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I ^{have} for the last two or three days my dear

Sister been intending to inform you of ^{our} safe arrival at this place but Sister H. and ourselves have found so much to employ our tongues about that I have not before found leisure to write a line. Brother Josiah was detained at Capt Bakers nearly a week by the inclemency of the weather he reached there on Monday before the dinner hour and did not leave until Saturday morning. Sister Susan did not add fear or experience any ill effects from her journey we kept the carriage very closely shut up and in that way effectually excluded the damp atmosphere. We took Sister H. rather by surprise she thought that we would have waited until the return of clear weather. She was not however the less glad to see us if we may judge from the warm and cordial welcome which we received. Sister Henrietta and Brother Josiah both look as well as I have ever seen them they are really very pleasantly situated here every thing is very comfortable about them until yesterday and today the weather has been very disagreeable that we have no visitors ~~so that~~ ^{therefore} I have not been able to form any idea of what the Society is. Mrs Jones is spending the winter in

Camden Sister H. feels her loss very much; Mrs. Goodwynes
her next most particular friend as at present very sick &
there of course not seen either of ~~them~~ the young Ladies.

Sister Susan has been kept so closely confined that she has
had very little chance for improvement notwithstanding
this she has I think gained a little strength this morning
Sister Henrietta took her to see old Mrs. Mickle she was very
pleased with her visit. This is a fine open situation the view
west is beautiful from all directions an extensive orchard
both of Apple and peach trees are attached to the Lot so that
should we have a good fruit season Sister H. will more than
she can make use of. Sister Susan and myself concluded
before leaving the Hills that it would be best ^{to} bring Betty
along with us brother Josiah has all of his grown servants
excepting Annot employed on the Farm it was therefore
absolutely necessary to have her services. I find her very manageable
she attends extremely well to her business and what I think that
we will in time get her into very good training. William contin-
ues quite attentive to his studies I have not found it neces-
sary to punish more than once.

I commenced this letter a several days ago but as Sister Hen-
rietta informed me that the mail would not leave here until
next week I laid it aside for that time as Sister Susan's ear-
nest request to go with Sister Henrietta to call on Mrs. Goodwynes

I was very much pleased with the young ladies particularly
with Miss Mary she reminds very much of our old favourite Miss
Olivia Mearns. I was a little disappointed in their Edmond
think ^{them} beautiful but rather very sweet and interesting looking girls.
Sister Susan rides out regularly every day she would I have
no doubt have in this have derived considerable benefit from
the fine air and exercise which are afforded her here but she
has been rather imprudent in the indulgence of her appetite
and has been suffering from some degree of excitement
in consequence we have all determined to keep a stricter
watch over her in future and I hope to be able the next time
I write to give you more favourable accounts. Let me beg
of you my dear sister however not to make yourself
unnecessary at what I have stated the excitement is not worse
than you frequently have seen her labouring under I know
that you would feel anxious to know exactly how ~~the~~ sister
Susan is and I thought it was best to state exactly.

I long to know how you are pleased with Society Hill and
whether you have derived benefit from the change do my dear
sister take good care of ^{yourself} take all the exercise that you can
and do not give way to uneasiness. Sister Henrietta is very
anxious to know when she is to have the pleasure of seeing
you she says that I must tell you it was a sore disappoint-
ment when she learned that you would not accompany us she
send a large portion of love to yourself, Harriet and brother
James and also a kiss for little Liz. Brother I and sister H are
as kind and attentive to us as it is possible for them to be here
we not much cause for gratitude in having such kind and
attentive friends raised up to us wherever we go.

I have not at present any expectation of attending Dick's
wedding I don't think even if I had the means of going that
would be my duty to leave sister Susan.

Give much love for sister Susan and myself to Harriet and
brother James Every scene about this place so strongly recalls
recollections of my first visit that brother I has seldom been absent

My thoughts. & long no
little niece brother James did not help satisfy my curiosity. I
could fill pages my dear sister but as it is quite late and I must
necessarily rise very early in the morning I can at present only
add that I am your ever affectionate sister M

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