

(John Hopkin Min.)

Lenox - Mass. Sept. 21 [1875 added]

Dear Mr. Davies, you will see by my date, that we have been enabled to accomplish the much wished for trip to this place - but with great difficulties, owing to the fact that our Regina always has to meet and conquer obstacles whenever she goes. - We left Newport in warm weather - but a great and sudden change of weather & bad storm met us at Boston - and accompanied us to Springfield, and the next day we got out of the train at Pittsfield in the face of a 'cold wave' of terrible intensity - Arrived here I was obliged to go to work to warm the house, by putting up stoves, etc. Fortunately dear Miss Dushman has been so watched & protected, that she has not experienced any ill effects, as yet - and is I think benefitted by the change. The air of this place, under the worst conditions is so much finer and more vital than that of Newport - that I venture to hope it may help her. She is of course better than when I last wrote, & steadily gaining. Now we are very anxious about you - your account of yourself was not encouraging - and not hearing from you again troubled us. How is it with you? We both feel your loneliness and isolation, and wish earnestly we might be able to help you in some way. Is there any prospect whatever of your being able to move? - We are only here for a week or two - after which I close my house. We go back to Boston - & it is just possible, Miss C. may have to remain there for some weeks to put herself under certain treatment - from which we have hoped she may derive benefit. Let us hear from you soon if possible - if only a postal card. With love from both. Ever yours faithfully, Emma S.

The Evans House, Boston.

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Dear Mr. Davies.

If I could have written yesterday in answer to your demand for speedy news, I could have given you a much more cheering answer - but yesterday we travelled from Lenox here, and whether it has been the fatigue of the journey or the change of weather - or a too tight screwing up of the nerves, in the bracing air of Lenox - now suddenly let down - I know not, only that this morning my dear friend was taken ill again with one of

these strange attacks of hers - and I am almost too anxious to
write about it, - except to you - who have been ill yourself and
therefore must be indulged. - I think it may not prove as
serious as the last one - she was so much better and stronger
in Senot - and bore the journey so well - and her nephew
who met us at the station was struck by the improvement in
her appearance - I think I told you we had determined to
come to Boston for treatment - and here we are now likely
to be for most of the winter - not in this house - but in
apartments yet to be chosen - but an address will be left
here when we move - if you can get time to come & see
us. We were glad to find from the top of your letter that
you are surely better - that is well - only to keep so -
with no one to take care of you - and make you take care of
yourself - that is the difficulty! - / pardon a hurried
word, - you do not say if you ever received my letter
enclosing notes of introduction, to aid you in your search
for an illustration - I sent it to your Brooklyn address.
I think you would like both these ladies - Miss Booth, and
Mrs. Dodge - We shall enjoy the Florida look, I am sure -
Yours ever faithfully
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