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Sunnore me. I was standing just on with
front door steps in one of those sad
moods which so bewilder me with their sin,
thinking there was nothing in the universe
which could give me pleasure, when you
told me. Rily seized a box and ran across
the street, saying "here doctor are some
strawberries for your dinner" and presented
me with the friend I now scan this second
I had left the breakfast table hastily to
attend to a note, and returning found
Mrs Lelley & Miss Charlotte still seated
there; so we took them at once and
I felt reproved & mortified for my
sulkiness — and yet comforted by the
lesson of kind good news, and the
thought how pleasure lies unobtrusive
at our feet, which I turn away in
moody waitedness. You need not be
afraid of your letters. Write always
as you think and feel, and trust to
guide you with his counsel, here and
then receive you to himself in glory.

Evening.

I have just returned from a meeting of the Board
at the Blind School, and find two letters from you
and the cushions for Mrs Davis. I shall give the
dollar which came in it to Mr. Blair and let
him forward the plates as directed. I shall at
usual take tea with the Chubbs in St. They
are well and happy, as are also those in
Shrewsbury St. I shall not detain you now to
Cousin Emily until I hear again from you.
Patty is now with Charles attending her
mind I therefore think it better to do
nothing. Cousin E. thinks it very strange
that Stephen & Henry should do nothing for
Patty; brought up together as brothers and
sisters. Stephen wealthy & Henry doing a good
business. It certainly does not speak
well for their affections that they so
entirely neglect her. Our dear children
are I trust more kindly disposed to each
other and their connexions. May they
be kept so. The greatest affluence without the
disposition to grant comfort to others by
sharing their partakers of the blessing, is
only less to be deserved than poverty with
kindly affections, which "gives to misery
all it has, a tear." Let us seek for ourselves
and our children to have our affections