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is not worse than he has been during that period
but I am not to expect much amendment – &
he requiring my constant attention & personal
attendance – he has latterly been very deaf which
is a sad calamity, being naturally a lively minded
man fond of society when free from pain –
Other anxious fears are also awakend for our dear
Mary, our second girl, who in the Month of April
had the Measles, the disease fell heavily upon her
lungs – & a cough has continued ever since –
to avert evil if possible, her Father with his
Newly Married Lady, is going to travail for
the next two months – for change of scene air etc –
& I hope & pray she may return to us free from
all Malady, She has been hitherto perfectly healthy
& no indication of tendency to evil – I trust therefore
timely precaution will prevent any fastening
upon her – her dear sister had for the last 7 years
been suffering more or less with the lungs, & at last
the lungs pastook of the disease – our sweet boy too
has had the Measles, & very favourable, just now
he is labouring under the Whooping Cough – & has
that slight also, for which we are most thankful
for he is the healthy, naturally a delicately
textured child — Your Fathers Marriage has been
a great blessing to the family – often before his girls
had the slightest suspicion, that he had
distinguished

from others, they wished Papa might like Miss Beaufoy
& she him – of course they were delighted when they
discovered what was likely to take place – Mr Bursley &
myself were equally well pleased – as in every point
of character conduct temper – age etc she was the wo-
man I would have selected from all others, to have
become a wife to Thomhill & a Mother to his children
& her affectionate sincere devotion & attention
to our departed child – has rooted her deeply in
all our hearts —
I am scribbling this in the greatest haste – as Mr
Lawsdale leaves Town tomorrow & he was anxious
to [illegible] few lines – & I to send them by him –
As [illegible] first time for many Many
years Mr Bursley & myself shall be
left quite alone the next six Months &
except having occasional visitors – I shall
show you when time will permit, I shall find
great solace in writing to you, & entering more
into detail of everything concerning ourselves &
side, All particulars of yours is ever interesting
to me, therefore do not fear being tedious – Nor suspect
me of indifference when I do not write – Indeed
my time has been heavily past upon for years
past – I truly rejoice at your dear Mothers good
health & hope it will be a blessing you both
long enjoy – be assured it is a peculiar good to
have many interests to force exertion – those
that have not – or will not use it – sink into
self indulgence, baneful to themselves, & useless to
others — We must feel – but if possible not sink under
our share of heat