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My Dear wife

I have just roused up to the recollection of the fact that this is Thursday and that to be sure of having a letter ready for this mail I must write this afternoon as I can not calculate on having the opportunity tomorrow morning - I had just finished some notes to patients and was thinking how I should employ the few minutes before the dinner bell rings when this idea came to my relief. I am just jogging along at the old rate thankful for having enough to keep me busy and for cool weather (so far as my own feelings are concerned though a little anxious lest they be uncomfortable to our dear Cousin with you) for how your carpets down still I hope if it is cool with you as it has been here you will not find a little fire unpleasant - I am sitting with windows down & carpet still on the floor and all my winter clothing on with the feeling that any shawl will not be an inconvenient addition so will rise & get it. I do hope Annie may get quite up somewhat more than she has done - I conveyed your invitation to her father and urged him to accept it he says he has engagements which render it impossible for him to leave the City before August. Galloway dislikes the idea of leaving here on Friday night to go to stand Saturday

with Sarah to make you a visit - he entertains doubts as to the case about Jane & George & tells her I will take charge of them entirely & they may be quite easy. That certainly is the least I can do

And now having put you in possession of all information about things here I will thank you for your kind long letter I am glad to hear so pleasantly of dear Annie Reat. What a blessed thought is to have a good hope through Christ. If I were assured that next moment I should be positively annihilated and thus freed from all hope of future happiness or fear of future punishment I would still say that the highest enjoyment of life had been found in the sense of being reconciled to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. May you and the dear children be "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation". I am glad to learn you had been able to get to church. I had a very kind letter from Mr Dilton - act freely & liberally for their relief in any way - I will take care of our debts here. You will have for your own the income for Galloway and Emily's maintenance and your own income for Baltimore ground rents.

With tender love to the children I am your affd husband Caspar Wistar