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My Dearest Lou

Your very kind letter came to hand on Saturday. I heard on the day before your illness by Mr. Prouse who had been down to J. F. Dawson's on a visit.

I was extremely sorry to hear that you were so ill, and could of course [inserted text] have [end inserted text] forgiven you for remaining silent for so long, and hope that writing to me did not make you worse; as exercise of any kind tends to exhaust a person who is very feeble. Lou I deem it very kind for you to write to me under the circumstances, and that [inserted text] one [end inserted text] friend you spoke of who would mail it for you, although I know not who it is; I shall deem a friend of mine also.

If I had not received your letter stating you were getting better I should have gone down to see you e'er this. But I hope by this time you are able to again appreciate health to some extent. Of course you cannot yet be entirely well. Lou I know that the hours have certainly passed slowly with you since you returned home. Would that I could have shared them with you, if by doing so, I could have saved you one pang or one moments anguish, it would have given me pleasure.
Lou thoughts of your not being able for three or four weeks to set up only by being propped in bed pains me greatly. and to remember that even then you thought of me and to write to me. I think more of it than any letter you ever wrote me if its is possible that I can do so.

I have asked myself several time since if I deserved so much at your hands, if I have not in the past I will in the future and while I live you shall never regret it.

I fear I will weary you if I write longer and as it is dark now I will close, promising you that when I write again I will write longer. I will again express my sincere wishes that your health has greatly improved.

Write soon as possible for I shall wait anxiously to hear from you and I have no other means of hearing only from yourself. Excuse all mistakes as it is too dark to review. With my sincere wishes
I remain
as ever
Yours till death

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