

have been a mother to me in many ways,
and I have a
most vivid recollection of my ex-
periences with her
after giving
my family
on my part -
on the occasion
of some trouble
destroying a gar-
den just planted
by Sam and I.
I've never at all
enjoyed my time
been most un-
pleasant with
warmest love
Yours, Walter
1888.

Yesterday came Tirai let
me written soon after you were
taken ill, and I need not
tell you how sorry I was to
hear that you had been such
a sufferer. At such times I
realize my distance from home
as at no other. How I should
like to have been where I could
have looked in upon you, and
tried to make your pain a
little easier to bear. This cold
you and such expressions of sym-
pathy which will melt your
eyes weller after I hope the
occasion for it will have passed

is most unsatisfactory. However it is the best I can do under the circumstances, I suppose. I was almost on the point of telegraphing an inquiry as to your present condition yesterday and should certainly have done so but for the few lines in Tira's postscript to the effect that you seemed considerably better.

You must please take very good care of yourself when you begin to get around again. I don't think you ought to try and do heavy work of any kind for a very long time. Does not Milton have a man the greater part of the time whom you could employ to bring wood and coal and draw water? If not, is there not a neighbor whom you

can employ for such work. Then I don't think you ought to undertake heavy washing or cleaning; you had better hire some one for such work even though you think yourself very strong. I consider myself your debtor in many ways; You know you gave me financial assistance when I needed it very much; and then you have been collecting plants and incurring expenses at my request. It is true, I have not sent for any, because Mr. Miya-his going to America interfered with our plans for exchange; but that does not change the nature of my obligation. I owe you too as well as Martha and our sainted sister a great debt of love and gratitude for all

your tender love and interest and
all your blessed influence for
good - a debt - which I can never
hope to pay: but - in token
of my sensibility - of my great in-
debtedness I hope you will re-
ceive the small sum I send you
through Sam. I send it that
way, thinking, as he is where he
can dispose of Exchange better
than you, it will be most
convenient. Please use this money
to increase your little luxuries and
comforts and do not spare it. I
shall deem it a privilege to help
you more in this the only way
possible to me so far away if so
I can add to your happiness.

I have so recently written you
an encyclopedic letter that I
shall not lengthen this one.

I have only one piece of news
which I am very glad to have to re-
port. We hope for another little one
in August - next.

Tell Vira that I do not forget my
indebtedness to her sister. She must