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The Plains March 31st 1869

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service. Mr Mc Gill told me
that he had such a severe cold
that he was almost unable
to speak to you. we had a
lovely ride on Saturday, you
could almost fancy it was
a summer day if there had
been any foliage on the trees.
we expect to have service
in the church next Sunday
although it is not nearly com-
pleted, but I have no doubt
we shall enjoy going there
again

We had a violent equinoxy-
trial storm on Monday and
yesterday. Broad Run quite
overflowed the meadow at
the back of the house. it was
so swollen with the rain
Anne had one of her seizures

headaches by going out in the
wind, but to day she is quite well
and practising her hymns for
next Sunday. she was very sorry
to be so unwell when you were
here, as it made every thing
out of order.

the children are perfectly delig
with the Lectrope, and the
books Jack sent them, they
are certainly the happiest set
of children I ever saw. I suppose
you have seen Cousin Ann but
I have not heard from Mrs Lee
how she is since I left home.

Anne sends her love,

your aff. niece

Catherine Sands.