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she could not come; I then sent for Doctor Burrit who 1872. came as soon as he could, and he said mother was very ill with bilious fever. Kate and R---- were here all day. After tea she seemed to sleep, the cough was easier. I sat up most of the night, as her cough got very bad towards morning. As soon as it was daylight Feb. 20th. I sent for Kate, and a message to the doctor to say how ill she was all night. Anna Hay came, and dear mother appeared better at the sight of her; Anna and Kate sat up with her, this was Tuesday. Mr. Roger came and had prayers. She did not suffer but seemed very weak. Ellen came in the evening and stayed all night. Darling mother was so anxious about the boys (who were ill), that she thought or said little about herself. On the night of the 21st she was restless all night, Feb. 21st. no pains, but a troublesome cough. She had a slight pain in her side to-day, she spoke little but was inclined to sleep. On the 22nd she began to spit up blood, and Feb. 22nd had a restless night; Kate and Ellen were here; she spoke little and was much flushed. When Anna Hay came mother got her to read some letters. When the doctor came he looked very grave when he saw her. and after asking a few questions he said he did not think she could get over it, she might go at any moment, or she might live for a day or two. It was a great shock, as we did not think she was so ill. She had often been worse, I thought, but I did not consider her age and how weak she was. When Charles and Ellen came the doctor said we must telegraph to George and Henry at Port Hope, and to John in the States, and that we should tell mother what his opinion was. Rundertook to tell her. He said: 'Mrs. Stewart, you have had a long and weary journey in this world, you don't feel afraid.' She said, . Oh no, I have a Saviour

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