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"In the midst of Life we are in Death:

I did not think when I said good bye to dear Mrs Ward that I should not welcome her back with the new baby she was looking forward to with such happiness! But it was not to be. She was taken ill early in July & all the skill brought to bear on her case was of no avail. Last week we had such a sad note from Mr Ward.

"My Dear Friends,

They are en route with all that is mortal of my dear wife to its final resting place in Utica. I cannot write you much only to say that she left us yesterday morning, after a struggle against death. The disease was typhoid fever. She was clear in her mind almost to the last. I will write again. Pray for me! Pray for the children!

In haste, affectionately —
C. H. H.

Poor poor man! It was only the day before he left that he said to me he had not been so happy for years as he was in his home & work here.

He cannot get over it! She was always so dear & kind! how I shall miss her with her sweet smile & cheery words. Today's mail brought another letter from Mr Ward - asking if I would undertake the looking over of things at Lochmeade. "There is no one else whom I should like to look over my dear wife's things" he wrote. "The love between you was mutual. I will send a list of some things to be sent here, the next

Can be done and left in the house except a
few valuables, which please take under your
care. I dread it! I dread it.