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Sunday, March 28th
1876
My dear Pet:-
Your letter dated 24th inst
was received yesterday, and
everything in it - handwriting,
tone and sentiment - pleased
us all very much. It showed
progress in all these respects.
May God bless you with
ability and the grace to
use your talents in His
service.

Mamma, Aunty and my-
self are all sick with the
prevailing epidemic, influ-
enza; yet we manage to take
care of each other pretty well.
But dear mamma was so

sick yesterday and this morning that we thought of sending for you. It did seem as if mamma was going to die, but as I write this note she is better - very much better, and insists that I shall write and tell you so at once, lest you might be fretted about her if you heard of her illness from some other source. You may be sure that mamma and the rest of us are out of danger now, and, as to the future, of course, we are in the hands of our Creator. I wonder, often wonder, how you would behave if God called mamma or papa to another

world. I suppose such an event would ~~would~~ be very trying to you. Learn then, my pet, to bear yourself with fortitude and resignation to the will of God in all the calamities which are before you. In other words, be a catholic in all the trials of life so as to deserve the crown of eternal ~~after~~ happiness hereafter.

This is Easter Sunday, bright, beautiful and full of joy. All nature seems to share in the glories of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

I will write you more in a few days and tell you all the gossip and news in Boston.
Papa.

