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formed my table — probably for the last time in this world I shall be with them for just as we were dispersing to their studies &c. My second son had the offer of a position on the railways making on the River Plate — till he was studying in South America I could imagine how much my thoughts were occupied, & I went to Boston being anxious to see & consult my eldest Brother in such an important step — & had by my will they persuaded me to remain a fortnight — all this carried me to within a fortnight of Easter & my dear Husband's favourite Sister claimed a long promised visit & as Ella & I were at home Elmer with my little Boy and — we came down to Bordentown (Ms. is close to Burlington) & while there he fell with whooping cough as my niece had been ever the disappointment I took apartments here — Ella volunteering to remain & nurse him while I returned home to welcome my college & school children for Easter vacation — we had not been in our rooms 24 hours before Ella began to cough — & very heavily. She has had it — they were much too ill to be left — so Alice went home & made a happy holiday for the young people — & here we are still! the Spring has been so cold with such continued East wind — it has only been i last few days they have been able to go out of doors — now I trust they will rapidly recover — & that we shall get home by end of the month —

Harrard is very busy still in Cornwall. Arrive it may be 18 months or 2 years before the works there are completed — he has been up to see me several times — kindly came & accompanied Mother to Liverpool & saw him off — I am somewhat anxious about the latter — he landed at Monte Video & found yellow fever raging — & note me he had fortunately met a gentleman who was formerly one of his dear Father's anxious & should go out into the country in a town of inspection till the cities were open again. Ernest is still at Cambridge — anxious to get himself in service in our Land Mission — Percy still at Harrow — head of the Modern Side of the school — he is desirous of leaving at Midsr. & going France & Germany to get the free use of their languages & then desires to go to Cambridge — this is one of the constantly recurring cases where I so deeply feel my loss — for Father's guiding hand — & hope I am doing right in letting him follow his desire — Herbert also at Harrow, and Gertrude at school — Alice is staying with an Aunt first now & begged me to send her kindest regards & love & so hoped for more letters have photos of Mr. Morris & family — adding "dear Mr. Morris will remember she promised me them in the hill" And we having seen per a report of poor dear ones left me Mr. Mrs. per daughter is who came to England for her health — I trust it may please God to arrest the progress of the fatal disease for poor she inherited — and the nephew of whose health for some so anxious — I have protected for dear little Sweet face welcoming her daughter and grandchildren — what a pleasure it would be to their! and then perhaps some one had for him that do tell me of your three sisters — Miss Hannah — I often think of