A Letter from Sarah Orne Jewett to Mary Jewett
[Nd but after the death of O. W. Holmes in 1894] (in sleeve marked C-4)

Sunday night

Dear Mary,

I was so glad to get your letter and to know you were all well!!! It seemed so long since I came away that I was pleased to get news. How nice that dear Auntie stayed over Sunday. and you and cousin Maria must have enjoyed her so much. Yesterday was a disagreeable day though it looked so pleasant. I went over to Boylston Street

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early to do an errand and when I got out of the car such a great gust caught my hat & cloak that I thought they would blow away. and I got air enough to last me ever since! Mr. Jefferson came to breakfast and came before the hour and as I was going upstairs, I had a start it sounded so like the little Doctor and one of his visits. Mr. Jefferson is deaf and had to be talked to by A.F. in just the same way and his voice

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was so like Dr. Holmes's too. Mrs. Bell who came later spoke of it too. It quite brought our little doctor back. Mr. Jefferson was as delightful as he could be, full of talk and stories and experiences. Young Mr. Copeland from Harvard9 and Russell Sullivan were also present and we had a beautiful time. Lilly Fairchild was here in the afternoon & Mrs. Deland10 and others – and Dr. Blake (the ear doctor Blake) whom we like so much came to tea and was most engaging and

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friendly and though we had meant to go to the concert we sat by the fire talking instead. This morning there were those who woke up with a bad cold and very tired (I said she looked pale yesterday – ) but remedies of phenacitine11 were offered and accepted and the fire lighted so she stayed in bed all day and had a beautiful occasion and received a call from Ida while I had one earlier from Mr. Beal. and I can't think of anything else to twll except that I wrote a heap of letters, and read and we had tea up here on a tray

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and enjoyed it very much. Annie makes such nice chicken cut into little pieces with a plain white sauce that has a little mace in it. – and that was providentially offered. She is doing so well. the breakfast yesterday was as nice as it could be.

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9 Charles Townsend Copeland was to become an extremely popular Harvard professor of literature with a very long tenure. "American journalist and teacher who was preeminent as a mentor of writers and as a public reciter of poetry." http://www.britannica.com/eb/article?eu=26604&query=ramsauer-townsend%20effect

10 Probably Margaret Deland, the novelist. See Gollin's Annie Adam Fields [2002], p. 307.

11 Phenacitine was a commonly used pain remedy – the precursor of aspirin, etc. – with harmful side effects.

Monday morning I just got a note from Katy to say that they had just heard of Mr. Coolidge's sister's death in Paris so she can't come to the Club lunches

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I am so sorry. There will only be Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Deland & Martha Silsbee [??]. Most of us are abroad! but it will be a nice little time

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I feel sure. Good bye S.O.J.