Chester 20 Mar 39

My dear Friend

Miss Anna Earle & my daughter would have made out their projected visit to the Grove but for the afflictive events we have encountered.

The prolonged illness & ultimately the death of Mr. Marsh detained the dear & Mr. Eccleston till yesterday.

Ann Louisa Wilson has in the meantime been at death's door. A day or two ago they thought she was actually gone for a while. She is exceedingly feeble & cannot possibly remain much longer with us.

Besides this one of the girls have been called to remain with Mr. E's children at night - Mr. Wilson being entirely confined to his daughter's room.