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Poinsett December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1879

I have not written to <sup>you</sup> my dearest Mary very lately not because I am not constantly thinking of you, but for the reason that I could only write, but upon one engrossing subject, which I do not wish to dwell upon, either for your sakes or my own, but I trust my dear Child, that you are by this time enabled to say with composure "The Lords will be done". I read a letter from Mr Durbar to Richard, received a day or two since, in which I was glad to see that you were interesting yourself in domestic affairs; I rejoice to think that you have got dear Annina with you, at last, after such a tedious journey, she and her good Husband I trust, will be a great comfort to you, and Mr Durbar, this winter, but I wish now to look beyond this winter, to the spring, when I most ardently desire, that you would come with your dear children, and spend the summer with us, I feel confident independently of the happiness that we shall <sup>have</sup> in once <sup>more</sup> meeting here again, that it will be the greatest benefit to yourself, your body, and mind, will <sup>have</sup> rest, which you certainly require, after the summer you have lived through, you can be as retired, as you please,



and see none, but those you wish to see.  
Hannah and Mr Alvested will go to their farm and  
if you do not come I shall have to go <sup>for the summer</sup> which  
I do not want to do, but Hannah insists upon it, that I  
shall go, if you do not come, you could come, with  
Hannie and the Dr early in the season, and  
Mr Durbar could come on after, to suit his conve-  
nience, do my dear Mary, think of what I have  
proposed, and I trust that Mr Durbar, and yourself,  
may be enabled to make up your minds,  
upon giving us their happiness.

Mr Baldwin has located himself very comfortably  
in bedzany near the Seminary, and seems quite  
pleased with his situation, he comes very often  
over, to spend an evening, and take tea, he speaks  
of you <sup>all</sup> with feelings of the greatest gratitude  
and affection, Mr Durbar has no doubt heard from  
him since he came here. Richard answered  
Mr Durbar's letter, the day after it was received,  
and expressed no doubt, all his services, to do every  
thing he can, for the benefit, of our poor deluded  
Proy, (as we all wish to do, Mr Alvested has recently  
written to Mr D on the same subject.

I hope and pray, that it please God, to change  
his heart, (in his own due time)

We are having for the first time this sea-  
son, a great snow storm, it snowed all



the day and night, of yesterday, and is at it, <sup>still</sup> with  
some symptoms, of stopping now, the snow is about  
two feet deep on a level, and the sleighs be  
ginning to fly about, I feel always sorry now  
to see the ground covered with snow, but it is thought  
very serviceable to every thing, in our cold climate.  
Mr Baldwin read us part of a letter, which he  
received from Mrs Dunlop, I was quite glad to  
hear a little of her secret talks again, I feel  
truly rejoiced for her sake that she has got  
Felix, and her children to live with her. ~~—~~  
Although you must feel the loss of her compa  
ny very much it will be a pleasant visit  
you to, take which I hope you will soon  
able to do, give my best love to her, Felix &  
Anast Shelby. — I was very sorry to hear of  
Mr Robert Dunbar's death, he was so amiable,  
and so much beloved, by all his family, that it  
has no doubt been a great affliction to them.  
I do not know whether you have been told that  
Mr Boyard has been in a very declining state for  
some time, and it is not supposed that he can  
recover, but he is waiting cheerfully and patiently  
for his appointed time. Hannah and myself,  
have attended several very interesting prayer  
meetings at his house lately, as he cannot go  
out, his thoughts <sup>seem</sup> to be <sup>more</sup> in Heaven, than on earth.



To

Mrs William Danks

Forest near N. York

Miss White

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Give much love to all our dear friends  
as if named and believe me my dear  
child your ever affectionate Mother  
A Field