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Friday.

Dear Margaret

I thank you for  
your kind promptitude, and  
also for the thoroughly wise  
and right feelings which  
you express. I love you too  
well to wish you to do  
anything that you could  
ever have just cause  
to regret; and I have the  
most perfect confidence that  
neither I nor you can in  
any way be losers or be  
involved in greater diffi-

Andes, by having the most  
scrupulous regard to the  
rights and feelings of others.  
I cannot see that in this  
respect you have any reason  
to blame yourself, and I  
feel very sure that you  
are not likely to give any  
one just cause to blame you

I must confess that  
I <sup>too</sup> have felt much uneasy.  
I have worked away, with a  
stout heart, at my business  
and studies, but it has been  
hard and rather heartless  
work; and then, every part  
of the town is so full of ob-  
jects recalling the memory

of happy times when you  
and I could talk as much  
as pleased us, that it was  
scarcely possible to feel com-  
fortable in the uncertainties  
and doubts of the present.

Yet in looking back to those  
days, there is great reason for  
hope and comfort. How  
great have been God's mercies  
to us in the interval. If we  
were gayer then, it was only  
in consequence of less thought,  
and not of greater cause of  
happiness; and while we  
have been far apart, and  
have greatly changed in our  
views both of things temporal  
and eternal, our thoughts

and feelings are as  
much in unison as before.

Surely then we have now  
still better cause than we  
could then have, to take  
courage when we look for-  
ward to the future.

I have had a letter from  
home informing me that all  
are well though of course they  
do not yet certainly know where  
I am. They will however know  
in two or three days.

I began this, merely with the  
view of acknowledging your note,  
I would have done so sooner,  
but have been driven about  
by business, which I could not  
neglect without incurring the  
charge of carelessness. Trusting to  
see you very soon, I subscribe, as  
I should like you to call me  
William