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My Dear Annie.

Yesterday evening dear Joe arrived safely at home of course we were thankful and glad to see him. He seemed rather worn and tired from his trip<sup>and</sup> still coughs very badly, but I hope as the weather gets warmer and he gets rested his health will improve I think his visit was rather at the wrong time as he said every seemed to be moving and of course it rained most of the time just as it always does when folks go to have a visit and have only a short time to stay. He gave us all the news he had which was very little. I guess dear Annie there was more news in your letter than he got all the time he was in Columbus I was sorry to learn from him that poor Sammie is still ailing he says his skin is covered with those spots

that was on it when he was at home  
I think it is too bad that he cannot  
get any thing to help him. I do hope  
he will take no more medicine I dont  
believe it does a particle of good I think  
if he is no better soon he had better try  
and secure his situation where he is  
then come home and make a good  
long stay and take it easy and that I  
think will certainly help him and do  
him good. he need not work when he  
is so unwell ther is no need of it

And now dear Annie I shall leave  
his case with you knowing what  
a good sensible little girl you are  
and that you will use your best judg-  
ement and urge him for the best.

Now dear Annie as regards your  
case dont you think you had better  
come home when your Father does.  
I do not know what plans and  
intentions are but after calmly  
thinking the whole matter over

this is the conclusion we have arrived at. Joe says the Smiths have moved still ~~farther~~ farther out of the city than they were. so we think if you were so much in the country you can get it cheaper at home.

Besides dear Annie you know if you stay till the warm weather you have no clothes ready you would have to have a spring bonnet and many more things which I feared I could <sup>not</sup> get.

But dear Annie much as we all want to see you I want you to understand I am willing to leave it entirely to your good sense feeling satisfied you will act wisely. To night we are all well as usual. Sisie and I have been to church this being communion day. Then Joe and family finished the day with us Mary is just as beautiful & good as ever.

Why does not your Father write I think he gets along with a little

letter writing as any one could  
reasonable ask. Now dear Annie I  
want you to write in answer to this  
and tell us when you think of coming  
home. Always remembering me  
in love to Mrs Savage and Mrs Main

I think poor pretty will be very glad  
to see you he speaks of <sup>you</sup> often that is  
more than he does of any one else Tell  
Sammy I had a call from Wilson  
Halleott yesterday. who is making a  
short visit here he made a greate many  
inquiries about him. Tell Sammy  
I want him to write and tell us  
what he thinks of your coming  
home. Now dear Annie I do not think  
of any thing more to write and as  
the girls will write in a short time  
and it is getting late I will close  
this with dear Love and kisses to all

Be sure and write a long letter your  
letter are always so good and full,  
In dear love your affectionate  
Mother  
Mary Howells.