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Dearest Margaret,

I have received and read your card
of last week, I need not say with much
pleasure. It is the largest I had from
you since I came. I think your list
of articles very reasonable, and shall
do my best if chances offer.

I shall avail myself at once of
the vaccine matter; though I think
it likely it will not take. I am afraid
you will have had much to do with
little boy in his trouble. Tell him his Pa
wishes very much to see him.

About walking, you must know
it is a considerable walk from my lodging
to the college, and I have to walk it twice
often four times a day, I do not regret the
opportunities, however. On Wednesday I had
a nice walk along the shore, and picked
up a number of beautiful sea weeds,

which I dried in time for my Thursday lecture. I also found a new species of sponge, or at least a species which I had not before seen.

They have established a new office this year of Superintendent of schools, and one of the members of Govt spoke to me the other day about taking it. I however declined it, as it would require almost constant absence from home, and would very probably be only temporary. I hope you will approve of this. I have written to father about it, so you need not mention it to him, or to any one else.

In the matter of fridewords I have learned a new fact. They now use here very small ones not half as long as mothers, and very neat. Mrs. Thurston bought me the other day, (having some time since told her old one) for only £4.10. It is a nice looking mahogany article, and I think very cheap. Mrs. 2

thing of the same kind would I think
suit you very well. It was bought of
a cabinet maker - here
(23^d) The Robins have been here for some time.
The weather has however again become cold,
though not disagreeably so.

Last evening I vaccinated myself with
the matter you sent. I applied to with a needle
in four places and I think did it very thoroughly.
I did so to save the trouble of going to the doctor,
and also because I could take plenty of time
and do it well.

About coming here, your plan is to be ready
and if the weather becomes fine you can come at
any time. And if you write by the Sunday or
Thursday's mail, I can be ready to receive you
on Monday or Friday evening. The propriety of
coming you must judge of by the weather and other
circumstances. Friday next will be the 1st of March
and after that time I shall be here only 4 weeks
or 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, so you cannot be here long in any event.
Please read this part of the letter to Father & Mother,
as I have not mentioned it to them.

Alas dear Margaret, makes me always more feel
your value, and when I return to you I shall feel just as
we may suppose a bird to its which has been kept in a cage
and is then let loose to go back to its own nest.
may God bless you in all things
Your own
William