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wise sober & impartial brother who never  
permits his feelings to carry him away.  
I think that my children are wonders  
simply because such in very truth is  
the fact. What a fine thing not to be  
subject to the prejudices which pervert  
and mislead all the rest of human kind!  
But how could I be otherwise than happy-  
my health so much improved, my dear  
children with me & Miss Froy my kind  
good true noble friend to whom I really  
think I owe my life and Thomas our  
lost treasure our California brother  
whom had got to seem almost as if  
he was in another world from which  
no return could be anymore than if death  
had sent him there right by me in  
14 miles seeing us often and able  
to see him any day. Why don't you write  
Thomas? ~~He~~ He complains he has not  
one line from altho' he has written  
twice - and he is so anxious to get letters  
from you. Do write him very often and  
very fully and affectionately. Let us show  
him now that we love him far more than  
we ever did and mean to stand by him  
in such a way as to ensure his success as a  
doctor & his happiness as a man. He is

a little disposed to have the blues, as we all are. Now you can do much very much towards curing him. And you must do it by curing yourself and let him see you cured. He knows you were as well as myself a far worse case than his. I may say I am well of the blues, and you when I saw you were on the high road to recovery and will certainly get entirely well if you will just exert one quarter the manliness in fighting the blues & struggling always to be cheerful which you have often shown in some petty quarrel into which old time thoughtlessness drawn you. Rouse up Thomas. He says oh! I am thirsty & what have I done? Show him that he has done much - that he has gone through fiery furnace and come untouched - that he has made himself a good true noble and able man and thereby made for himself a solid admirable foundation for happiness and success more valuable than all Astor's \$15,000,000 - and such as few can or could do in seventy years of life. It is true he has but laid the foundations of his house - but that is a great work, for it is a noble foundation, and besides, he has the material all ready to put up his house. And here we all are ready to help him raise it! But I must stop this rambling chat. Writing is bad for me - even when I go

galloping & cantering along as I now do. What  
a pleasure it is to write to you - almost as if we  
talked together some evening when I had gal-  
loped to town & I was warming my cold toes  
at your popping fire. God bless all you! I  
want to see you very much. Tell sister Amelia  
I often think & speak of her with much affection -  
as my own dear valued much loved sister.  
How gratefully I recollect her sisterly nursing of me  
last Spring when I had not even a child in  
mind or body. Oh! those awful days & weeks &  
months! I shudder at them. God save me from any  
such again - by death if it there is no other refuge  
talk much to Jennie for me. Do really have  
a good chat about me with my little great man.  
I hope & am certain we will hereafter be more  
far more to each other than we have ever been.  
I intend to stay a great deal & hope we shall  
always be together much of the time.  
Good bye! We start in a week for North Caro-  
lina & shall be home to November Dallas court.  
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Co. North Carolina. Don't mind your short crop.  
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