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I am not well to-day and don't feel one might like writing and so you must excuse me this time if my letter <u>is</u> short and uninteresting. I guess Mr. Haynes will think I don't intend to answer his letter but I certainly shall

I havn't written any letters lately except to you but I mean to answer them all now mother has got back

And now good night, this will assure you that we are all comfort able and that is about all. I will do better next time.

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