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Always yours affectionately  
Miss M. C.  
I remain  
Yours truly  
F. M. C.

My dear Nelly!  
Many thanks for your kind  
letter. I reached home last  
Friday afternoon after a  
smooth journey and found  
my father not so much  
changed outwardly as I had  
expected. But there can  
be no doubt that he is in  
the last stage of a long-  
protracted illness, getting

weaker every day, and I can hardly wish that this state of suffering should last much longer.

It was a personal satisfaction to me, though, to have found him still, and to be able to nurse him to the end, though he had wished not to see me again.

However, this state of things can last for weeks,

and I was very much wanted at home to help mamma. My father's mind is perfectly clear, and his manner, voice and speech almost quite unchanged. He was pleased to hear of your father's kind inquiry and sends him his joyful greetings. Mamma joins in them, also to your mother and yourself, and I do return yours very cordially.

dearly. I am sorry to write  
such a short and sad letter,  
but I am neither in the  
mood for more, nor have  
I any leisure at my disposal  
— papa requires such constant  
attendance. I hope you  
are enjoying your holidays  
with such lovely weather as we  
have here. The house and garden  
look so charming, that we  
take a certain pleasure in them  
in spite of our sorrow.  
Please remember me kindly  
to your mother. With love