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is a trial to us to part with them under such circumstances. They will go at once to our house, and there decide what next to do — It is thought best to keep this house up here open for awhile longer. — Anne Perot is so much more comfortable in this mountain air. — Debby says she is not willing to remain & have the responsibility — unless I stay with her, and indeed I do not see how I could leave Anne & Hannah. for altho' Anne is more comfortable, yet she is in reality no better. I told them I would willingly go, or stay; in whichever place I could be of the most use; how Sister Mary can get along with Nannie in her helpless condition without a female helper I do not see; possibly they may think best to remain in Phil^a — in which case I know Israel & Annie will do all in their power for them. Mary is very quiet, you know her way, but she has neither eaten or slept much latterly. The unspeak = able comfort of believing that we have a great High Priest, who is touched with a feeling of our infirm = ities, & that he is a very present help in time of trouble. —

Nettie Jackson is staying here she is a very loveable & efficient girl. both Anne & Hannah are fond of her. we shall try & keep her with us. we hope Galle will be able to run up for awhile too, it will do both him & Hannah good. did you ever see a more gentle devoted untiring nurse than Hannah. I look at her with admiration. Anne's cheerfulness & patience are a great blessing to all, & I often think it a privilege to be permitted to wait on her. —

— Now dear, I want to enquire after you & yours. I feel as if a long distance