

Washington Monday
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Dearest Maimie/

I am in momentary expectation of the summons to go to the Capital to deliver the President's annual message & Cabinet reports to Congress. So dearest you must excuse me if on Saturday & today I have been so busy as to be unable to say more than "how de do" & God bless you –

If Congress determines to go hard to work they may send their communication to the President to announce their organization & signify their readiness to receive his message – in that case it will go on to day – if not the anxious expectants will have to wait 'till to-morrow.

I am delighted Dearest that on next Saturday I should once more be with you. I hope to find my darling bright & well – it seems so long since we parted does it not Maimie?

I am invited to a little party I suppose it is at the Ingrahams to night – I met the young ladies at a small party at Lord Napiers on Saturday – to meet the "Artistes" – they have probably told you of it already – so that it is old news.

Mr. Magraw is staying with us on a couple of days visit.

I have enjoyed the concerts so much – they have been real artistic treats I assure you – to night they sing in the oration of "Sabat [sic]mater" & if I go to the Ingrahams party I shall go there also – I had a short sail in my yacht last week it is all right again.

I had not had Mr. Scharff's regular letter – I suppose he is punishing me for my remissions in not writing to him regularly as I ought to.

And what has my own dearest Mary been doing this long week past since I heard from her? – God bless her!

I have been wanting for the last two or three days to see your father but have really been so much engaged as to be unable – I hope to see him to day in Senate.

I hope you are all well & in good & flourishing condition by this time. I believe I have no news – give my best love to your mother & Miss Emily & believe me dearest your own

affectionate
JB Henry

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