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My dearest friend
I have been far
too long in acknowledging
thy two delightful letters
but I always like to have a queer
how much to write to thee
& that very seldom comes
I have also been making
inquiries as to the ~~Ed~~ ^{Ed} can
be than send the hammock
but without success. I have
sent ^{the suggestion} ~~to~~ North, South East &
West but wholly in vain
so that I fear the affair must
ever remain a mystery. The
only thing I can suggest is

an advertisement in the
Austrian but I did not like to
do this without leave from
them. I am so very sorry to
hear of Joseph's delicacy but I
trust by this time he is restored
to health. I fancy him grown
into quite a young man.

I hope to send Ray & Alice
pictures photographs before long
but I have as yet for none
to my mind. She is indeed
most precious to us. All
we can wish for in mind
& person. Her conversation
I always ready to speak and
for her mother the poor

regularly to read to the poor
old people in the Workhouse
House of her own accord. I do
thank God for this necessity
to us. It secures a fresh one
every day. We have been
having a very fine winter
I do not think I have written
since the death of little Claude
Kelly in our house in scarlet
fever. He was left with us when
his father was away on a
trip & his Mother as of
ill health. It was a sore
work to them to part with
their darling younger
child of 6. & a poor anxiety

for us but in should spread
However we were all more
mercifully preserved whilst
his parents who came back to
have him before his death
were fearfully ill with diphtheria
caught from their child
Then Harry's younger brother
died in London from heart
disease that was very won-
derful to me, because he had
always led a most careful
religious life, though
excellent in his conduct
✓ for his patience & unselfishness

in his terrible sufferings there
were than human, & I cannot
but hope than perhaps his
savior unknown to those around
him (His Mother & Sister were
the only people who saw him)
was ministering to him
but Oh! the difference where one
is not sure

Then one of my
husband's nephews suddenly
lost his most excellent
efficient wife leaving him
with 8 children. All these
things have made us melted
for only grief. Indeed with
my dear ones all friends
seem to me an impossibility

unless ^{one} ~~some~~ of the married
daughters are at home.

Still life is full of interest
& objects. Our sons are all
well. Wm. very happy at
Cambridge but I wish he
would be a little bolder in
showing his colors. George
is distinguishing himself
in Hon. & Cameron & Theodore
are doing as well as possible
at sea. We always looked
upon Theodore as the decider
of the family but he is
turning out rather the scinner

of the family. He keeps home
4 prays when much. I cannot
express the pleasure of the
holidays when they all
gather round us again.
Hugh has not yet found a
wife which is welcome as he
has such a lovely fairy like
home on a hill outside ~~Harvard~~
with such a view & the river
truding along underneath.
I hope we shall hear when
the life of thy dear father is
published. I have just
been copying Mr. Keene's father's
life & now I am looking

forward to thy book - I very
much want to hear how
Auntie Nell & her dear father
are. but above all I want to
know a great deal about thy
dear husband Has he
recovered his health & is he
happy & at peace - I rec^d
received thy last letter
telling me of the fullness
of blessing given to thee
the mystery of sin & fear
now seems explained so
often one sees how furnace
mons precede fear spiritual

bleeping & has ever found a
preparation for what was to
follow. I have to hear always
thy happiness even if I never
attain to such a height
I am content to leave all
in my Heavenly Father's hands
but I think I perhaps long
more for my children's spiritual
good than for my own. I do
wonderfully long that
they should give themselves
to the Lord. That this desire
seems to fill my heart to
the exclusion of all else.

Every word I hear about them
is now interesting to me.

photographs of myself &
Mary & Ray & Allen were
warmly welcomed. I should
much like one of Logan's
photographs whenever there
is one ~~the~~ taken

Then with have heard of
an ~~severe~~ winter & long
continued frosts. The
skating has a great pleasure
to all & a rare experience
for us. The young ones
would have liked the
skating parties on our

pond tho doubtless they
would have found the
space much less limited
Poor Charlie & Ada have not
at all recovered the disappoint-
ment of their dead baby
but they are well & prosperous.
Charlotte Spencer is just
as lively as ever & always
intensely interested to hear
about the. Rachel Moler
has been spending the
winter in Spain as she
suffered so much from
neuralgia ~~spending~~ Pelly

(Scalliam) has a sweet little
baby girl. - Lizzie is the only
unmarried one now & she
is quite strong & well
With very dearer love to
everyone - especially to
the very dear husband.

Yours most affectionately
Archibald & Barclay

Amy Lill's almanacs are
in constant use. How are
the poor Dopes -