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Durham N.C.

My own darling child.

Mama is all aglow about you & your flowers. Father returned yesterday at noon - You cannot imagine the delight of our house & we try to greet my husband & hear from him all about Annie & all her sweet ideas & ways. I am glad you rec<sup>d</sup> your box of nice flowers. Mrs Carr & Iida sent most of them with messages of love & best wishes & all join in wishing for Annie to remain just as where you are & be good & let Dr C. cure you safe & sound, whole & true. Oh my child it is so comforting to know you are in charge of Dr Cunningham - He is master of every situation - Mrs Watts & her sister Dora Bell & Annie Watts - are loving you & beg that you forget all at home & be patient. Soon as you are able

swell & skip. about like 15,000 thousand  
English Sparrows: as are on the wires  
about our Porch. - It is amusing to hear  
those chattering in morning & evening  
making the welking ring

Louisa, Mary, Magdalena, & Jerry are worship-  
ful of Annie. Smithgate Cousin Annie  
I certainly hope you will meet with  
Cousin Augusta Christiana. All her  
daughters. I once knew her & her sister  
Betty Bailey. but all are married now &  
plenty chappies are blooming around  
as lovely flowers.

Mrs Fuller, Kate Manning,  
& Lizzie, are full of love for Annie  
I enclose a lovely poem for baby-  
Sister has written for you a letter to you  
with much love & devotion for every  
person in the Retreat who loves Annie  
From J. D. Mal, J. H., Kate, Lizzie, Pa  
& Mother & 5 or 6 others I will scribble you  
each day - Love to Dr C. Mr Jenkins Sarah  
Johnson & Eda Parkman Good bye Mother