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Friday evening

Dear Margaret,

I opened your note this evening with an anxious mind, but when I had read it, I thanked God for what it contained; for he has brought good advice from quarters where I had no influence, at a time when I was less hopeful than ever.

Mr. Harbush has referred to the really important points; and though, as you say, they have been thought of before, they require

To be thoroughly understood.
I do not intend to say any
thing of them now, except
that you may depend on
my speaking to you fully
and fairly, as in the presence
of God, and as speaking to
you whose respect and affec-
tion are ~~so~~ very dear to
me, and could not be
returned, if I were found
to have deceived you.

I am glad that your
doctor (whose name I cannot
read) has some real know-
ledge of our climate, though

Chester is not one of the finest
parts of my country, I know
that most medical men
here have much less correct
views, because they are guided
by reasoning from this climate,
in a manner which leads
them directly to the reverse
of truth; and therefore I
feel the more thankful
that yours should have a
fact leading him in the
right direction. I could give
you more such facts, some
of ^{them} curious enough.

I will not forget you

Caution respecting troubling
your mother with a sub-
ject she does not like. You
know something of my feelings
toward her; and though, in
whatever we do, we must
try to have her consent and
blessing, it would not be
the best way to obtain that,
any more than it would
be in accordance with my
wishes, to annoy or grieve her.

Let us continue to pray,
dear Margaret, that we
and all connected with us,
may have guidance from on
high, to all that is true and
right
William.