
The Commission. has made us all anxious. Is it clear,
who did it? you? - and in the other! Do you see
a letter from in the Dr. number of the Atlantic
Cuba Society - by Anne Fields?

Stella was exceedingly amused to see an account
the account of little Bette Law. what an odd little
pet she is. It was just a thing which delighted
Stella to see so individual - Oh, for my love to

you when you write. I hope Mother & Father
always - I wish I could see you & tell her I love
her & think of her very much. because she loves you
so much. I wish you would let your father to be

Brody of New York. make one of his Imperial
photographs of him - for you. to hang opposite to the
one you have of your Aunt. It would be nice. How
very happy I have made me to think of me having

heard so much money this last six months. He
thus will not put paying me - the extra 2000 - which
I happened he did not expect to have to pay. but
which is just a true. I don't want the interest
at all. therefore it may remain in her hands very

well. Tell him I thank him for the copy of the
Bishop's letter. it gives me great satisfaction. but
I wish I should get something from it. Good by.
God bless you very dearly. I am late for post

and my hands so bad I can hardly hold any pen.
Dear love to Ned & to you all. Stella sends dear
love to your Aunt Ann. Stella is off hunting for
her hair a small pack of hounds now in Rome
so that she hunts occasionally - She has sold a

Puck. & for an order for another at \$600 each. I

Thank she is doing my will - Aunt Lu has made
Such a lovely figure of Joseph - for the Nathan of
New York - only the sketch - 28 inches high - but
we are approved very - I know she is upon another
of autumn which will be my long and
I wish you were here this winter - you and
& I could be carried very much which
would give you pleasure -

God bless you again & again & again
I wish you were & strong & happy
May you see your own lovely
Aunt Lu

I do hope you had a merry & pleasant
happy New Year.

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I must be admitted Dr. Smith had shown his "loyalty" a little
 more than of the people who sat at the English feet. He
 was educated at English Cambridge - or Oxford. Instead
 of American Cambridge. His speech just now in New York is very
 wisely & national - but it is full of the flowers of rhetoric & not
 of what! - Poor dear aunt Belle & Charley - my heart
 my father for them for them my brother - Darling
 my being about a silver card case I sent you in the package
 the Roman jewelry which was Mrs. Mother's & her
 - my son is Mrs. Ballard - I like her you know I like you
 most of all. I send you a "Romney" I have seen
 before. Give her from me - as much as you can afford to
 what I shall for the extract from Dr. Water's composition but
 you know I was of his composition. I am glad to hear that
 remembers me. He has "the advantage of me" - I will
 at catch Miller Bridge. He is as wise as a serpent - I will
 when for him. As he would not be a man's mother. I will
 & I don't envy the man Sunday's mother. I will
 Miss White's commission - I now God bless you my
 thing. Aunt Eve & Sally send dear love to you both & to
 brother to Ned. & my heart's content.

What will my clerk say to such a long letter. Surely my brain
much to crazy. No dailly - or I could talk to you forever
You will see that I am beginning to get my soul in peace
It has been in rebellion & the house is full of excitement
& from sickness - I am now calm & coming upon me
are you glad? Are you reading a "Strang Story" by Balcan
published in the "parlour" - Darling, you please make
of information on that publication - it is a very good read
I have to keep good reading for conversation - for the store
the mind with useful information. I am sure
I want you to tell Fuller that the article in the Saturday
-view - which has been so vile about America has been
written by Graham the former Consul of Boston - the man
was petted & fêted in our country. I wish to make an item for
"transcript" - our very kind love to Mrs. Garrison. I shall be
very much for a hard worker. She is a perfect person
tioned. and our own dear ones. The boy is very good & nice. I am
glad to hear such good account of you Mrs. Phelps with your
remembrance in kind to them & any of our friends. Love from P.