

I cannot tell you how glad I am to hear of  
Ma's improvement - I do earnestly trust our most  
sanguine hopes may be realized - I never pass a day  
without thinking of Ma and longing to be with  
her and minister to her comfort and ease -  
Such being denied me I can only say and think  
I never sit down to a fish meal (or any thing nice)  
but I wish Ma was here we get so many kinds of  
fine fresh fish - I am sure she would so much  
enjoy them - indeed a city like this abounds  
in so many good and luxurious elements  
that the most delicate and costly articles  
can be had at a very moderate cost -  
I think if we are all pleased until Fall I will  
try and bring Ma & Aunt on if it is by "rich  
arrangements" - I think we will not be able to go to the  
sea shore this summer like I would say  
Spring in stead of Fall - It costs terribly to take  
a house there even I think if I keep my own mind  
in a spare condition I will never spend another  
week out of my own house with my children  
until they are grown to men and women  
so if I go to the sea shore I have to take a cottage  
which makes it so expensive -