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312 Camden Rd.
17. V. 1. 1883.First day eveningMy very dear Richard and Anna
I am afraid it will seem rather

long before you get this letter, we are so sorry that we quite forgot about its being the mail day yesterday. I have had to content myself with letting others write to you during the week because as I am more or less up with dear Mother every night, it is decreed that I shall go to bed every afternoon for two or three hours, - and the rest of the daytime is so very busy. - Dear Mother is going on well and gradually getting a little stronger. But we realize that she has had a very serious illness and that for the first three days it was very uncertain which way it would turn. - We all feel so thankful to have her a little better. - On first day evening when Dr. Fletcher was able to come to the conclusion that it was blood poisoning and ~~that~~ we knew that it would be a long illness most likely, we wrote to the Boring-Committee at Danbury, encouraging her to come so she came to us on third day afternoon to help us with the nursing and it is such a great help and so delightful to have her. - Mother was sufficiently better on second day for Mother and D.C. Thomas to start for France with Father who was going as far as Paris to arrange something about the Depot Centrale. - And then on fourth day Carrie started for Switzerland with.