

Pousooby
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My darling Lucy,

I am sure it is your turn for a letter this time. Lucie is writing one one side of me & Tom on the other. Tom has come up to sleep at our house to keep him out of the way of the fever. Poor Aluck is so bad. it is singular how very badly they have all taken it - I am seriously thinking of getting Lottie to stay with us for I feel poor Aunt Emma will scarcely stand it if any more take it - she is almost knocked up as it is. Of course poor Father is a

difficulty - but I think if Lottie
stays here for a week without getting
it her Aunt Amelia will take her
after that. Of course there is a
little risk about Fred but he is
only at home at night that I don't
think there is much if we keep her
away from him. I feel that Aunt
Emma never thought of herself at
all when my dear Mother was ill
that it is such a treat to me not to
be able to help her with the nursing.
In both Fanny's & Aleck's cases the
scarlet fever has been complicated
with typhoid symptoms from the
beginning. If we take Lottie
there will only be Ada exposed to
it & of course she has been helping
her Mamma all the time. Poor
little Fanny wants four or five
meals a day she is so hungry.

but she is getting on nicely now
only very very thin. I think
dear Father has been better on the
whole the last few days. I saw Mrs
Glampson and had a nice long
chat with her and felt strengthened
after it. We do need such an amount
of gentleness & patience. I hope you
never forget to ask for it for us.

I am busy refronting some of
Father's old shirts for Fred & Jim.
I have to bring my old fine work
into practice again. I bought the
fronts but have to make bands for
the neck & stitch them by hand.

I have finished two & they do very
nicely & really they are not so
formidable as you might expect.

Mum, Anna & I have been very busy
making marmalade. we made
3 1/2 lbs of oranges. so we have a nice
little lot of preserve which is a
real help.

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