many services, but there which may fall within my reach will ever be performed with great pleasure. I am sensible that the highest service I can render is to contribute to the happiness of Ruth, & here I persuade myself that I shall not be deficient. She is cheerful. It is a gratification to us both, that we have [illegible] to accommodate to bring your mother to this place, & we hope that our society has made her less sensible to the loss she has experienced. She appears to be gaining strength & spirits. Sarah has reached us, a little exhausted by her journey. We shall be happy to hear from you & hope soon to see you. Remember us affectionately to your wife —

Yrs affectly

W. C. Channing —