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101 West Monument St
Baltimore
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Coombe Edge
June 24. 1881
10a. m -

BRYN MAWR, PA.

Dearest Mary,

You are probably
just arriving unless you got
in last night and I will
send this note to your train
house lest my Liverpool
steamer note and my
New York steamer note both
went the way of the letter
I sent to Dreyel, Hayes' care.
Things are a little brighter
with me this morning for
yesterday and the two days
before that Mother rallied

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a little from that terrible weakness, and now that it has lasted three days we think it may mean a temporary improvement. I was even able yesterday to tell Mother a little about how I loved her and for two weeks she had not seemed to me strong enough to be talked to. Let me tell you how the days pass. I break fast at half past seven with Father who goes to town, then after arranging with the cook what Mother is to eat during the day I come upstairs to my great big table in my room which opens with a

Long window on a porch facing
 the view, which I have not
 looked at for a week, and write
 business letters until half past
 ten when Mother wakes. I take
 till twelve (two of us and
 Mother's maid helping) to get
 her dressed and in her big
 invalid chair - Then I usually
 read to her till she goes to
 sleep and then sit by her till
 half past two early dinner I
 leave her asleep and after
 dinner comes her dinner which
 I usually give her spoonful by
 spoonful; then she sleeps again
 till half past five and again
 I read beside her - or one of

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the children sits in the room
At five she wakes up and we
read to her until Father comes at
half past seven, at 9 she begins
to go to bed. Every half hour
when she is awake I give her
her medicine and three times
a day dress her breasts which
have not broken out and
pain her very, very little. It is
a full day and by night I
am often very tired because
there is a great deal of lifting
even altho. we have two maids
to help us. I am a great deal
better than I was because it
is a great happiness to be
here. I have read many books
beside her - Amiel's melancholy

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Journal, Renan's History of the
People of Israel, Larrare, Early
Christianity, Cable's Stories, Ruskin's
Christ Folk - any thing that is a
little different from what I
have been doing this year. I
love Renan dearly. To me he
is one of the most lovable of
writers, when one excepts men like
Shakespeare. ^{Monday -} ~~Just~~ here a very important
college letter came with only
a half-hour in which to answer
it before mail time and
so I missed the chance of
finishing your note. I had
selfishly told you all about
^{my} yourself and said nothing
of your coming home and how

⑥ glad I am to know you are
again in rooms I know, especially
in my favorite room of all,
your Monte bello drawing room.
I told you in my steamer
note how sorry I was that your
coming home should be such
a sad one and that I could
do nothing to make it less so.
I hope you will find Henry
well and Mrs Hardy's health
better. Take care of yourself,
dear Mary and write to me
when you can because I
need your letters, but if you
do not write I shall under-
stand it is because you are
tired and ~~do~~ ^{because you do} not feel like
not wish to write. I wish I
could see you for a little while
and I wish I could have been
nicer to you four years ago.

There is nothing in the world
like losing a mother and I
feel as if Berea were cut off
from understanding it somehow
or other.

Excuse a wretched
scrawl written with a very
bad backache

Yours lovingly

Hinnie C. S.

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Received at Blue Ridge Pa 9:30 am July 2 1888

Dated, Blue Ridge Pa
To Miss Garrett

101 West Monument St
o'clock Monday morning
the rest is silence

M C Thomas