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by any possible effort of mine avoid it.

Thursday Evening

Yours of Saturday has been received. It refers evidently to one which I suppose was written the day before and which has not yet come to hand. Neither has Annie yet received Marys. I dined to day at Chesnut Hill with Mr Martines. They have very kindly fitted up a Chamber which they call mine and are exceedingly anxious that I should occupy it. Caroline met me at Dobbins one day last week when I had gone there to administer the rabbits & said she was not quite well & hoped to see her so soon as possible. So to day I went there by the 12 o'clock train designing to return to dinner. The children were asleep & she antied me to see Mary who is teething, and as there was a train down at 3½ P.M. I went over to Englesiar before dinner & saw all the family except Pally – They are well & happy. John & I had a little talk about the solemn responsibility of the parental relation which he appears to feel – The baby is Bobbin, something of Miss Catherine's chin – Sally is anxiously desirous of an opportunity to return. The family beg if I hear of one I will let them know – too late for her to avail of it. I shall take Compassion on James however and do every thing to promote her own wishes

I took tea this evening with dear Israel & Annie they had just returned from a ride which they had enjoyed very much. They are dear children. –

Chester has just come in. –

and now (11 o'clock) how, had a nice talk and united in commending our beloved ones from whom we are separated to the kind care of the God of Providence, and invoked the blessing of the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ for them and ourselves, he has gone to his sobbing habitation and I shall look over myself for rest. The cool day has invigorated me; I have been busy but not with patients. I saw all I was obliged to visit in town by 11. this morning, then went to Germantown and found Mr Fuller was just about to dispatch a messenger for me as John was not quite so well as when I had seen him last. So on to Chesnut Hill, & from there to the Hospital at 5 to meet the building Committee. Thus you see the entire day from 11 to 7 was spent in things in pertinent to be done, but not harassing like suffering patients. I found only three Call on my return which I got through before tea time. There was also on the table a Copy of the life of Bishop Wilson of Calcutta presented by Mrs Hutchinson which I will send you that Mr. Dillon may have it to read when he is with you. I feel a little at a loss about the Carriage as I suppose there may have been something in your letter about it which I have not seen; perhaps it may come to hand in the morning. By the way – I took the liberty of trying to read that which was enclosed in yours All I was able