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Letter from C.C. to Rosalie

(Property of Miss C. Roberts)

"Baltimore, Md. Feby. 13" 1874.

Dearest Rosalie - I am sending a note to Mr. Howard (1) today. & I am able to enclose a 'make weight' - which will go to you. & you will forward it to dear Uncle Charles. It comes, dear, bearing the unhappy intelligence that I have been very ill with an abscess under my arm which has caused me exceeding suffering but it also brings the ~~un~~happy intelligence that I am at last relieved by the opening of the mountain - & now I am in comparative comfort. The great anxiety I have now, is the fear that there

is not strength ~~enough~~ ⁱⁿ my flesh - in that quarter, once open - to close again - & ~~then~~ ^{that} I am to have two troubles to attend to morning and night instead of one - & this would be almost more than I could bear. However.

~~God~~ ^{God} has been so infinitely merciful to me in all ways that I must not doubt him now - but trust all will be well. I have had to give up my engagements here and in Richmond for the present, but the people hold on to me and make me promise to give them time later - we shall see. What we can see - I take no liberties with myself that I know. The hour of trouble comes to all invited or not. I cannot blame myself in this. I work

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because it is a real pleasure to me to work. not to accumulate money - but for the pleasure and privilege of labour - rest is ~~such~~ ^{most} ~~[most?]~~ to me & so God made me & I thank him for his bountiful bestowal of ability to work! This answers all questions - of curiosity or vulgarity - 'why does she work' - 'Because, I please.' I am here in bed but convalescing - My doctor Lippe^(L) came from Phil^a to see me - all goes as well with me as it can. I shall go to Phil^a very soon [soon?] - where I shall be for nearly a month to the 15th March - after that, my movements ~~are~~ are doubtful. I have capital accounts from

Emma and the dear children They are getting so hungry for the summer at Newport. Ned is well. He is now founder so he is at the Furnace all the time & is able to be home midday dinner. Miss Wilkinson is the delight of Emma's heart. She says she does not know how she existed before! The children adore her and improve in every way. Victor has become a changed child & the sunshine & delight of the house. I had a ^{fit} visit to the child in Boston. Mrs. Childs is very fond of you. & talks very sweetly about you - as do ^{Sam} Tom^(L) & Sara Cochran [?] & they want you to come again

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'ever so much'. I don't suppose they will ever let Mabel come to me until she is of age & able to do as she pleases I did not sufficiently overcome [?] you [?] but until you absolutely belong to somebody else & the responsibility & cares of family ^{tie you} ~~tie~~ down you can always run over ~~to~~ & pass a summer with me - whenever you choose. & bring your 'Benjamin' your 'best beloved' ^{along!} ~~along!~~

Tell dear uncle Charles that I think of him & all ^{of} his with great affection. He is to give my dear love to the little sisters I do not lose them from my thoughts though I do not write. I have a bundle of magnificent criticisms or notices of my successful readings in New York - waiting to send to him & you. I had a tremendous success. I did splendid work and now I am paying for it splendidly! Amen!

I want uncle Charles to get me some envelopes like this one & if Perkins & ~~Everts~~ ^{Gotta} [?] have the stamp, let them stamp them - or they may make one - I want a couple of hundred of these envelopes, & Charles & you must always 'make weight' in your letters with sending me as many as you can. God bless you. Love to Mabel. Ever your affectionate! auntie C —