Mellie enclosed $5.00 in her note, from Dr Bondy

Poplar Lea
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Mellie and I have been entirely alone since your departure – Thursday afternoon we received a note from Bellhood saying company had arrived and she would just be able to come over, tho' they had left – Her company came to be their last, Mr Perkins who I presume is still with them. Thursday night I felt very much I had puzzled Lindy! I have really felt <u>pressed</u> since you left – but by dint of hard reading and housekeeping, have managed to exist. The weather has been distressingly gloomy which has tended their mind to make me feel my loneliness – It is perfectly proportioned to my mood the mind of Mary must bear separation from their husband – Good God not to hear and again – Mother has been sick her friends that Bernard lived