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Boston, Oct. 25. 1876.

My dear Child:

We received a letter from you yesterday morning, and, as usual, were made happy by the reception. It is always a pleasure to hear that you ~~that you~~ are well and making progress in your studies. Aside from that, though, I had a particular satisfaction in the circumstance that you did not find any fault with me for neglecting to answer your previous letters. Patience is a rare virtue nowadays, and I have so little of it myself that I admire it all the more when I see it in another. You inherit that from your mother, not from me, and may God continue to bless you with her virtues in all things.

In saying that I have not been well, I but repeat the refrain of an old song long since familiar to you. The chord of life yields no music to me except that of affliction; yet it is music—"Sweet music"—for my sufferings have made me happy in this that I am thus enabled to lead a more sinless life, and to realize how kind, and true, and tender Mamma is. Indeed I can truly say that I never