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taken her passage for May 18th & expects to return early in September. You may remember that for several years she & her sisters have had a school in New York. – This trip to Europe for the Summer is to matronize three young ladies who go under her care & tutelage; they are to be met at Liverpool on ship-board, by a courier known & proved by our friends. You will perhaps have heard of the failing health of our dear & honored cousin Marguerite Robertson; she is now confined to her bed & I believe her physicians (your son & nephew) look for no improvement, though her bodily failure seems gradual – mentally she is herself. Mrs. Eves & her daughters are with her. – Rev. Kin sees her, & says her countenance is singularly bright & tranquil. Father has recovered from a short illness which alarmed us, but gave us a treasurement; it is the first indisposition to confine him to the house since Mother was taken from us – he missed her sorely, but so patiently consigned himself to Rebecca's tender nursing that it was a great comfort to her. In your journeyings & sojournings may the fiery cloudy pillar go with you! & the "Peace" of God, the blessing of Jesus, the Angel of His Presence, meet you in every place & abide with you! May He make you a blessing to all you meet & all who journey with you as He has done. There is Mother, there is a cloud of witnesses, hidden from our sight – many who witness together of your ministrations to them, – joined to all who have died in faith, comprassing as about as we try to run our race with patience. – "Looking unto Jesus". That, dear Dr. is one of the texts which you have illuminated for me – not by painting it in bright colors, & strange characters – but by the Holy Spirit's help just uttering the words, so that they took new meaning & lived. Your photograph passes from page to page of the Gospels in my Bible, where it dwells. I am reluctant to close – but dear friend don't feel that you must answer. Only for weariness often & often