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Darling Helen, The sooner, it seems to me, that you get back to the desert the better. These Los Angeles sea fogs cannot be good for you. In the meantime you must have less work & more quiet rest undisturbed by the children. at whatever cost. The children should sleep entirely separate from you, either with Beul or a servant. No matter how they cry for their mother, the children will quickly yield to the inevitable. Better that they cry now for a few nights, than cry for years should you give your life for them & make us all go crying to our graves. Go to your doctor for advice & tell me what he says. Better that Beul leaves or loses his business than lose you. I would have been with you ere this had I not known I would make more work for you

Now darling be warned to take care of yourself - see it is too late
Write just a line every day or two days at most to your sweetest folks that love you!

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Now darling be warned to take care of yourself ere it is too late. Write just a line every day or two days at most to your devoted father & best lover.