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My letter to Annie, & jointly to you too, dear Etta, was all I could manage to get off, at the time, hoping to stir you both up to the effort of writing. The very next day, your "Annual letter" came; & made me all the gladder, because it was not mine, that brought it to me! You don't know, & I cannot tell you, what a pleasure it was to me — what a real heart gratification. And every day I have felt like telling you so, & have only delayed, till I could say, the Calendar was safely received. It came to-day, & is hanging on my bureau, where I shall look at "Poplar Grove" frequently this the day, & often think of you, in your "Nursery" — for I suppose the back of the house, & the window of that room, & yours above it. I am very glad to have it, & consider myself fortunate that the Centerville "Trees Cards" were beyond your reach; tho' I am sorry for the owners of them, in their loss! I was so glad to hear of each one, of your household; for my love for you, & interest in them never fails — & tho' I inquire whenever I hope to hear of you all, & Annie, yet tis far more satisfactory to hear from yourself, & Annie. A nice long affectionate letter came from her too, this week, which I enjoyed. I am really thankful to hear of her improved health, & do trust she will have much comfort & strength yet, to enjoy her home, more & more — for