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I thank you more than I can express
dearest Aunt for your two interesting letters
which relieved me of much anxiety. It
gives me pleasure to hear that dear Aunt Hays is
improving in health & that she has been
mercifully supported through her sad, sad
trial. Last night in my dreams I visited
her chamber & saw so distinctly her loved
form. That it has seemed to me that
I had actually seen her & talked to her
face to face, for her voice still echoed in
my ears when I awoke this morning.

I received a long, sad letter from Sara Burdett
a few days since. I am sorry that the indis-
position of her children has prevented her from
seeing her dear Mother. It would be a consola-
tion to both of them to be together. Now that
dear Ellen is obliged to leave her to go
to her husband. I hope Sara will be able to

Give dear Grace a kiss for me on the part & tell him
I wish him more happiness than I can find words to tell
it is.

take her place - for a little while, at least
if she can not be satisfied away from her
family in her husband's absence. Poor dear
Ellen, what strength of mind she has shown
during this trying period. she has had such
- weight of care to bear, her husband's mis-
fortunes & ill health, must have drawn
her heart's thoughts to him, poor Rosa's dying
wish to see her, must have strongly impelled
her, to go to her, whilst her dear Mother's help-
less state claimed her care more imperiously
than ought else, & how nobly she sustained her-
self at the trying hour of her bereavement.
Goulding her own grief, to save her dear Mother.
I always loved & admired Ellen for her lucidity
of character, her meekness & devotion to her family.
I think her more than ever now for the strength
of mind, & fortitude she has displayed!

Miss Bancroft has been with us for the
last month. her term of service at Mr. Bradley's expi-
red on the first of July, when she came to town
& has been staying with us, she has accepted an

Please ask Mr. Leaser to send me his account for the Sunday
School books - I wish to pay him -

Our children are in perfect health & growing
apace. Little Prissy is losing some of her
plumpness, but none of her loveliness in my
eyes, she is the pet of the whole family. & her bright
sayings are treasured up as in turn those of her
brother & Sister were, at her age. I must tell
you one of them. Some one was discussing
at table the other day what children should
& should not eat, well says Prissy, "I will
let my children eat every thing (except)
(except) basin."! — I received a letter from
Sara a few days since, & I heard of her from
some friends of ours who visited Montreal
to whom we gave a letter. Sara went to see
them, & they say she looked very sweetly
& that her children were lovely. Give much
love from my husband & self to dear Aunt
Uncles. Grace & take for yourself a
dearful from your Stephen & his Miriam
Miss Betty & Mary for me & the children.