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yet I did not feel as though I could say
no: I shall therefore go out on Thursday
morning, and stand with them at the dedication
of their offering to God. May His Spirit sanctify
the offering & dwell in the long making
him a temple of the Holy Ghost.
I am glad to inform you that Mary Ellis
is better than she has been at all. She is
a perfect child thought, and will be married
next month. This will prevent Annie and
Mrs Buckley from making a visit to you.
I am very glad to hear you think of going
to Virginia or your way here. I am sure
it will be a comfort to Fanny & the children.
There are constant enquiries for you here
from all our friends. Mr Carlton has
returned bringing his mother with him for
some weeks, and is desirous that you
should return before the leaves. Everything
is wonderfully tranquil about us. May we
be truly thankful for the blessing.
I have corrected the proofs of the memoir of
Dr James & received the most gratifying notes
from his Son & Son in Law expressing their
entire satisfaction with it. So that is done & I
have now nothing on hand but my daily work.

Wednesday May.

I have been interrupted in dressing by a
visit from Mrs Buchanan. She is in a terrible taking.
The oldest son of Mr B. is studying medicine, and has
contracted some cutaneous disease at the Howard
Hospital and communicated it to the younger
boys, and more than to, she has taken it herself.
You can imagine the consequences. ~~All~~ no
bad feelings however — laughing. I took it as
light as I thought. It was notable
to get them having some engagement with Mr.
Griffith. After this I made a professional visit to
Saint Thomas who is a sad sufferer. I think
I mentioned that their house had been robbed
during their absence. Many things turned upside
down. Old papers & letters brought from trunks in
the garret & mixed with those of later date. Much
to the discomfort of the Maiden ladies. Drawers and
drawers (and nice old time affairs that you thus
so politely) displayed by forcing the locks. But
and all the Calamities there was none which
grieved them as the loss of a memorial of
Uncle in a young man who Aunt Catharine
had left them. They did not come for the case
and took great trouble to learn from the robbers
who were caught, what they had done with
the pictures, but received very contradictory
stories. Finally a few days since while Sarah
was sorting some rubbish they had left in a
drawer, she suddenly spied the coveted treasure.
You can imagine her delight