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Dear Mary, I have been thinking of you so much these past few days & for this reason you may perhaps care to re-read, if you ever do re-read - Browne's Religio Medicæ in this little copy. It is a book I like very much & one wh. I hope you may chauce not to possess. I have cut the leaves to mark a few places I esp. care

I see the card was written
 into it - that is not mine
 to write of me and
 Mary
 but the quaintness & love seem
 make it hard to choose. When
 with you I cannot express in words
 that which I feel constantly when
 far from you - my love & desire to
 make these months happier for you -
 I send nothing makes it harder
 to see you unhappy - even more difficult than
 to see you happy & content
 X
 Dear Mary
 I hope you are well & content
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