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anchored in the soul among all the tides  
& currents of life, linked for our enjoy-  
ment with others so widely separated -  
But Goodbye I must not bore  
you with too long a letter,  
Alas how little a letter contains,  
Please write soon cordially I hope

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East bank of Lily valley  
Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 69

Dear Sister I thought I was free from all  
pastoral obligation, but about comes  
your remembrance dear speaking of long silence  
though I lately mailed an office full of letters -  
but never mind - My sheep are lying down  
& with my pencil & newspaper scraps

will soon satisfy your letter appetite  
This is a bright warm cloudless day -  
Nature is in deep close green again & about  
mounts & her spring flowers are enjoying perfect  
life in the sweet grassy sunshine  
The banks of the valley before me are filled  
with countless multitudes of lilies, as it called  
the valley, I gathered a little coiled boraginac

a few minutes ago whose sweet fragrance  
aroused the long-silent memories of summer  
in my old Dunbar garden, it must have  
something in common with the pansies &  
daisy millers of my little plots. Strange is it  
not that so gentle & unobtrusive a thing as the  
fragrance of a flower should live with memory  
as bright & fresh from youth to age, as fully