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My dearest Mother

While the baby is asleep and Cornelia out with Ellen I will try to write to you, and thank you for your nice long letter which I received last night. You will I know feel as thankful as I do to know that Ellen is still with me, particularly when I tell you that ~~the~~ Mary is not at all well, very fretful and very hoarse, and this morning after her bath we have discovered an eruption over her body, it is still under the skin we were just hesitating whether to send for Dr Hall ~~with~~ or to leave it until this afternoon when we could see him at ~~the~~ Presbyterian Church when we made this discovery and this of course decided it. I shall therefore not go