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Jane Grey Swisshelm to Henry Z. Mitchell, July 29, 1872

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My Good Brother Harry

Will you please enquire if Mr. Swisshelm has paid Dr Webber's bill for attendance on Nettie & if he has not will you collect the interest due on Kennedy's notes & hand the money to the Doctor?

The second installment of interest has been due some time & I enclose a receipt for it. You can give this to Kennedy & send Webber's receipt to me, or if the bill has been paid send a post office order. He said he would not pay it because it was exorbitant; but still I thought he would & only yesterday I learned that Dr. Webber had written to me about it. The letter came while I was away & Nettie referred the matter to her father & said nothing to me about [it]. She does not know if he has paid it, but I fear he has not. Do you ascertain & if not give him what is due me there. This is all I feel able to do at present as the debt is not mine. I am better than when I last wrote Elizabeth, but have not been able to do anything to make money this summer. Mrs Williams & her daughter are with us. The latter is painting Nettie's picture & it promises to be very good. She did mine four years ago in Allegheny. We were sorry Elizabeth did not come to stay the summer with us & you come on to fetch her. I hope it will be so that you can both come soon & make us a good long visit. It does not seem right that you have never been back to the old place.

I congratulate you on the prospect of being a grandfather & wish it were Mary who was bringing that glory of grey hairs; but