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My dear Frank.

I was almost distracted at getting a letter from you the other day; the first I believe in three years! Peggy had a letter from Laura the day before she sailed, and I had one from mother and George the day after the two girls got off. Mother was much calmer than I expected that she would be; and I hope that she has had a change of scene before this by either making a visit to Wolcott and Joe a journey to Niagara or some little trip that would take her away from Greene Street for a time and so that she would not feel the loneliness of the house. I am really glad that you and Lissie are going to live with her, and I think she would miss the prattle of the children particularly if it were not in French! I don't think she admires that