strength and power of usefulness which my weak health brings with it than when I could not hurry at once to the spot and be of use to her. I did not do so, knowing too well that I would only add to her cares and anxieties if I had ventured to do so. But I shall never forgive myself that I did not at once engage a carriage, load it with blankets cloaks, provisions &c, and sent it to meet her on the road with some trustworthy friend. But ~~they~~ shyness about to whom Lucy would like to entrust herself, and the apprehension that it might make her guard, then more awkward — deterred me from doing so, — Besides I knew that there were many people with whom she could easily come, and I trusted would feel comfortable in coming, that she would not have any difficulty about money, that there were stores at hand, where she could easily get those things, and yet enty of conveyances. Yet I ought to have not hesitated to all this, However, I must make haste to tell you that she did not experience quite as much kindness as I had hoped; yet some people were very kind to her, and she has escaped with only a slight cold, which I sincerely trust she will soon get over. You can think how anxiously I enquired from every one who came ~~that~~ what he knew about her. for the ~~difficu~~ greatest difficulty after all which prevented me from going to meet her, was that I did not feel sure what route she had taken. The next morning I heard that she was with a Mr & Mrs. Hallett, and the evening (Friday) Capt. Fox arriving told us that she would probably come to Town by one of Saturday's trains. I could not stand it any longer; but

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but yesterday morning went first
to Leeste River, ~~then to~~ and
there after two long hours, the
waggon arrived, out of which she
stepped: You will know how glad
I felt, and how sorry for her
having not been quite so well taken
care of as she should have wished.
Unfortunately, I was rather ill
working - natural effects of all
the anxiety, excitement and
the very bad cold weather and
strong winds, to which I could
not help to expose myself. So,
my ill looks perhaps upset her even
more than the fatigue, cold etc.
Yet I am thankful she felt well
enough on the following morning
even to go to Church, what she had
wished much; - and I am glad
to say, she is now much better.
People here, who can speak from com-
parison, find her looks improved.
As to me, of course I had to suffer
from the cold, but I am glad
To

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My darling wife,

Though I trust you are gone, yet
on the chance that it might be
different, I send you just
two lines to tell you that
I have the great delight of
having your dearest dearest
sister ~~here~~. What a delight it is,
you will know. But we have par-
ticular reason to be thankful
as she is so given to no almost
bask. We were here in a little
anxiety about the Waldemian
being delayed so long till the 16th
when we heard that all the passengers
were safe on shore near Struys
Bay; but that the vessel itself
had become a wreck. Further
particulars you will see in
the papers which I send to Mrs. Fisher.
I never felt so much the
great drawback on my strength
after

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my I am now even almost entirely recovered; and as to my looks, people assure me that I look much better even than before I came to stay at Mrs. Roerk's last year. Now, I have come again to do so, as Louis and I have to arrange so much, for which we have not well time otherwise. But I must stop, you'll say so, it being nearly mail time, and I have still some necessary letters. Good bye, my dear little Jeannie wherever you are, you are your husband's treasure

W. H. R.