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You will perceive my dear mother that the enclosed letters were written, to send by Mr Carr; he has been leaving Washington every day for more than a week and I was so foolish as to keep my letters for him instead of sending them by the post. I am afraid not hearing from me for such a length of time has cost you many uneasy moments. my little packet has been made up and ready to go for some days, but as ~~it~~ for aught that I know Mr Carr may think it not to leave the city for another week I have broken it open and taken out the letters, which I enclose. The books you will receive by him. I was at a little party last night at Mrs S.H. Smiths but found it rather dull. We are to have a very crowded drawing room to night. The ladies dress a good deal at them. the only one at which I have been present I wore my pink crape, & it was^d handsome as almost any dress I saw.

Mrs M. who has quite recovered from her indisposition desires her love to you. several of your old acquaintances have begged me to remember them to you when I wrote, amongst others Mrs Brush & Mrs S.H.S. — Payne Todd has several times requested the same thing of me. — I shall write to Grandpapa as he desired me to do in a very few days, as yet I have not had time, for although I have not been a great deal in company, yet I cannot resist the temptation of riding out ^{almost} every day whilst this fine weather

lots; and when I am at home my time is very much occupied
in receiving morning visitors, for when I speak of ~~not~~ having
been ~~out~~ in company I allude to dinner and evening parties.

Adieu dearest Mother, I write in a hurry, for the mail
will close in a very short time.

I enclose this ^{letter} packet to Grand papa. I did not intend to do it
as I know he objects to receiving large packets by the mail, but Mrs M.
advised me to do it by all means, as you would be much more certain of
receiving them.