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Dearest Mrs Dawson

I thought I would wait with  
thanksgiving you for your  
dear, kind letter of April 3<sup>d</sup>  
till I could give you  
better news of my domes-  
tic state of affairs, for I  
know how you feel for  
me. Well on the 12<sup>th</sup> of  
March my dear Jane  
left me & it was a hard  
separation for she loves  
me more than I thought  
she did & her letters are  
all full of love & care  
for me. As you well  
know the hard work,

of looking after servants  
 I need not speak of it.  
 This one who is now here  
 since last Monday & also  
 is a widow, not as old as  
 I am but of a respectable  
 age & has been the last  
 year with Mrs Baldwin,  
 to whom I am quite  
sure the Lord sent me,  
 I think will do.

Don't you think that  
 there must be a double  
 blessing in this house  
 with two widows to whom  
 God's especial blessings  
 are promised!  
 I think that is enough  
 of myself. I sent you a

Paper with an account  
of Miss Barber's intention.  
She has gone back to  
Knowlton to try & let  
her cottage. As soon as she  
has done that she will  
take up her abode here.  
So I think we must  
make that a special  
subject for prayer.  
I am so very glad  
that the time is  
shortening of you &  
Dr & Dear Eva's coming  
home. I think of all  
who rejoice in this  
prospect there is none  
who does so more than  
my old heart.

May 19<sup>th</sup>

I suppose you will hear all about the wedding from your 2 daughters, so I am only telling you that I went with Dr & Mrs Harrington to the Church & I thought the service very devotional. I refused going to the reception.

Thank you ever so much for your kind offer to shop for me, but as I use so little, I can get all my wants supplied here. I am not yet sure of where I shall spend the summer, but will let you know, when I know. How I look forward to the promised visits!!! How astonished you will be to see the children, they are very dear to me. Now dearest friends with much love to you three, not forgetting dear Rankine