real good. This cool change is elegant for stay-in-town people, we really do not feel any need whatever of country air, for we have had very little warm, that is, intensely warm weather. Now, it is so cool, that I shut the window down where I was sitting, and that is saying a good deal for this time of year, isn't it? I think I am getting very fond of living in this sort of easy way. Sitting about in cool wrappers, reading or sewing or playing with Effie, with occasional preserving frolics to vary the amusements is not a bad way at all of spending the summer. Chester very kindly wished us to use his house

Annie's being so far away, for Nancy is about as inaccessible at West River. There is a good deal of feeling of responsibility in such a thing, and Aunt M. feels it very much. Nannie is better, but is looking tortchedly still, and is very weak, bones sticking out in every direction; I am afraid that between the two invalids it will be rather a sorry house. They won't listen for an instant to my not coming up there. I hinted at the possibility of such a thing, but found it would be such a trial to Aunt Mary not to have Effie that I could not say anything more. They will have such a full house that I thot I might be spared.