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Murray family letters

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I have the horses at my command (how I should like to take you sleighing!) — & quantities of books & new magazines & newspapers I could paint too if I wanted — & he & the boys spend nearly half their time here so that it is not lonely — so you see I am not "sacrificing" myself this winter in any way —

Dear Aunt Christie seems brighter than I have seen her for a long time it is a beautiful sunset of life — I watch her fading away, growing each day more tender, more spiritual — less "of the earth earthy" & wonder, sadly what I shall do when she has gone from us to a brighter home. I asked her just now what I should say to you for her "Tell her I am going home" I feel a little shrinking from the end — but no real misgiving & I hope I shall go first & be there to welcome her — " But the truth is with the exception of a little weakness she has no bad symptoms & may live perhaps longer than we although she seems so frail. She seems to delight in surrounding her with every thing beautiful & everything that can add in any way to her enjoyment or comfort —

I have just been reading to her the account of the keeping of the Feast of Pentecost by the Jews of our Lords time in "Geikie's Life of Christ" — Simon had a most exquisite & graphic description one could almost hear & join in