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Dear Lily,

Your Long Looked for letter was received with pleasure. As it is a Long Time since I heard from you. I should have ans. your Mothers letter some time ago. But as I had not any very interesting news to send I deferred it untill I would have some. pleasant news to send. But as you know in winter I cant go out very much as I cannot stand the cold weather and this has been a long severe winter. and ^{one} of illness and death. To a great many homes. All our families escaped fairly well this winter from Gripp. I had it in Oct. and severe so. But I got through the winter, about six weeks I have been confined to the house with it. on my Lungs. I think I am over the worst of it now. and hope

with the warm ^{2.} weather it will be
gone altogether. never to return. for it is not
a very pleasant companion to have.

Dear Lily, I am shure I
need not tell you how much I sympathize
with you both in your sad bereavement.
This is your first trial. and hearts
unacquainted with grief can scarcely
understand its bitterness. Yet you have
much to be thankful for: You have a
kind and loving husband to share this
trouble with you: and a true and watchful
friend. who in His infinite wisdom and
Love guides and directs all things for our
good: Do not doubt that for some wise
purpose He has seen fit to snap this
one little link in your chain of Love.
and He will best know how to comfort
and support you in your trial. Could
you see your darling now. and hear her

voice joining the Heavenly chorus.
 and singing "Worthy is the Lamb that
 was slain" you would not wish to recall
 her) At best it is a world of trial disappoint-
 ment and sorrow. As you say she was only
 lent to you. Suffer little children to come
 unto me and forbid them not. She is safe
 so let her rest in the loving arms of Christ
 your dear little Baby Girl.

Dear Lily I was pleased to hear that
 all were enjoying good health. I see by
 your letter that Jennie is not losing
 much time. still I think it would be
 better if she had a little longer time. as
 it will be so much harder on herself and
 the care of two babies means a great deal
 of work for her. But those things cant be
 helped and must be borne with. I dont
 think I have much news to send you
 as every thing is going on about the same as

usual. Louisa Thornton is about the same. She will have to move as the house is sold I think or they are going to alter it I don't know which. Mrs Bitchey has moved to Peterboro for the Summer. Alice was here the other day, and she generally knows all the news. Well I never heard of such presumption in any one as Evelyn to go to your Mother and take her Husband with her. Well I think she will get through the world. I am surprized at Jennie for being so slack as to pay her for anything of the kind. But it is live and learn in this life. I am sorrowful for your Mother for she must feel it. She is too good natured and too forgiving to keep the children away from them and take her Husband to see them. I will close with kind regards to all from Mrs Hughes. I did not know that I owed Jennie a letter I will write to her next

Time. Hoping all are well and that
you are pleased with your new Home.
Hoping ^{to} hear from you soon. let me know
how your Uncle and family are -

With kind reg to Arthur & Willie

As ever your loving

Aunt Marg^{ie}