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of hurry which so oppresses me. Others are absent so that I can not delegate my duties there. The few pats I have are scattered and afford me opportunities of riding, and I am not compelled to drive hard from house to house ~~to~~ the intervals. All this you see is only temporary however. My Hospital duties will terminate in a few weeks and the absence of patients from the city will be only for a short time. I must then either run into the constitution for practice to support an establishment here or withdraw & join you before the claims of the sick are established. I am waiting patiently in the full confidence that something will indicate which I shall do. I have now no anxiety on that point and can not express how thankful I am for it so. I know I can not continue as we are now. I do not see how it is possible for me to do any thing but join you at Long Neck. But I feel perfectly assured that if that is the right place we shall find it, not a spot of unalloyed happiness, for such place is found on the face of this sunned earth, but a comfortable home where in the discharge of the duties of that station in life to which God hath appointed us we may strive for the attainment of meetness for that Home of the soul for which this state of being is only the preparatory stage. I have had some very sore conflicts with my self since I came here last but hope I have not struggled in vain. I know there are other conflicts before which no human power can avert, and in which God only can help us. But He is at hand, and I am striving to attain to the condition of mind which will enable me in every thing to give thanks". Surely we have great cause. I begin to see some little evidence of the truth that severe as have been our trials they may yet prove to have been our greatest blessings. I can not tell you how great is the comfort I find in the dear children. May the God of all Grace "settle and establish them in the truth".

I spent yesterday morning at the Hospital, the afternoon at Hutchinson & Farnis & the evening at Wm Buckleys. She has run herself down entirely between Exertion at Bolton which was very unwise, & the constant pressure of her heart trouble which is terrible. Edward off. She tries to put the best face on it. Wm & Wm Ellis and Mr. Peel & Eff were there. Next week she will go to Nunney. Dear Annie takes her Effa. every afternoon & goes in the cars to the brook where there is a nice grove of trees, & then returns with Israel to tea. He is obliged to take his dinner at the works so that she does not see him from early morning till evening. He found as some beautiful light colored oil free almost from smell, which they made yesterday. He designs sending you some