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Boston Friday
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Dear Lizzie,

I have now a little over \$21000. Day before yesterday I went to Andover. Yesterday to Salem and Danvers. This morning to Newburyport. Have got this week four subsns of \$100, including books six or seve in all.

I think it doubtful now whether I can get to F.G. by commencement, but shall keep to work til the \$25,000 is complete. Possibly if the [times] improve still [longer]. Tho in that case shall pay you a visit.

I think you had better continue to nurse baby more or less till we get to Oregon. It will be difficult to get milk for him on the steamer. I should prefer to go back this spring on the baby's acc't.

I suppose all mutual suffering in about the same for a good cause & a bad one. The [illegible] leading a precarious life is harassed with anxiety which his strength of purpose keeps under. Why is The missionary to be more pittied Than Than The villains or the man who for gain suffers The loss of all Things? Sympathy is no ground of approbation, & yet the popular tendency is neglecting merit [illegible] praise for suffering, to attribute merit to This, when this is no merit. We may sympathize when we disapprove or condemn.

I think I shall get some apparatus and send out \$500 or \$1000 worth. I am Troubled That I hear nothing from Collin. I presume he is bleu this winter. He may be prematurely dissatisfied. Probably There is Trouble ahead. We must expect that.

I got a long letter from Mr. [Walker] written before The one I sent you, detailing church matters. The same bubbling in the caldron as ever.

I am glad you are stronger.

Take care of your health.

And see if you can't be an honored woman in having a large and noble family.

I am mad at This baby-killing generation of women

Kiss the dear children and [illegible].

Yours S.H.M