

He does seem so happy in it, & so cheerfully & uncomplainingly, & bravely, has borne so many years of suffering. I was glad when I heard Etta had gone home. She had not "the make up" for that course of training even, let alone the life afterwards, of responsibility & fatigue.

Lloyd's course, I have followed, ever since he first left home, & do consider him, a remarkable character. You have every reason, not only to be thankful for such a son, but proud of him also. I am so glad he will soon be nearer to you & with you, parts of each year. After such perseverance & energy, in going through his college course, I expect if I live, to hear he has "made his mark" in the world, in some way; & do hope & believe, he will be the comfort of your life. Edward I hear of, as such a fine fellow. I would love to see them all - for my remembrance of them, is only as little children! I am very glad the Emory is so comfortably fixed. I can't help wishing when I heard of your visit to him, & that you had Edward only at home, that you could close up P. O. & go on to spend a restful winter, with him. But I suppose there was too much, to think of, & attend to, for every one to leave, for so many months. I was much disappointed (as we all were) that you could not pay a little visit to the Rectory.

It is nearly 3 months since I came back, & in that time, I have seen Aunt Sadie, about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour.

Annie is out right often - was here to-day - said Mr Cook was sick. Indeed this year has been a confusing & very trying, wearisome one to her.