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Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday,

My dear Nora:

We are all shocked & dis-  
-tripped to hear of dear little Ella's  
extreme illness, God grant she  
may recover, but from what you  
write, it seems like hoping against  
hope. We shall be all anxiety  
to hear to-morrow, dear sweet  
little soul, her Grand Pa, who  
is never very demonstrative  
said on his return, well  
'Leahora, for he always calls you so  
little girl Ella, is the most inter-  
-esting child I ever saw, she  
she is so deciable, & talks as  
plain as I do - Oh Nora

My dear Chit, I fear to hear - but to leave you, "Provided you  
she has had Chills, Whooping Cough want her, & have not made the  
& how those are awful complaints, arrangements." Tell her -  
& both together, I fear her Sys- tem will give the wages, & she  
tem must give way under them, knows she has as easy a home  
them, Poor Leeds, what a blow it would be him in as she will find elsewhere,  
his Exile, as well as to your expensive you had better keep  
self dear Dora. but I must her if you can dear Dora,  
try, I hope for the best, - your Children will be delicate  
I am very uneasy lest, more of left during the Winter,  
Leeds should take it likewise, I you have had so much  
I am so glad Maggie is nursing, that you would be  
with you, what would you do, able to be left with a  
without her? in all your trou young set, then if she has  
bles. she is certainly one of the wages you don't have to  
best of Sisters. - Tell Charlotte clothe her - so try to keep  
her till she to stay at least

till Summer, & I hope to find  
her with you when I come.  
for I know she won't do better -  
I hope you have secured a file  
I despair of getting one, un-  
less Rachel will let me have  
Caroline. When I send memory  
to her she'll find a first rate file  
So is Agness - but I am very  
uneasy about you, so is M. B. I  
wish I could see Charlotte, I  
try my best to get her to stay  
with you - Let me hear  
from Nora, from Ella, we  
are all so uneasy - Love to  
Maggie & the boys.

In haste, excuse this  
scrawl, & believe me

Your affectional

give Charlotte } Mother,  
as much as }  
others offer her } you can't do without her