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My darling,

It is some time since I have written to you for as your letter which should have reached me last Friday did not get here till today. I begun to think that you were not going to write again and I hardly knew what to write. I am very glad, however, to find that I was mistaken and very glad to hear from you again.

As you say it does seem as though we were separated farther than time or distance could ever part us, and the thought has made me more unhappy than I can tell you, or, would wish to if I could.

I cannot understand why it is so, for I am sure that you love me, and I love you more than everything else in the world and can see no reason why we should be unkind to each other. I do not think that you mean to be unkind to me, but what can have come over you that you feel like a stranger when you write to me. If it were possible for me to entertain a doubt of you I would ask you directly if you still loved me. Sometimes it seem to me as though you had ceased to love though I never thought you love anyone else but perhaps you have found so little happiness in your love for me that you have learned to consider it as something worse than measles. Now if this should be the case, it would be your duty to let me know the truth at once for I should not fail to see it as soon as I should meet you and be perfectly frank about it would be the means of sparing me a great deal of pain. But I will not let such fancies trouble me, or rather, will not trouble you with them. Perhaps what I have already written will make you still more unhappy, and drive you still farther from me, but will send it as it will tell you still more

If I had suppose that you expected me, and really desired to see me, I should not have been able to resist the temptation of going home with the rest, and your letter has made me regret that I do so, but perhaps, it will be for the best. I shall try to come home some time this Winter.

It is getting very cold here and it snowed once day this week.

My health is excellent. But supper is ready and I will close this.

My love to our darlings and much love to you, my precious wife

Yours truly

Leander