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My dear Sister

I have been so fully occupied so unsettled and vomited that I have not been able to sit down to write and tho' Elvira might have done so yet I could hardly have told her what I would say I have now arranged my house so as to eat sit and sleep like a human creature, but amid the paint & the dirt the turmoil George has the measles. I am glad to say so far favorably. though he was not well prior to it and the first four days & nights very sick. the eruption has turned, the fever is gone and his eyes and cough much better. it has been fatal here this spring so that at his age I may think he has had it lightly. Laura & Francis are still to come — We find the situation high & healthy water good and air free & pure: but noisy & dusty. We have all had purging & vomiting except George & Francis from the paint but quite temporary and better for the infliction. I have reason to be glad that I have George at home and the boys do