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Sister Mary

I will endeavour to communicate my thoughts to you, this evening; but will not promise to arrange them in the best order for I am very tired, both of body and mind;

I have so often spoken of Aunt's declining health to you all; that I hope it will not allarm ~~you~~ any; (but it certainly alarms me) when I tell you she is no better; but constantly failing; one week ago to day she was attacked with the chills-fever; the Doctor has broken it up; to day she has sit-up a very little; She has had the ague this spring; and with these; about, a dozen, other complaints, which I must not mention: her health was very poor a year ago; but nothing to what it now is; the Doctor thinks she will recover;

She often tells me not to write, about her health to any one; but I do; and cannot help it; although I never lett her know what I write.

As to my health I think but little about it nor get time to think; if thoughts would only mend the broken constitution: I ~~would~~ will not complain, if I can crawl, around, for it, worries Aunt, to think I have to work so hard. But to hire a girl, is impossible: I have no money will not, there is none you cannot find a girl far nor near, There is seven in our family constantly: besides the coners which are daily; now there is work to do and it