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I was very sorry to hear Mrs. G was sick. and I thought last night I should like to be out there to take care of her but don't feel hardly able to take care of myself today. Mary Butler is dead, died of a typhoid fever not long since.

Mr. M.H. Johnson and wife were here and spent the evening last night. Mr. J. thinks this war will never be settled by fighting, so I suppose he thinks it will have to be settled by compromise. I hardly dare tell people around here that you would not come home if you had the chance. They never seen to believe it when I do

I have told Mr. J. that you wrote so. not long ago either, and last night he said he thought the Dr was glad of the oppotunity to come home and the thought they would all be glad of the <sup>^same</sup> chance. I didn't say



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(on the side)

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