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I have been thinking of you my dear father ever since
you left us - What a dismal time you must have had - We were
almost in hopes that you would return - The house looks melan-
-choly since your departure & Betty calls in vain for her dear
papa - We all dined at Uncle Peter's the day you left us,
& to-day Grandmama dined with us - I speak of the day
you left us as if were a long time, but I assure you it
has seemed an age since I saw you & when I think it were
but yesterday, I am inclined to ^{suppose} ~~think~~ there certainly, has
been two days thrown into one, for the last one has
been so immoderately long - I do not set down to write
you any news, for ~~nothing~~ has occurred since your depar-
-ture & if there had I am almost too sleepy now to tell
it - All the family have gone to bed except Betty, &
& myself - We are seated in your study - & both writ-
ting to our fathers - Altho' her's may be the longest letter
I am sure it would be the most affectionate - Mamma
has written to you, so you will forgive me dear father
for this sleepy review - I only wished to ~~tell~~ you that my
thoughts have been in an Albany room ever since your departure
& that God may ever bless her & preserve you is the constant prayer
of your child A. A. S.

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Mary-

I will write you again my ever dear father in a few days
when you read this consider how early I go to bed, and it
is now near 10 o'clock, so I am sure you will pardon it
Good night - may you ever rest well & sometimes dream
of your ever affectionate
Anna