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Sept 7<sup>th</sup>/80

Dear Fk

Until to—day it has been so hot I could not ans<sup>r</sup> yr let<sup>r</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> wh I have rec<sup>d</sup> but am indeed pain<sup>d</sup> to hear of yr illness & suffer<sup>gs</sup> what ills & aches our flesh is heir to; but there is a rest for the chil<sup>n</sup> of God let us strive to attain it. how vivid is yr imagination. I left P Wednes<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 o'c Gavino came up for me & attend<sup>d</sup> to everything & staid with me in N.Y. & in the cars until I left for S.fld & Mr & Mrs M were at the depot in a car<sup>ge</sup> to meet me & are as kind to me as they can be in everyway. I am able to eat more as Mrs M has such a nice cook. Miss Magwood<sup>x</sup> walk<sup>d</sup> down to the cars with me & staid on the platform until they left— I was truly thankful & grateful to my "H F." to be able to leave. I feel I am daily improving. I wrote you the D<sup>r</sup> said my normal condition was so low & my pulse so weak he fear<sup>d</sup> the disease w<sup>l</sup>d conquer. I have had no one Fk so devoted to me & give me such relief as D<sup>r</sup> C H Masten of Sparkill, he said to me "Mrs N you have the most delicate organization I have ever met & too much mental power & animal spirit for yr physical strength. I have made you a study, & you must indulge yr nature more than you do to relieve yr suffer<sup>gs</sup> for I know how you suffer with yr strong will to control & conceal yr feelings as perfectly as you do." The D<sup>r</sup> was very kind & gave me a copy of all the prescriptions he used. Fk Miss 'becca wrote me her "cousin Mary wrote her I was sick & to please tell her what the D<sup>r</sup> said & all that was the matter with me & yr address" wh I did in full & like you, have not rec<sup>d</sup> a word. I often thought as kind & true a f<sup>d</sup> as I had been to Miss becca how could she have advis<sup>d</sup> me to go to such a house & hostess as Piermont & Mrs R Boggs—To know anyone Fk is to live with them & when Miss becca was on a visit to P for a few days I understood all. With love to all

as ever  
Jo L N—

<sup>x</sup> who has been truly kind to me.

Editor's note: The original letter has darkened with age and is difficult to read.