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paralyzed - the third attack of which, mostly causes death. And please inquire for me, how they are at our Cousin Elizabeth Hopkins - is her sister Rachel still able to ride out? -

Does Cousin M. improve by being at Newport? And the different members of thy own family - I would like to know how they are, for I feel an abiding interest in them all. -

So if it may fill up a lonely hour, it will be pleasant to me to hear from thee - if it will not be asking too much while so much responsibility is resting upon thee. - Do not hurry, but take thy time about it.

The girls join me in love. and asking that the good Being may be graciously near to thee, bless, and keep thee at all times, and be thy friend and Comforter, in all the trials that He may permit to fall to thy lot - I close and remain truly thy well wishing friend
N.B. Rachel H. Hopkins.

I am about as well as usual - but was quite sick for several days last week - the girls after best fashion - for such warm weather.