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Dear Sister, <sup>say</sup> I wrote a letter to Nellie day before yesterday telling her that we expected to leave here Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. to day I am writing you to let you know that we are again delayed and cannot get away before Dec. 7 one month later. We did want to go. More than one reason urged us on - The Climate is too severe for Mattie. She is suffering now with a severe cold - Then we wanted to get to our home and settle down - but God has overruled it all - we are trusting in Him and know it is for the best. So many bad accidents are occurring on the Seas that we feel unlike going until the winds and waves calm down - So perhaps this is another reason why the delay has come. We will stay quietly here and do what we can. We have made many kind friends since coming to this part of London and in anticipation of our going away this week, the Church where we attend gave us a fare well, prayer meeting. They requested me to say something to them - I had not made any preparation not thinking they would ask me. but God was near. I prayed for help. And He gave it to me. I said in substance - "Dear friends I am very thankful that you have taken us into your hearts just as you love - Did you ever have a friend say to you - 'You have a very warm place in my heart'? Do you remember how good it made you feel? Well that is just how we feel to night knowing that you have taken

us into your hearts. And don't you know that in so doing you have enlarged your hearts. And that is what God wants. He wants us to enlarge our hearts, wants us to have more love for others. Why you see that to night in taking Mrs Snyder & myself into your hearts you have taken a piece of America into them. And not only that you have taken a piece of Africa in also. So when you pray for us you may remember America and also Africa which needs your prayers even more yet than America. Then I spoke of the mails. Saying. "It takes at least six months for a letter to reach us by the Queens mail but I will tell you how to reach us by a better and quicker route. It is by the King's mail around by the Mercy Seat of our King. Prayer, that is what we need - Dear friends pray for us!" Then I told them of answer to prayer. And what our cross moved in a measure by. So you see God did help me to make an impromptu speech. When I was through they called on Matee and she spoke well, not so long of course as I did. Then the pastor requested all friends to each give us a Bible verse - You would have been surprised to have heard how quickly they came and how applicable they were. I will note them down. Prov<sup>iii</sup>-5-6 - Ex<sup>xii</sup> 14.

Mat. xxviii-20 - Psalm xxxvii-4 xxxvii-5 - Psalm xci-15 - Isaiah xli-10  
 Gen. xxxiii-27 1<sup>st</sup> Thess. v-23 - Psalm lxxi-16 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Chron. xv-7 Ps. cxv-5  
 - Isaiah xxvi-3 - Num vi-26 - John x-4 - Eccl x-1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Pet 1-5  
 Isaiah xxvi-4 - Psalm xciii-4 1<sup>st</sup> Cor 11-14 - Eph. vi-10 - and some

others I could not catch. Were they not good? Kindly tell Nellie of our longer stay - By the way I wrote for the Tampa Journal and the Editor said that if I would send the names of one or two of my friends they would send the paper free. So I sent them Nellie's name - please tell her I want that you should have the second reading - that is if you think my articles will interest you. Will you also tell Nellie that I have a nice set of Chessmen and that I am teaching Matie to play. She will understand. The articles I am writing to the paper are descriptive of London so will not anticipate them by writing to you. We will be anxious to hear from you. We are praying that all may go well. The mails for U.S. leave to night and I must needs cut this short. Matie sends lots of love to you all. A kiss for the children.

If only we had known what we know now we might have stayed in Bloomingdale much longer. Next week the Great Lord Mayors show take place here. Will write you of it. I have seen the Lord Mayors Carriage with his good fire up Coachman and foot men &c a great sight. Will write you more. We are having such a Bible feast too at our church. I wish you could hear the pastor.

We are trying every day to live nearer to Him who did so much for us - Pray for us - Kind regards to all love and kisses to the children. In love, Aunt Martha