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And should of reproduce in all those disquisitions, if  
my very dear Aunt  
your very kind and affectionate letter accompanied by from my  
the Mother of a family and therefore would not expect a long letter,  
but a few direct words occasionally enclosed in any of Jesse's letters,  
would impart a secret pleasure to me which nothing but the  
heart can feel and give expression to. I am highly favoured  
with a letter once every month and generally a newspaper by  
the intervention of dear Papa or Mamma, and often encls:  
and from other friends and no one but those who have had the  
happy experience of receiving letters from home when in  
a foreign land, can fully appreciate the delicious uplifting  
and soothing influence they impart to those who love the land  
of their birth, and all nearly and dearly connected to them.  
A few weeks ago I began to write Jesse regularly, I expect she will  
forward all the contents of her letters to you, if I remember  
right, as my first to her at your house I requested Jesse to do  
it never write any thing that I would be ashamed of others  
reading, quite the contrary of that, I have never sent an encls:  
to any person but what has been quite open to the inspection  
of dear Papa or Mamma if they think fit to look into them,  
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of substance to compose my letters, there is so little  
transpires within a months time of importance in this little place  
and yet I do not like to curtail my letters, in fact I have made a  
point of not doing so unless unable to write by sickness or any other  
necessary cause.

The hills are looking beautifully again  
with the last shower of rain we had, and the fine summer weather  
has commenced, I observe the peaches are now formed on the trees  
and it will not be long till the earlier fruits come into the market,  
it is exceedingly pleasant to think that there will be no more  
rain for seven or eight months, the climate of Chili is a very  
great temptation to make People stay, perhaps longer than  
they intended at first, not saying any thing about myself, for  
to not know what may transpire within the remaining eight  
months of my engagement, I have a great desire to go home  
and yet it might be for my good to stay here a little longer,  
but that will all depend upon something better turning up, I have  
I will decide. I fancy that I could make myself very  
comfortable and happy in Chili which is quite the case at  
present and I make myself at home with whatever  
family I go to visit, I have a great number of very kind  
friends here, I am happy to say.

What a happy  
day Sabbath is to me, all the exercises I engage in on that  
day are most delicious and the enjoyment I experienced at  
home is not to be compared with the sweets that the day  
of sacred rest brings to me now. It is really lamentable  
to see so many Foreigners here that never think of going  
to church but will rather join with the People below  
the condemn in many respects for their hypocritical  
observance of the Sabbath, some of the Priests go to see  
fighting and Theatre and various other things after having  
been at church in the morning, while all the time those

who know better are I consider doing equally as bad by not setting them a better example, and you would be astonished to hear the frivolous excuses they plead when invited to attend the house of God on sabbath. There is a considerable number of masquerade balls held in the theatre here and invariably on saturday night so that I have seen some of the people only coming home on sabbath morning at half past six they are disgusting affairs from all accounts I hear about them.

The Congregants in Talparaiso are building another Episcopal church here in place of the present one they occupy, as it is too small and difficult to be got at being a considerable way up one of the hills. I do not know if the authorities will interfere with this project, as they did when we were building our chapel.

I expect the Superintendent of our sabbath school is going home at the beginning of the year, his wife and family have made up their minds to go, and he intends accompanying them, if such is the case he will be very much missed as yet I do not know how that matter will be settled till the time comes nearer.

The numbers in attendance at the sabbath school continue to increase slowly and most of the children seem anxious to come. and amongst those Parents who send their children and do not come to church themselves, the influence exerted upon some of their minds by their sons & daughters taking home little books & religious papers, has induced four them to attend public worship on sabbath, which is very encouraging to all connected with this institution.

My dear Aunt I am under the pain: full necessity of informing you of a slight accident which happened to me about four months ago, while I was riding home from my work on horseback I unfortunately fell, what caused me to fall I have never had the faintest recollection since, I am happy to say there was a gentleman passing at the time who I knew very well, and he lifted me up, also wanted to take me into his office

till I would recover, to which proposal I had said, there is no necessity  
for that I will be all right immediately, so said I stepped forward and  
got on the horses back, rode to the stable put up the horse and went  
home, in entering the house, Mr. Cummings with Baby in her arms  
was coming out of one of the rooms, I spoke a few words to Baby &  
Mr. C asked me a question to which I made no reply but walked  
into my bed room, I suppose I stood 15 minutes in my room before  
I came to myself, then felt my shoulder a little sore and a slight  
scratch on my face, I then concluded I had fallen from my horse  
I next went into the room where Mr. C was and informed her that  
I had fallen from my horse or supposed I had done so, for my  
shoulder was a little sore, Mr. C remarked she thought there was  
something wrong when I passed without speaking to her.

I sat down and drank a cup of warm tea which revived me  
a little, and all that I could remember of what had happened  
was, I had a faint recollection of some English Person asking  
me to sit down, I saw the Gentleman in a few days after and  
he told me that the horse gave a shy to the side which caused  
me to fall.

I did not feel any bad effects from it afterwards  
till 2 months ago, while in bed I took a violent fit of shaking and  
vomiting (Mr. C's Brother Mr. David sleeps in the same bed with me  
which is very fortunate) Mr. B. tried to hold me but to no purpose, he  
afterwards shifted all the bed sheets, and I never knew any thing about  
my sickness till he told me in the morning, I saw the Doctor  
next day and he prescribed a little medicine, and said if it was  
to return upon me I would require to get cupped on the back of the  
neck. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of September just as I was finishing tea I fell back  
on my chair into another fit and had to be carried to bed, it was not  
attended by shaking and vomiting, I continued insensible for  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour  
the doctor gave me another prescription for pills and to get 6 oz. of  
blood taken, to which I attended immediately, since that time  
I have enjoyed excellent health, and I am not at all depressed in