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I have not covered Dodie's neck and arms and she complains perfectly well of being that she is very bad at night

Ivy Neck Nov. 6th 1859

My dearest Mother

I have just got Cornelia to bed and therefore have a little quiet time which I must spend with you. I tried to find a few minutes this morning to commence my letter but I had to take care of her so could do nothing else. I must tell you before I forget it the most important news that Lottie has another son, there are two reports one that she is doing well which comes from the gentlemen the other that Mrs Steele felt very anxious and did not think that she was doing well whether she has any reason for it or not I do not know. Lottie is I believe very much disappointed it was a great trial too to have