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Now when he came into Bohlens as I was about leaving. They are all well there and glad to learn ~~from~~ by a letter from Miss B. that she is enjoying her excursion - You can put the microscope at her service with my kindest regards

I have seen Cousin Emily and we have agreed that we will combine our establishment if any house can be found which will furnish the requisite accommodation. Martha stipulates only that she shall be allowed the housekeeping department. I am very reluctant to appear perverse or obstinate but I do not myself see any possible chance of better accommodation than that of this house ~~for~~ or. Wm Browns. Still Emily not to commit herself in any way till she secures either a tenant or purchaser for her present house as it would certainly be very bad economy to have it on her hands - As regards her very generous offer I begged her to act as your trustee and retain it in her own possession with the assurance that we would call on her for it if it should be proper to do so. My self respect forbids my acceptance at present I do not believe it would be best either for me or the Children. We must learn to rely on our own exertions. I have been spoiled myself by the kindness of your friends. It has soothed my sorrows, relieved my anxieties, supported me in my weakness. and for all I have nothing to offer in return - I can not trust myself

Annie Foote is better. Last evening was in the parlor. The weather is cold and damp so that she can not get out so often as is desirable. But she has I think in readiness to make some visit in a fortnight or three weeks. Your carriage arrangements can not be only appropriate for summer. I shall look out for something immediately - I suppose it is only my carriage you have in mind must be hot & heavy what ~~an~~ you to receive for the other who is the housekeeper!

Indeed heavy

More cold damp wintry weather. I am delighted when all things look pleasant around you and hope all may keep pleasant within I am about going off to my days duties with - cheerful readiness to perform them whatever they may be - I & Wm R. I and Children. and Mr. Donnalson at Bohlens as I. Counsel. to see Mr Clapp who has declined giving any testimony in the case on the ground that she knows so little that it would be rather prejudicial to the Issues than favorable - Chester is much worried and fears they will find great trouble before they are through the case - I was not a little annoyed last Evening by finding Chester and Isaac Lyon talking with the