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My dear Mrs Walker

Please do not think me ungracious in not writing to you before, but the truth is, that either on Monday or Tuesday had I a moment to myself.

I do not know how to thank you for the very beautiful present you have given me, but I am almost sorry you should have done so, for I would far rather have felt that I had given you the Table than have anything in exchange; I must say I was very pained at having

to part with it, for I valued it
very highly not only on account
of its great beauty, but as it
was a present from poor Joe
to me, however from the
moment I read your note
I knew I must send it to you
for I could well understand
what your feelings as a Mother
would be, & that poor Joe's
work would be highly prized by
you. Once more thanking you
for sending me the ornaments of
poor Joe & wishing you all
a very happy New Year

Ever yours sincerely
Celia J. Hunter

Madison Street
January 5th