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My dearest Sister,

Our dear Mama continues, I am happy to say, in tolerable health, and bears the change of season better than we had feared. She sends her affectionate love and bids me assure you that she is taking every care of herself.

As to the gentlemen you asked about, I fear I have little encouraging news to give you. Edward is most kind, and I know he wishes to do what is best for me, but since Papa's death he has had so much to occupy him that he has been exceedingly slow in bringing any interesting gentlemen to call. I cannot believe there are not several in London who might prove agreeable acquaintances, and confess it is a little mortifying to be kept so much in the background.

Still, I must not be impatient, for I know he means well, and he has promised that I shall have no cause to complain of him much longer.

Ever your affectionate Sister,

Jane