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My Dear Nephew

Your affectionate letter
concerning your & Minnie's gene-
-rous contribution to the "Foster
Home" was duly received on
the 7th Inst. and shall be deliv-
-ered to the Treasurer to morrow
I beg you will receive our very
sincere thanks, for the gift and
for the gracious, kind wishes
that accompanied it. Your
interesting little protégé, is per-
-fectly satisfied & happy, and by
his cheerful good nature has
already gained favor in the
family. I saw him the day
after his residence in the home

Playing with his young
companions very merrily. and
heard on Saturday. that his
appetite & rest were quite good.
The poor little fellow's sensitiv-
ity was quite infectious, when
he found himself among
strangers. but the kind Mother
[Miss Heller] soon won him, and
now I hope it will be all fair
weather with him. I shall
talk with him about you, and
his father, to "keep his memory
green" towards his first benefac-
tors.

We are much interested about
your invalids. hopefully for your
mother & sister. and very sadly. where
there is less prospect of recovery, in
that young & cherished woman so

dear in all the relations
of life. Gods will is always
wisest & best. Tho' inscrutable to our
finite view.

give my tenderest love to Mamma
and your children and believe
me always my dear nephew
very affectionately your
Attached to him
Alfred

Mamma & I send their kindest
love to you all